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Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits March 2025

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**Table 1. Summary of Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits,
Cagayan Valley: March 2024^P, February 2025^P, and March 2025^P**

Type of Construction	Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Growth Rate (percent)
Total				
Number	516	513	568	10.1
Floor Area (sq.m.)	59,409	151,651	100,244	68.7
Value (PhP 1,000)	764,167.45	1,679,085.48	1,054,040.13	37.9
Residential				
Number	341	350	387	13.5
Floor Area (sq.m.)	25,694	73,625	52,339	103.7
Value (PhP 1,000)	280,837.27	757,607.98	588,499.70	109.6
Non-Residential				
Number	151	147	150	(0.7)
Floor Area (sq.m.)	33,605	77,415	45,219	34.6
Value (PhP 1,000)	419,951.75	884,788.08	442,928.93	5.5
Addition				
Number	3	5	14	366.7
Floor Area (sq.m.)	110	611	2,686	2,341.8
Value (PhP 1,000)	2,501.7	6,670.59	13,402.45	435.7
Alteration and Repair				
Number	15	4	12	(20.0)
Value (PhP '000)	57,529.92	24,408.38	5,293.87	(90.8)
Other Constructions ^{e/}				
Number	6	7	5	(16.7)
Value (PhP 1,000)	3,346.83	5,610.45	3,915.18	17.0

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e/ includes demolition, street furniture, landscaping, and signboard.

Note: Details of floor area and value may not add up to their respective totals due to rounding.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



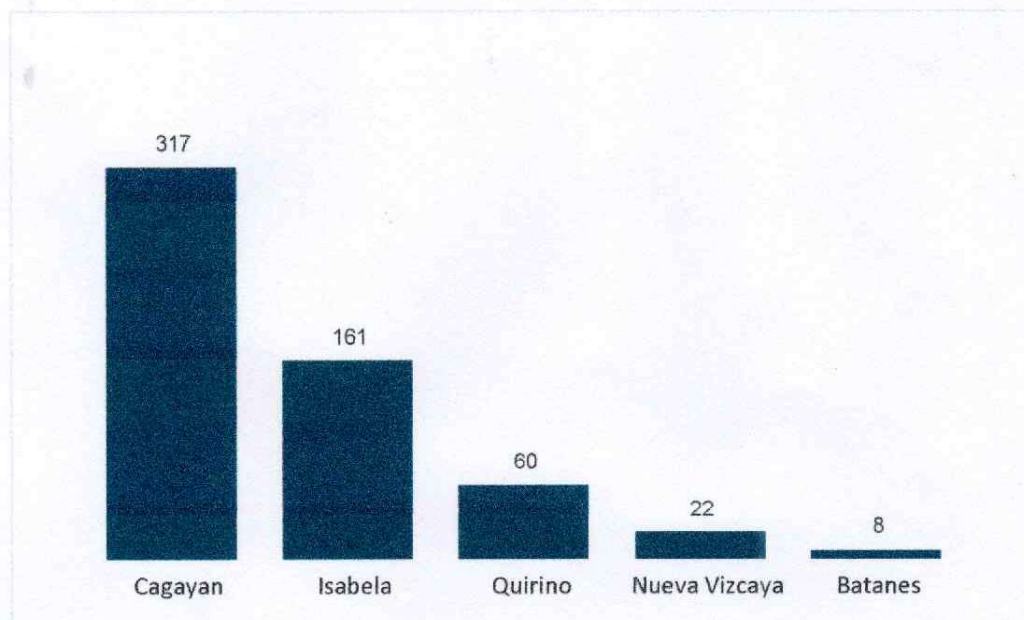
1. Number of Constructions

Residential buildings shared more than half of the total number of building constructions

The number of constructions from approved building permits in March 2025 reached 568. This indicates an increase of 10.1 percent from the 516 total number of constructions in the same month of the previous year. Meanwhile, the number of constructions in February 2025 was also lower at 513 constructions.

