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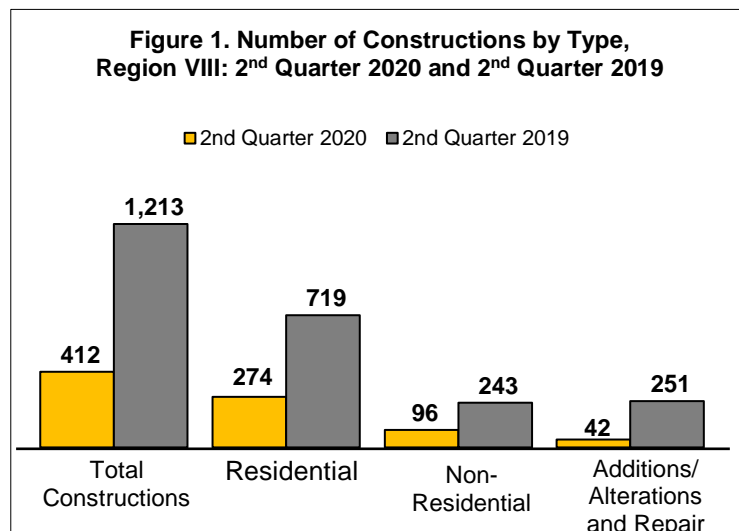
HIGHLIGHTS OF EASTERN VISAYAS' CONSTRUCTION STATISTICS: 2ND QUARTER 2020 (Preliminary Data)

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The region's total number of constructions plunged by 66.0 percent, from 1,213 constructions recorded in the 2nd quarter of 2019 to 412 constructions in the same quarter in 2020.

These constructions were comprised of residential buildings (66.5%), non – residential buildings (23.3%), and additions/ alterations and repairs (10.2%).

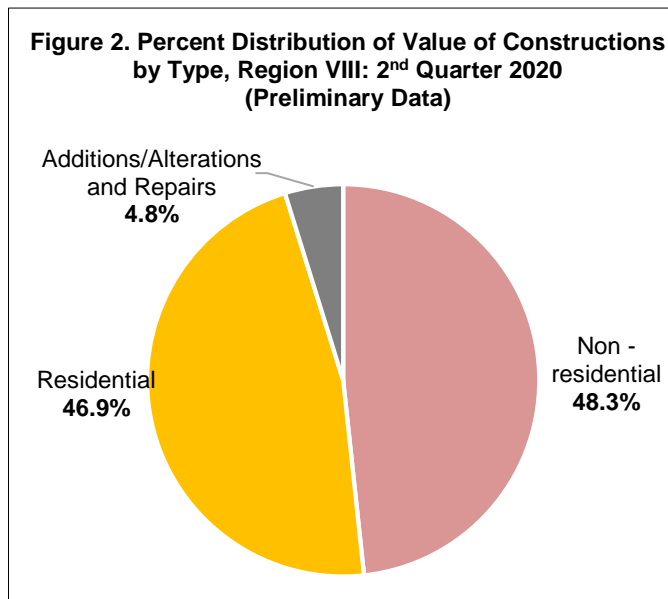


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Decreases in the number of all types of constructions were recorded during the 2nd quarter of 2020. The combined number of additions/alterations and repairs of existing structures registered the largest decrease at 83.3 percent. The 251 constructions in the 2nd quarter of 2019 dived to 42 constructions in the 2nd quarter of 2020. A huge decrease of 61.9 percent was also recorded in the number of residential buildings. It dropped to 274 constructions during the 2nd quarter of 2020 from 719 constructions in the 2nd quarter of 2019. Number of non – residential buildings, likewise, sharply declined by 60.5 percent, from 243 constructions in the 2nd quarter of 2019 to 96 constructions in the same quarter of 2020.

VALUE OF CONSTRUCTIONS

The total value of constructions in the region during the 2nd quarter of 2020 was estimated at PhP 585.4 million. This figure is almost five folds (78.9%) lower compared with the PhP 2.8 billion total value of constructions in the same quarter of 2019.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The total value of construction of additions/alterations and repair of existing structures declined drastically by 85.9 percent, from PhP 200.0 million in the 2nd quarter of 2019 to PhP 28.1 million during the quarter in review. A sweeping decline by 79.0 percent was also recorded in the aggregate value of residential building. Its value went down to PhP 274.5 million in the 2nd quarter of 2020 from PhP 1.3 billion in the same period of 2019. Total value of non-residential buildings, similarly, dipped by 77.6 percent, from PhP 1.3 billion in the

