

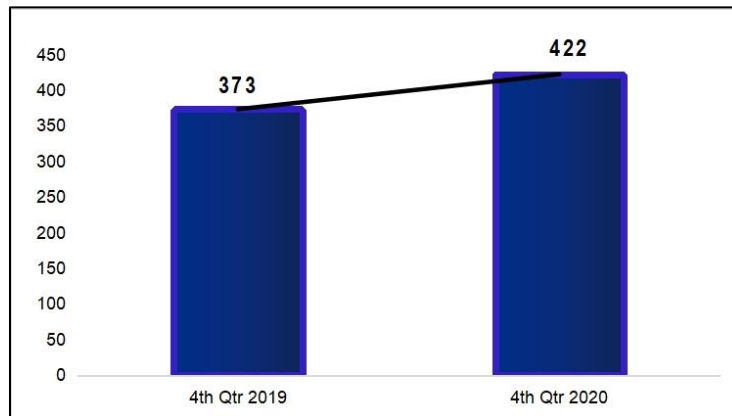


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# SPECIAL RELEASE

**Residential Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits  
La Union: 4th Quarter 2020  
(Preliminary Result)**

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**Figure 1. Number of Residential Buildings  
La Union: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2019 and 2020**

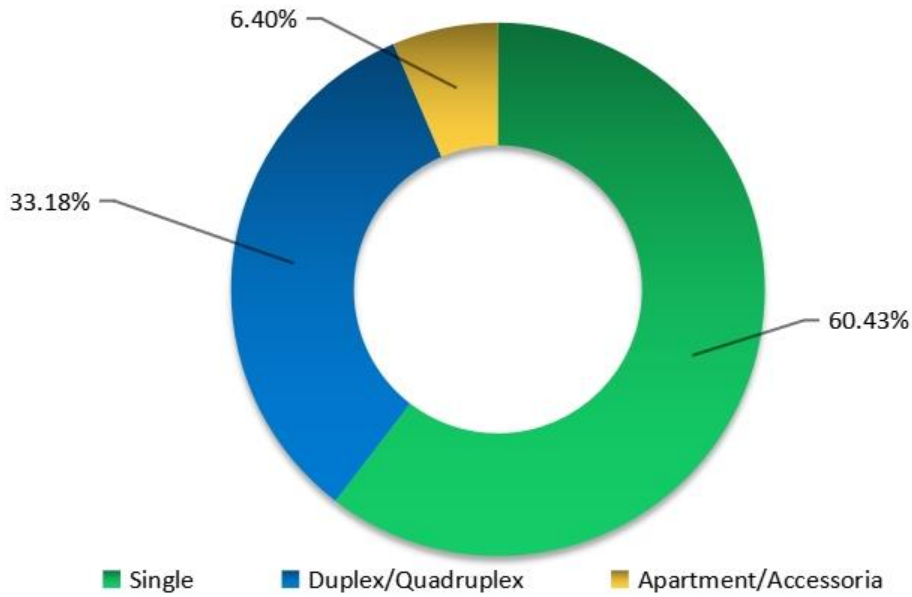
Residential type buildings was recorded at 422 constructions in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020. This figure posted an increase of 13.14 percent from the 373 residential buildings reported in the same quarter a year ago.

**Table 1. Number, Floor Area and Value  
of Residential Buildings in La Union  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2019 and 2020**

Quarter/Year	Number	Floor Area (sq.m.)	Value (PhP 1,000)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019</b>	373	51,790	532,711
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020</b>	422	52,239	539,642

Source: Approved Building Permits (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019 and 2020)

The total value of all residential building constructions within the province reached PhP532.71 million with a total floor area of 51,790 square meters. This translates to an average cost of PhP10,330.26 per square meter.



**Figure 2. Number of Residential Buildings by Type  
La Union: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020**

Single-type residential units, comprising 60.43 percent of the total residential constructions, topped over all other types of residential constructions. There were 255 single-type residential units covering a total floor area of 24,248 square meters and an aggregate value of PhP240.64 million. This translates to an average cost of PhP9924.24 per square meter.

