

SPECIAL RELEASE

Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits January 2025

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Table A. Summary of Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits
Philippines: January 2024^r, December 2024^r, and January 2025^p

Type of Construction	January 2024 ^r		December 2024 ^r		January 2025 ^p	
	Level	Annual Growth Rate (percent)	Level	Annual Growth Rate (percent)	Level	Annual Growth Rate (percent)
Total						
Number	14,665	3.5	11,513	-5.0	12,526	-14.6
Floor Area (sq.m.)	2,871,101.00	-11.0	2,813,551.00	-15.1	3,716,971.00	29.5
Value (PhP 1,000)	38,520,907.39	18.0	37,314,235.38	0.8	48,575,362.45	26.1
Residential						
Number	8,931	-6.2	7,266	-9.0	7,671	-14.1
Floor Area (sq.m.)	1,342,186.00	0.7	1,255,926.00	-1.9	1,451,089.00	8.1
Value (PhP 1,000)	16,352,853.90	13.9	16,632,936.92	11.9	20,938,809.94	28.0
Non-residential						
Number	3,278	14.6	2,675	3.3	3,138	-4.3
Floor Area (sq.m.)	1,459,008.00	-21.2	1,521,999.00	-23.8	2,217,845.00	52.0
Value (PhP 1,000)	17,208,831.87	14.4	17,493,286.38	-2.8	24,158,486.54	40.4
Addition						
Number	371	-20.4	390	4.8	463	24.8
Floor Area (sq.m.)	69,907.00	64.6	35,626.00	-3.9	48,037.00	-31.3
Value (PhP 1,000)	665,799.60	63.7	398,873.88	9.9	421,069.25	-36.8
Alteration and Repair						
Number	1,177	18.4	893	-1.8	977	-17.0
Value (PhP 1,000)	3,674,747.31	49.5	1,907,938.24	-34.1	2,493,748.08	-32.1
Other Construction ^{e/}						
Number	908	182.0	289	9.9	277	-69.5
Value (PhP 1,000)	618,674.71	66.5	881,199.95	-0.3	563,248.64	-9.0

sq.m. – square meters

PhP 1,000 – in thousand pesos

p – preliminary

r – revised

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

Other Constructions include demolition, street furniture, landscaping, and signboard.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

1. Number of Constructions

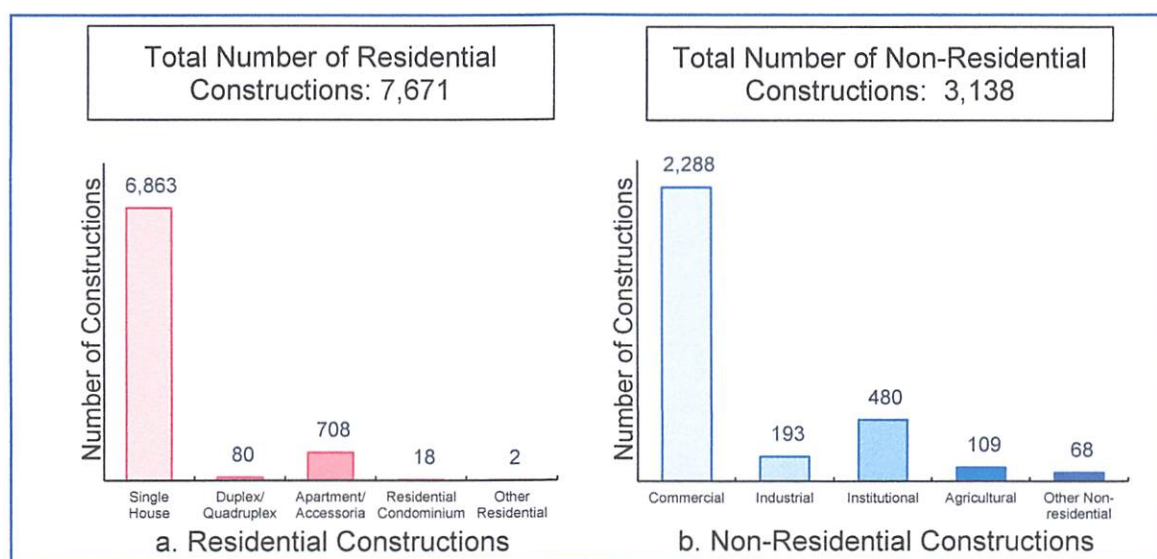
Residential buildings had the highest number of constructions