Cagayan Province still recorded the highest number of building constructions in March 2025, with 317 constructions, which accounted 55.8 percent share to the total number of constructions in the region. Meanwhile, Batanes had the least number with only 8 building constructions, or 1.4 percent share. (Figure 1)

Figure 1. Number of Constructions from Approved Building Permit by Province, Cagayan Valley: March 2025^p



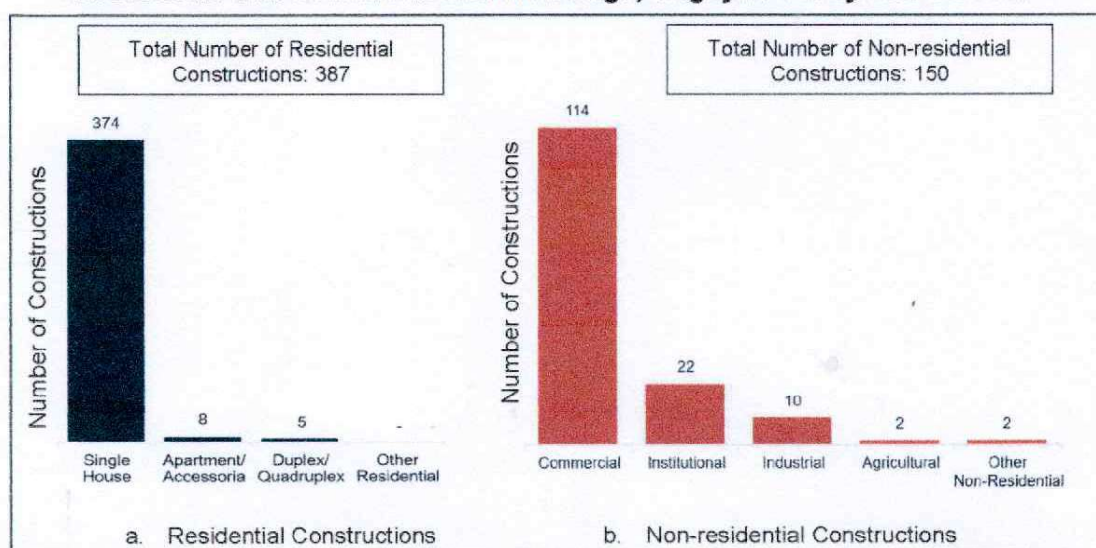
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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

By type of construction, residential buildings reported the highest number of constructions at 387 or 68.1 percent of the total number of constructions during the month. This recorded an increase of 13.5 percent from the same month of previous year's level of 341 constructions. Majority of the total residential constructions were single type of houses with 374 constructions (96.6%). (Figure 2, and Table 1)

Meanwhile, non-residential type of construction was the second highest in terms of number of constructions at 150 or 26.4 percent of the total number of constructions during the month. This type of construction showed a downtrend with a decline of 0.7 percent. Most of the non-residential constructions were commercial buildings with 114 constructions (76.0 %). (Figure 2, and Table 1)

Figure 2. Number of Constructions from Approved Building Permits for Residential and Non-residential Buildings, Cagayan Valley: March 2025^p



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Addition, which refers to any new construction that increases the height or area of an existing building, alteration and repair of existing structures, and other constructions contributed 2.5 percent, 2.1 percent and 0.9 percent to the total number of constructions, respectively. Compared with their respective number of constructions in the same period of the previous year, the annual rate for addition increased by 366.7 percent. While alteration and repair and other constructions dropped by 20.0 percent and 16.7 percent, respectively, during the period.