**Table 2. Number, Floor Area and Value  
of Residential Buildings in La Union  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020**

Type of Residential Building	Number	Value (PhP1,000)	Floor Area (sq.m.)
<b>Total</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>539,642</b>	<b>52,239</b>
Single	255	240,643	24,248
Duplex/Quadruplex	140	255,777	23,957
Apartment/Accessoria	27	43,223	4,034

Source: Approved Building Permits (4th Quarter 2019 and 2020)

Note: Data presented are preliminary

There were 140 duplex/quadruplex recorded or 33.18 percent of the total residential constructions. It has an estimated construction value of PhP255.78 million with a total floor area of 23,957 square meters or an average cost of PhP10,676.49 per square meter.

Meanwhile, there were 27 apartment/accessoria accounted or 6.40 percent of the total residential constructions. It has an aggregate value of PhP43.22 million with a total floor area of 4,034 square meters or an average cost of PhP10,714.57 per square meter.

**TABLE 3. Number, Floor Area and Value of Residential Buildings by City/Municipality, La Union: 4th Quarter 2020**

Province/Municipality	Number	Floor Area	Value
		(sq.m.)	(PhP1,000)
La Union	422	52,239	539,642
Agoo	27	4,002	36,113
Aringay	33	3,263	38,069
Bacnotan	29	3,903	34,696
Balaoan	19	2,756	20,845
Bangar	17	2,179	28,471
Bauang	11	1,191	10,065
Caba	5	757	7,029
Luna	35	3,255	31,418
Naguilian	50	5,463	52,287
Pugo	14	2,614	26,155
Rosario	26	2,933	34,386
San Fernando City	85	12,048	137,541
San Gabriel	12	1,485	11,026
San Juan	30	3,243	37,432
Sto. Tomas	2	328	5,602
Santol	15	1,064	10,749
Sudipen	4	660	7,143
Tubao	8	1,095	10,615

Source: Approved Building Permits (4th Quarter 2020)

Note: Data presented are preliminary

In La Union, the City of San Fernando occupied the top rank in terms of the number of residential constructions in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020 with a share of 20.14 percent to the provincial total. It has an estimated construction value of PhP137.54 million with a total floor area of 12,048 square meters. The municipality of Naguilian ranked second with a share of 11.85 percent (50 constructions) and Luna ranked third with a share of 8.29 percent (35 constructions).

## ***TECHNICAL NOTES***

### **Scope and Coverage**

Private construction statistics from approved building permits pertain to data on new constructions and additions, alterations and repairs of existing residential and non-residential buildings and other structures undertaken in all city/municipalities of the country.

For this publication, the scope and coverage are all city/municipalities in La Union.

### **Source of Information**

Data were taken from the original application forms of approved building permits collected every month by PSA field personnel from the offices of Local Building Officials (LBOs) provincewide.

### **Limitation**

1. Data on private building constructions refer to those proposed to be constructed during the reference period and not to construction work completed during the reference period.

2. The completeness of the number of building permits collected relies on the collection of applications filed with the LBOs. Hence, private building constructions without approved building permits are excluded in the tabulation of data.

### ***Definition of Terms***

**Building Permit** is a written authorization granted by the LBO to an applicant allowing him to proceed with the construction of a specific project after plans, specifications and other pertinent documents have been found to be in conformity with the National Building Code (RA 6541).

**Building** is any independent, free-standing structure comprised of one or more rooms or other spaces, covered by a roof and enclosed with external walls or dividing walls which extend from the foundation to the roof.

**Residential Building** is a building for which its major parts or more than half of its gross floor area is built for dwelling purposes. This type of building can be of the single type, duplex, an apartment and/or accessoria.

**Single House** is a complete structure intended for a single family or household, i. e. bungalow, two-storey house, nipa hut.

**Duplex** is a structure intended for two households, with complete living facilities for each; it is a single structure divided into two dwelling units by a wall extending from the floor to the ceiling.

**Apartment** is a structure, usually of several storey made up of independent living quarters, with independent entrances from internal walls and courts.

**Accessoria** is a one or two-floor structure divided into several dwelling units having their own separate entrances from outside.

**Other Residential Constructions** consist of school or company staff houses, living quarters for drivers and maids and guardhouses.

**Floor Area of Building** refers to the sum of the area of each floor of the building measured to the outer surface of the outer walls including the area of lobbies, cellars, elevator shafts and all communal spaces in multi-dwellings. Areas of balconies are excluded.

**Total Value of Construction** refers to the sum of the cost of building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and others. The value is derived from the approved building permit and represents the estimated value of the building or structure when completed.



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