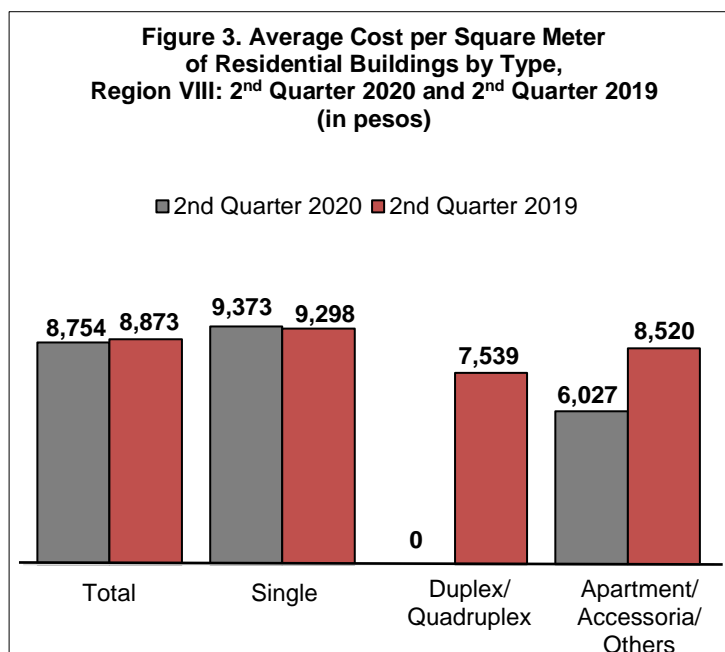
2nd quarter of 2019 to PhP 282.8 million in the 2nd quarter of 2020.

Non-residential buildings' value of construction comprised the largest share or 48.3 percent of the total value of constructions in the region. The value of construction of residential buildings contributed 46.9 percent. Meanwhile, additions/alterations and repairs accounted for only 4.8 percent of the region's total value of constructions during the 2nd quarter of 2020.

AVERAGE COST PER SQUARE METER OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Average cost per square meter of residential buildings in the region eased down by 1.3 percent in the 2nd quarter of 2020. The estimated average cost decreased to PhP 8,754 in the 2nd quarter of 2020 from PhP 8,873 average cost in the same period of 2019.

Among the different types of residential buildings, single house registered the highest average cost per square meter at PhP 9,373. It is 0.8 percent higher compared with the PhP 9,298 average cost per square meter in the same quarter of 2019.

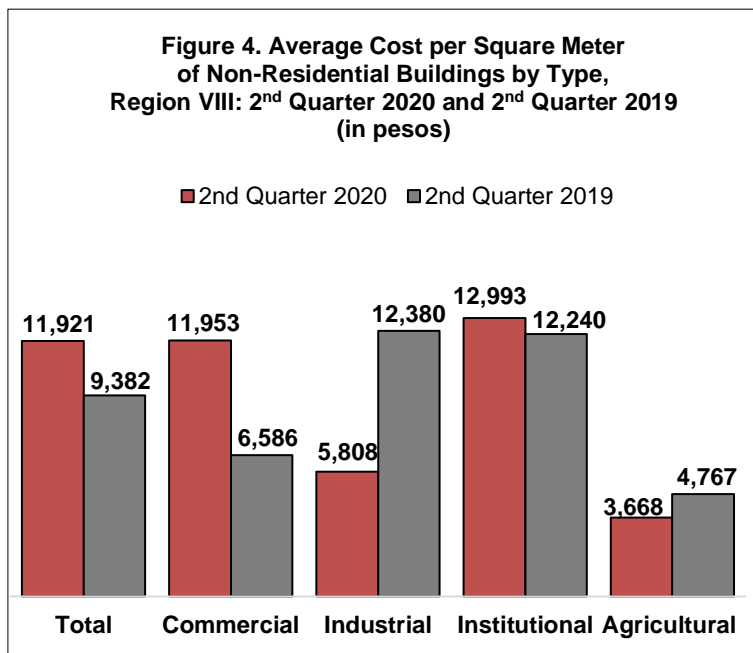


Note: Preliminary data for 2nd Quarter 2020
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The average cost per square meter of apartment/accessoria/others was recorded at PhP 6,027 during the reference period, 29.3 percent lower from its PhP 8,520 per square meter level in the same period of 2019.

Meanwhile, no construction of duplex/quadruplex residential building was reported during the quarter in review.

AVERAGE COST PER SQUARE METER OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS



Note: Preliminary data for 2nd Quarter 2020
 Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Average cost per square meter of non - residential buildings in the region for the 2nd quarter of 2020 was estimated at PhP 11,921. This value is 27.1 percent higher compared with the PhP 9,382 average cost per square meter in the same period of 2019.

Among the different types of non – residential buildings, institutional buildings registered the highest average cost per square meter at PhP 12,993 in the 2nd quarter of 2020. It is 6.2 percent higher compared

with the PhP 12,240 average cost per square meter in the same quarter of 2019.