2. Value of Constructions

Residential buildings recorded the highest value of constructions

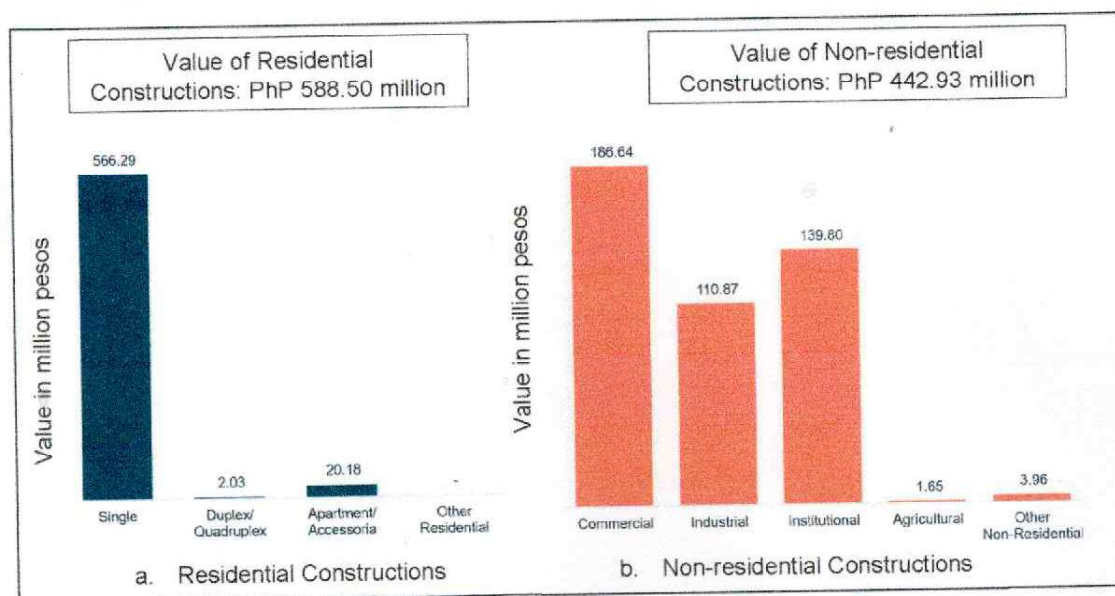
In March 2025, the total value of constructions amounted to PhP 1.05 billion, reflecting an increment of 37.9 percent from the PhP 764.17 million value of constructions posted in the same month of the previous year. The value of constructions in February 2025 was higher at PhP 1.68 billion.

Residential building constructions valued at PhP 588.50 million accounted for 55.8 percent of the total value of constructions during the period. This indicates an increase of 109.6 percent from the PhP 280.84 million construction value of residential buildings recorded in the same month of 2024. Among residential constructions, single-type buildings had the highest value of constructions at PhP 566.29 million or 92.23 percent of the total value of residential building constructions. (Figure 3, and Table 1)

Meanwhile, the construction value of non-residential buildings amounted to PhP 442.93 million or 42.0 percent of total construction value in March 2025. This reflects an increment of 5.5 percent from the PhP 419.95 million value of constructions

of non-residential buildings reported in the same month of the previous year. Among non-residential buildings, commercial-type buildings recorded the highest value of construction at PhP 186.64 million or 42.1 percent of the total value of non-residential building constructions. (Figure 3, and Table 1)

Figure 3. Value of Constructions from Approved Building Permits for Residential and Non-residential Buildings, Cagayan Valley: March 2025^p



