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## Total number of approved building constructions in Leyte recorded at 845

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Leyte registered a total of 845 building constructions in the first quarter of 2019. This number reflects an increase of 15.4 percent from the 732 total applications during the same quarter in 2018.

All types of building constructions in Leyte increased during the first quarter of 2019. Combined application for additions, alterations and repairs comprised the highest increase of 101.7 percent, from 58 approved constructions in the previous quarter of 2018 to 117 during the reference quarter. Non-residential type of building constructions went up by 15.9 percent, from 151 during the first quarter in 2018 to 175 in 2019. This was attributed to the increases of industrial, institutional, agricultural and other similar types of non-residential building constructions. Meanwhile, residential type of building constructions which accounted 65.4 percent of the total building constructions of the province increased by 5.7 percent at 553 approved applications during the first quarter of 2019 from 523 during the same period year ago. This was due to the increase in number of major types of residential building.

During the reference quarter, almost the same percentage growth was noticed in the total number and value of building constructions in the province. Total value of building constructions during the first quarter of 2019 amounted to P1.8 billion. This value was 15.5 percent higher compared with P1.5 billion during the same quarter last year.

Aside from the increase in number, the total value of additions, alterations and repairs likewise increased during the first quarter of 2019. The total value was estimated at P111.8 million, more than doubled compared with P46.8 million during the first quarter in 2018. Similarly, total value of non-residential type of building constructions valued at P961.2 million in 2019 which accounted 54.9 percent to the total value of building constructions in Leyte. This indicates an increase of 28.5 percent from the previous year's result amounting to P748.0 million. Increase in value of industrial, institutional, agricultural and other similar types were the drivers of the growth in total value of non-residential type of building constructions.

On the other hand, total value of residential type of constructions slipped by 5.9 percent, from P722.0 million in the first quarter of 2018 to P679.2 million in 2019. The result was brought about by the decrease of the conglomerate value of apartment, accessoria and other types of residential building.//

Table 1. Number, Floor Area and Value of Building Construction Started in Leyte by Type of Building: First Quarter, 2019 and 2018

TYPE OF BUILDING	First Quarter 2019			First Quarter 2018			Percent Change		
	Number	Floor Area (sq. m.)	Value (1,000)	Number	Floor Area (sq. m.)	Value (1,000)	Number	Floor Area (sq. m.)	Value
Total	845	235,957	1,752,258	732	195,171	1,516,945	15.4	20.9	15.5
Residential	553	90,765	679,258	523	95,212	722,069	5.7	-4.7	-5.9
Non-residential	175	144,645	961,218	151	99,671	748,037	15.9	45.1	28.5
Additions/Alterations /Repairs	117	547	111,783	58	288	46,839	101.7	89.9	138.7

  
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