Average cost per square meter of commercial buildings was posted at PhP 11,953 in the 2nd quarter of 2020. This registered a drastic increase of 81.5 percent from its PhP 6,586 level in the same quarter of 2019.

Industrial buildings’ average cost per square meter dipped by 53.1 percent in the 2nd quarter of 2020. It dipped to PhP 5,808 during the reference period from PhP 12,380 per square meter in the same period of 2019.

Agricultural buildings, meanwhile, posted the lowest average cost per square meter during the quarter in review at PhP 3,668. This value registered a decrease of 23.0 percent from PhP 4,767 average cost per square meter in the same period of 2019.

Table 1. Number, Floor Area, and Value of Constructions by Type, Region VIII: 2nd Quarter 2020 and 2nd Quarter 2019

Type of Building	Number			Floor Area (in square meters)			Value (in thousand pesos)		
	2nd Quarter		% Change	2nd Quarter		% Change	2nd Quarter		% Change
	2020 ^P	2019		2020 ^P	2019		2020 ^P	2019	
Total	412	1,213	(66.0)	55,836	291,730	(80.9)	585,432	2,772,004	(78.9)
Residential	274	719	(61.9)	31,360	147,589	(78.8)	274,532	1,309,602	(79.0)
Non-Residential	96	243	(60.5)	23,721	134,554	(82.4)	282,788	1,262,372	(77.6)
Additions/Alterations and Repairs	42	251	(83.3)	755*	9,587*	(92.1)	28,112	200,030	(85.9)

Notes:

P - Preliminary data

* - For additions only

Details may not add up to totals due to rounding

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Table 2. Average Cost per Square Meter of Residential Buildings by Type, Region VIII: 2nd Quarter 2020 and 2nd Quarter 2019 (in pesos)

Type of Building	2nd Quarter 2020 ^P	2nd Quarter 2019	% Change
Total	8,754	8,873	(1.3)
Single	9,373	9,298	0.8
Duplex/Quadruplex	-	7,539	-
Apartment/Accessoria/Others	6,027	8,520	(29.3)

Note:

P – Preliminary data

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Table 3. Average Cost per Square Meter of Non-Residential Buildings by Type, Region VIII: 2nd Quarter 2020 and 2nd Quarter 2019 (in pesos)

Type of Building	2nd Quarter 2020 ^P	2nd Quarter 2019	% Change
Total	11,921	9,382	27.1
Commercial	11,953	6,586	81.5
Industrial	5,808	12,380	(53.1)
Institutional	12,993	12,240	6.2
Agricultural	3,668	4,767	(23.0)

Note:

P – Preliminary data

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Technical Notes

Scope and Coverage

Construction statistics from approved building permits relate to administrative-based data on new constructions and additions, alterations and repairs of existing residential and non-residential buildings and other structures proposed to be constructed in all cities and municipalities of the country in a specific period.

Source of Information

Construction statistics are compiled by Philippine Statistics Authority from the copies of original application forms of approved buildings permits as well as from demolition and fencing permits collected every month by PSA field personnel from the Offices of Local Building Officials (LBOs) nationwide.

Limitations:

1. Data on building constructions refer to those proposed to be constructed or construction work started 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 applications filed and approved by the Offices of Local Building Officials (LBOs). Hence, private building constructions without approved building permits are not included in the tabulation of data.

Definition of Terms:

Accesoria - A one or two-floor structure divided into several dwelling units, each dwelling unit having its own separate entrance from the outside.

Additions/Alterations and Repairs - Construction works by which the utility of building or structure is raised or at least renewed or which materially extends the normal life of the building or structure.

Apartment - A structure, usually of two storeys, made up of independent living quarters, with independent entrances from internal walls and courts.

Building - Any independent, freestanding structure comprised of one or more rooms or other spaces, covered by a roof and enclosed with external walls or dividing walls, which extend the foundation to the roof.

Building Permit - A written authorization granted by the Local Building Official (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).

Duplex - 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.

Floor Area of Building - 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.

Non-Residential Building - This type includes commercial, industrial, agricultural and institutional buildings.

Other residential constructions - Consist of school or company staff houses, living quarters for drivers and maids and guardhouses.

Residential Building - 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.

Residential Condominium - A structure, usually of several storeys, consisting of multiple dwelling units.

Single House - A complete structure intended for a single family.

Total Value of Construction - 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.

Unpublished Data:

Aside from the preliminary tables posted in the PSA website, annual, quarterly and monthly statistical tables at the municipality level by type of construction and by form of ownership are available at the Industry Statistics Division of the PSA.

Other special tabulations may also be made available upon request, addressed to the National Statistician, Philippine Statistics Authority, 3rd floor CVEA Building, East Avenue, Quezon City.

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