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3. Floor Area

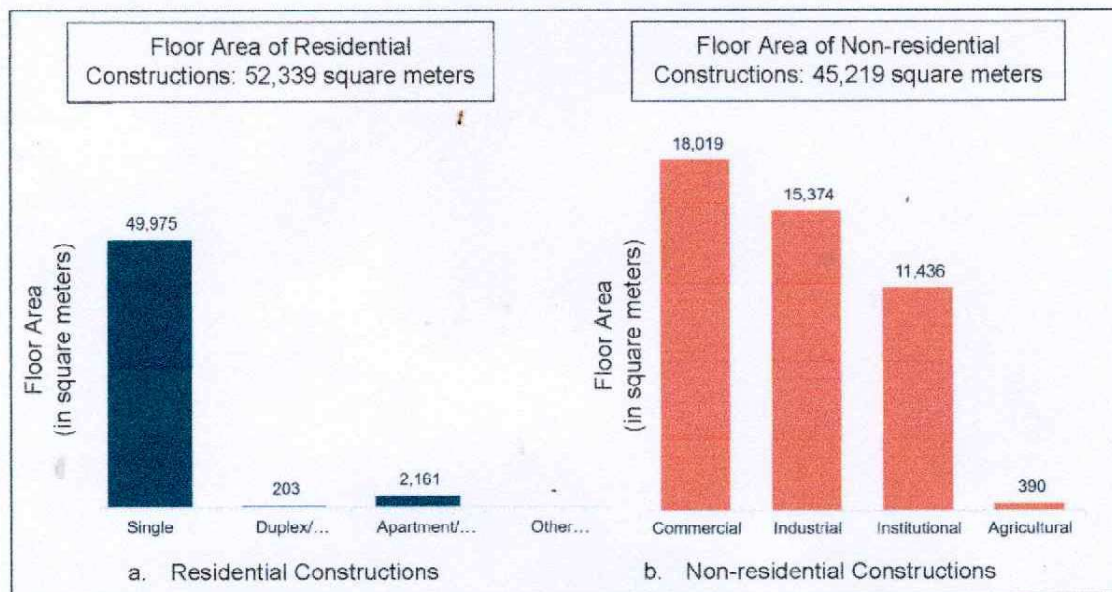
Residential buildings accounted for more than half of the total floor area of constructions

The total floor area of constructions in March 2025 was recorded at 100,244 square meters. This excludes alteration and repair, other non-residential constructions such as façade, helipad, niche, water tank, etc., and other constructions which include demolition, street furniture, landscaping, and signboards, since there is no floor area for these types of constructions. The total floor area in March 2025 registered an increment of 68.7 percent from the recorded 59,409 square meters floor area in the same period of the previous year.

Residential constructions recorded 52,339 square meters or 52.2 percent of the total floor area of constructions in March 2025. It increased at an annual rate of 103.7 percent from the previous year's same month floor area of 25,694 square meters. (Figure 4, and Table 1)

Meanwhile, non-residential constructions recorded 45,219 square meters or 45.1 percent of the total floor area of constructions during the month. This reflects a decrement of 34.6 percent from the recorded floor area of non-residential constructions at 33,605 square meters in the same month of 2024. (Figure 4, and Table 1)

Figure 4. Floor Area of Constructions from Approved Building Permits for Residential and Non-residential Building, Cagayan Valley: March 2025^P



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4. Average Cost of Construction

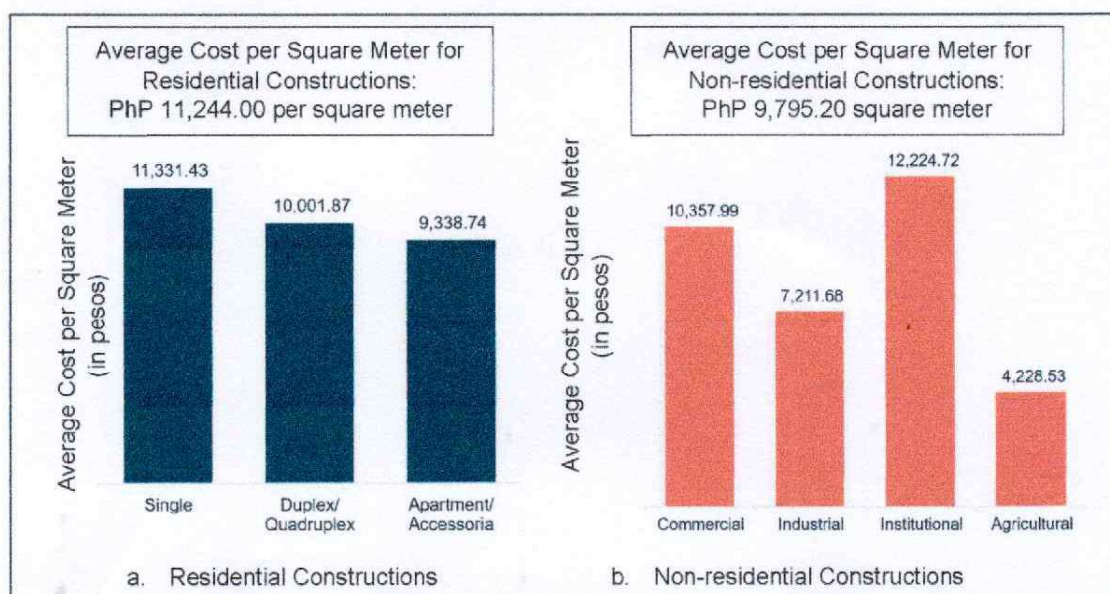
Residential buildings had the highest average cost of constructions