The number of constructions from approved building permits in January 2025 reached 12,526. This indicates an annual decline of 14.6 percent from the 14,665 total number of constructions in the same month of the previous year. Meanwhile, the number of constructions in December 2024 declined at an annual rate of 5.0 percent. (Tables A and 1)

By type of construction, residential buildings reported the highest number of constructions at 7,671 or 61.2 percent of the total number of constructions during the month. This recorded an annual decrease of 14.1 percent from the same month of the previous year's level of 8,931 constructions. Majority of the total residential constructions were single-type houses with 6,863 constructions (89.5%). (Figure 1a, and Tables A and 1)

Meanwhile, non-residential type of construction was the second highest in terms of number of constructions at 3,138 or 25.1 percent of the total number of constructions during the month. This type of construction declined during the period at an annual rate of 4.3 percent. Most of the non-residential constructions were commercial buildings with 2,288 constructions (72.9%). (Figure 1b, and Tables A and 1)

Figure 1. Number of Constructions from Approved Building Permits for Residential and Non-Residential Buildings, Philippines: January 2025^p



p – preliminary

Notes: Other residential includes container van house, staff housing, servants quarter, etc.

Other non-residential includes facade, water tank, helipad, etc.

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 3.7 percent, 7.8 percent, and 2.2 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 24.8 percent, while alteration and repair, and other constructions dropped by 17.0 percent and 69.5 percent during the period, respectively. (Tables A and 1)

2. Value of Constructions

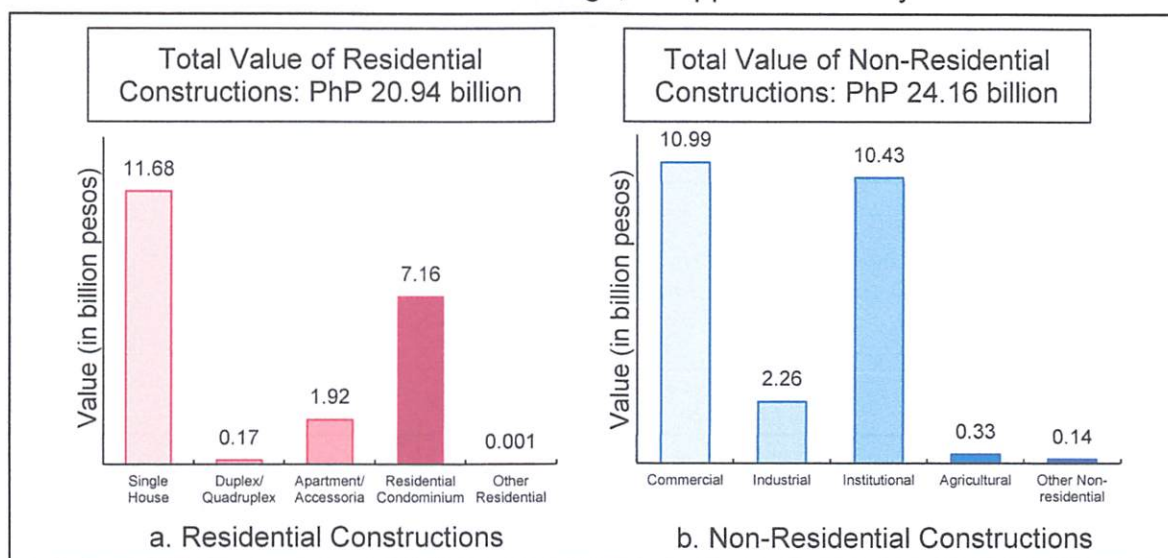
Non-residential buildings recorded the highest value of constructions

In January 2025, the total value of constructions amounted to PhP 48.58 billion, reflecting an annual increase of 26.1 percent from the PhP 38.52 billion value of constructions posted in the same month of the previous year. (Tables A and 1)

Non-residential building constructions valued at PhP 24.16 billion accounted for almost half (49.7%) of the total value of constructions during the period. This indicates an annual increase of 40.4 percent from the PhP 17.21 billion construction value of non-residential buildings recorded in the same month of 2024. Among non-residential constructions, commercial-type buildings had the highest value of constructions at PhP 10.99 billion (45.5%). (Figure 2b, and Tables A and 1)

Meanwhile, the construction value of residential buildings amounted to PhP 20.94 billion or 43.1 percent of the total construction value in January 2025. This reflects an annual increment of 28.0 percent from the PhP 16.35 billion value of constructions of residential buildings reported in the same month of the previous year. Among residential buildings, single-type buildings registered the highest value of constructions at PhP 11.68 billion (55.8%). (Figure 2a, and Tables A and 1)

Figure 2. Value of Constructions from Approved Building Permits for Residential and Non-Residential Buildings, Philippines: January 2025^p



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Notes: Details may not add up to total due to rounding.