The average cost of constructions in March 2025 was recorded at PhP 10,422.88 per square meter. This was 52.1 percent lower than the average cost of PhP 21,943.94 per square meter in March 2024. Alteration and repair, and other non-residential, were excluded in the average cost of construction since there is no reported floor area for these types of construction.

By type of construction, residential construction had the highest average cost of PhP 11,244.00 per square meter. This was followed by non-residential constructions with PhP 9,795.20 per square meter and addition with PhP 4,989.74 per square meter.

Among non-residential constructions, Institutional buildings recorded the highest average cost of construction at PhP 12,224.72 per square meter. On the other hand, under residential, single-type houses had the highest average cost of construction at PhP 11,331.43 per square meter. (Figure 5)

Figure 5. Average Cost per Square Meter for Residential and Non-Residential Building Constructions, Cagayan Valley: March 2025^p



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

(Adopted from the Revised and Updated IRR of the National Building Code)

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 (PD 1096).

Building refers to 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.

Construction refers to all on-site work done from site preparation, excavation, foundation, assembly of all the components and installation of utilities, machineries and equipment of buildings/structures.

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 and residential condominium.

Single house is a complete structure intended for a single family or household, i.e. bungalow, 2-storey house, nipa hut.

Duplex house 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 two storeys, 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, each dwelling unit having its own separate entrance from the outside.

Residential condominium is a structure, usually of several storeys, consisting of multiple dwelling units.

Other residential construction consists of school or company staff houses, living quarters for drivers and maids, and guardhouses.

Non-residential building includes commercial, industrial, agricultural and institutional buildings.

Commercial buildings refer to office buildings and all buildings which are intended for use primarily in wholesale, retail and service trades; i.e. stores, hotels, restaurants, banks, disco houses, etc.

Industrial buildings are all buildings used to house the production, assembly and warehousing activities of industrial establishments; i.e. factories, plants, mills, repair shops, machine shops, printing press, storage plant, electric generating plants.

Institutional buildings are buildings which primarily engaged in providing educational instructions and hospital/health care; ports, airports and other government buildings; i.e. school, museums, libraries, sanitarium, churches, hospitals.

Agricultural buildings are buildings used to house livestock, plants and agricultural products such as barn, poultry house, piggeries, stables, greenhouses and grain mill.

Other non-building constructions include cemetery structures, street furniture, waiting sheds, communication towers, etc.

Addition refers to any new construction which increases the height or area of an existing building/structure.

Repair is a remedial work done on any damaged or deteriorated portion/s of a building/structure to restore its original condition.

Renovation is any physical change made on structures to increase the value, quality and to improve the aesthetic.

Alteration is a construction in a building/structure involving changes in the materials used, partitioning and location/size of openings, structural parts, existing utilities and equipment but does not increase the overall area thereof.

Conversion is a change in the use or occupancy of structure or any portion thereof, which has different requirements.

Demolitions refer to the systematic dismantling or destruction of a building/structure, in whole or in part.

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.