Other residential includes container van house, staff housing, servants quarter, etc.

Other non-residential includes facade, water tank, helipad, etc.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

In January 2025, the value of constructions for addition, alteration and repair to existing structures, and other constructions were recorded at PhP 0.42 billion (0.9%), PhP 2.49 billion (5.1%), and PhP 0.56 billion (1.2%), respectively. Compared with their respective value of constructions in the same period of the previous year, these types of constructions recorded annual declines of 36.8 percent, 32.1 percent, and 9.0 percent in January 2025, respectively. (Tables A and 1)

3. Floor Area

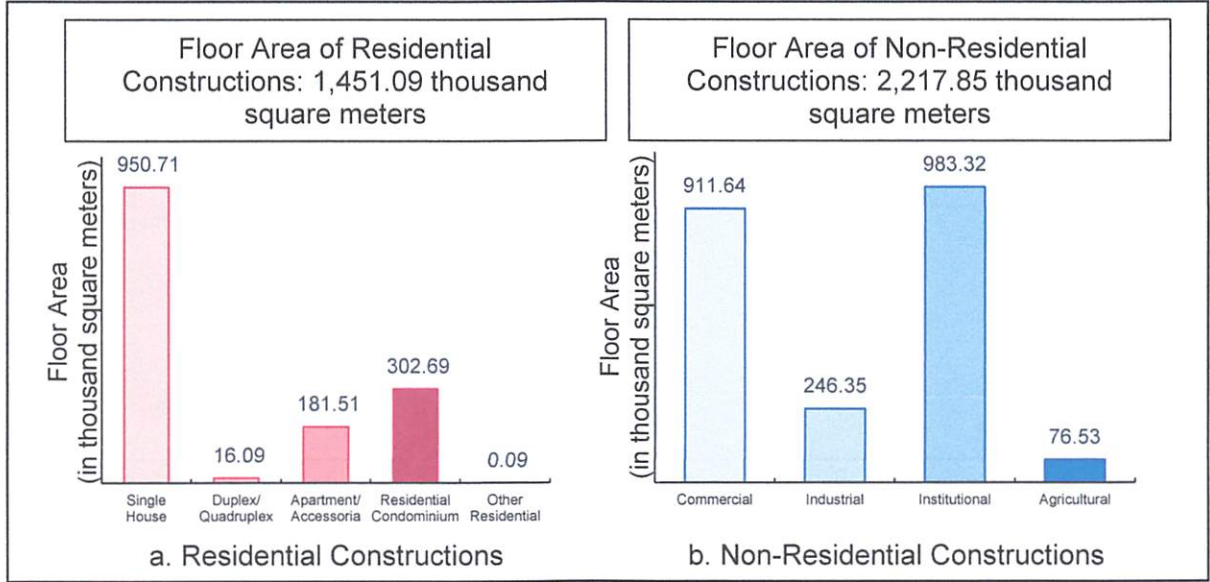
Non-residential buildings accounted for more than half of the total floor area of constructions

The total floor area of constructions in January 2025 was recorded at 3.72 million square meters. This excludes alteration and repair, other non-residential such as facade, helipad, niche, water tank, etc., and other constructions, which include demolition, street furniture, landscaping, and signboards, since there is no reported floor area for these types of constructions. The total floor area in January 2025 registered an annual increment of 29.5 percent from the recorded 2.87 million square meters floor area in the same period of the previous year. (Tables A and 1)

Non-residential constructions posted 2.22 million square meters or 59.7 percent of the total floor area of constructions during the month. This reflects an annual increase of 52.0 percent from the recorded floor area of non-residential constructions at 1.46 million square meters in the same month of 2024.

Meanwhile, residential constructions recorded 1.45 million square meters or 39.0 percent of the total floor area of constructions in January 2025. It increased at an annual rate of 8.1 percent from the previous year’s same month floor area of 1.34 million square meters. (Tables A and 1)

Figure 3. Floor Area of Constructions from Approved Building Permits for Residential and Non-Residential Buildings, Philippines: January 2025^p



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

4. Average Cost of Construction

Residential buildings had the highest average cost of constructions

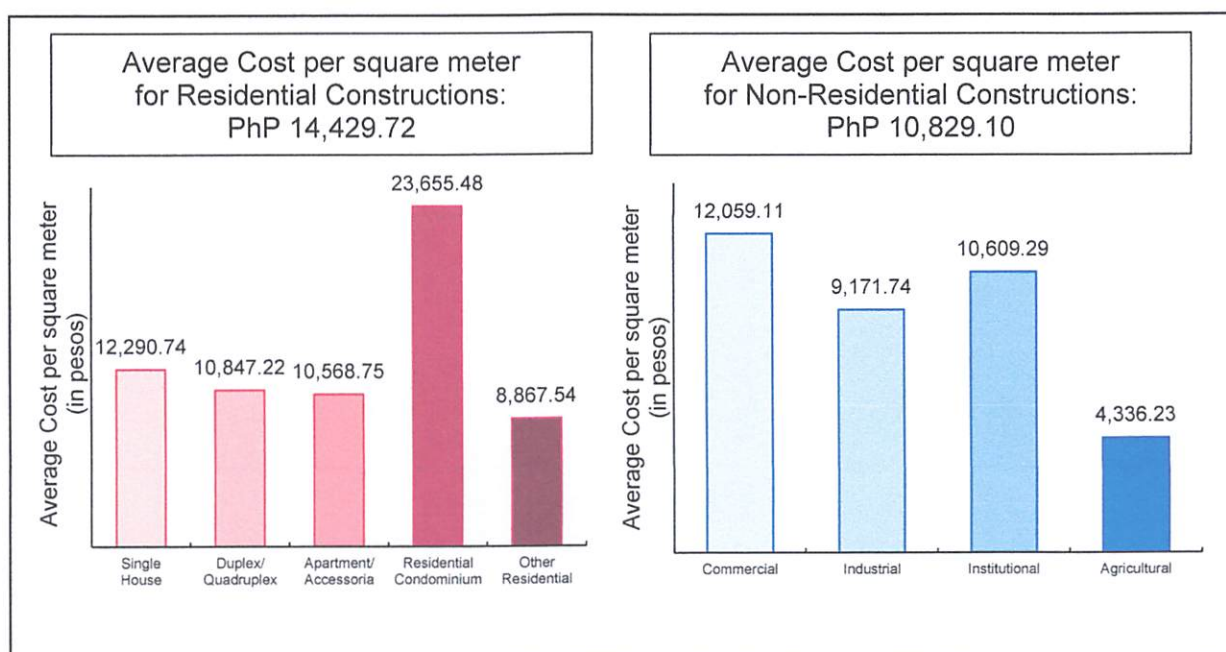
The average cost of constructions in January 2025 was recorded at PhP 12,208.10 per square meter. This was 4.5 percent higher than the average cost of PhP 11,680.03 per square meter in January 2024. Alteration and repair, other non-residential such as facade, helipad, niche, water tank, etc., and other constructions, which include demolition, street furniture, landscaping, and signboards, were excluded in the average cost of construction since there is no reported floor area for these types of construction. (Table 1)

By type of construction, residential buildings had the highest average cost of PhP 14,429.72 per square meter during the month. This was followed by non-residential constructions with PhP 10,829.10 per square meter, and addition to existing constructions with PhP 8,765.52 per square meter. (Table 1)

Among residential constructions, residential condominium posted the highest average cost of PhP 23,655.48 per square meter during the period, while other residential such as container van house, staff housing, servants quarter, etc. recorded the lowest average cost of PhP 8,867.54 per square meter. (Figure 4a and Table 1)

Across non-residential constructions, commercial buildings reported the highest average cost of PhP 12,059.11 per square meter. On the other hand, agricultural-type buildings registered the lowest average cost of PhP 4,336.23 per square meter. (Figure 4b and Table 1)

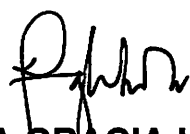
Figure 4. Average Cost per Square Meter for Residential and Non-residential Building Constructions, Philippines: January 2025^p



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Note: Other residential includes container van house, staff housing, servants quarter, etc.

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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