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JANUARY 2025 CONSTRUCTION STATISTICS FROM APPROVED BUILDING PERMITS : COTABATO PROVINCE

Figure 1. Value of Construction by Type, Cotabato Province: December 2024 vs January 2025

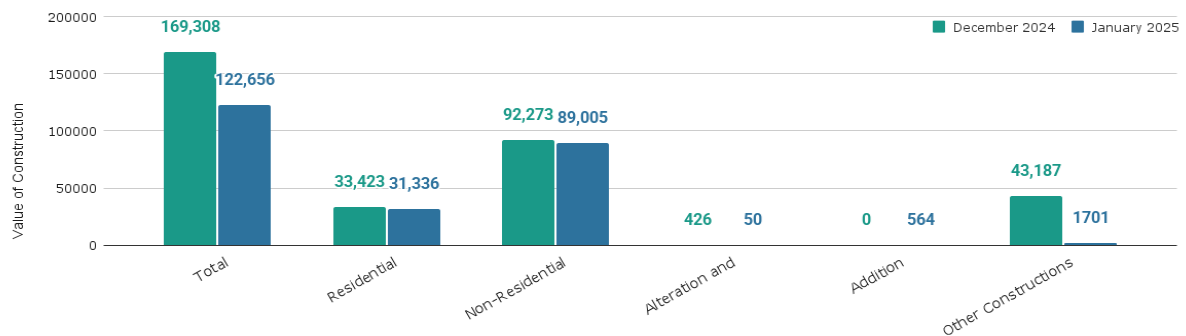
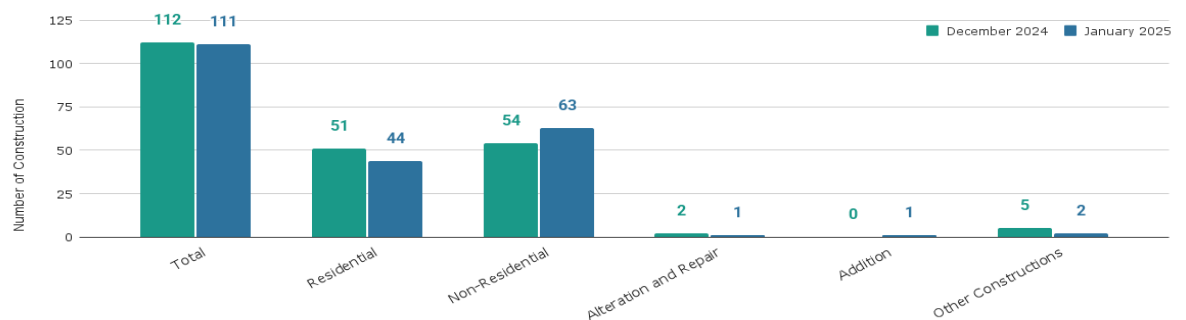


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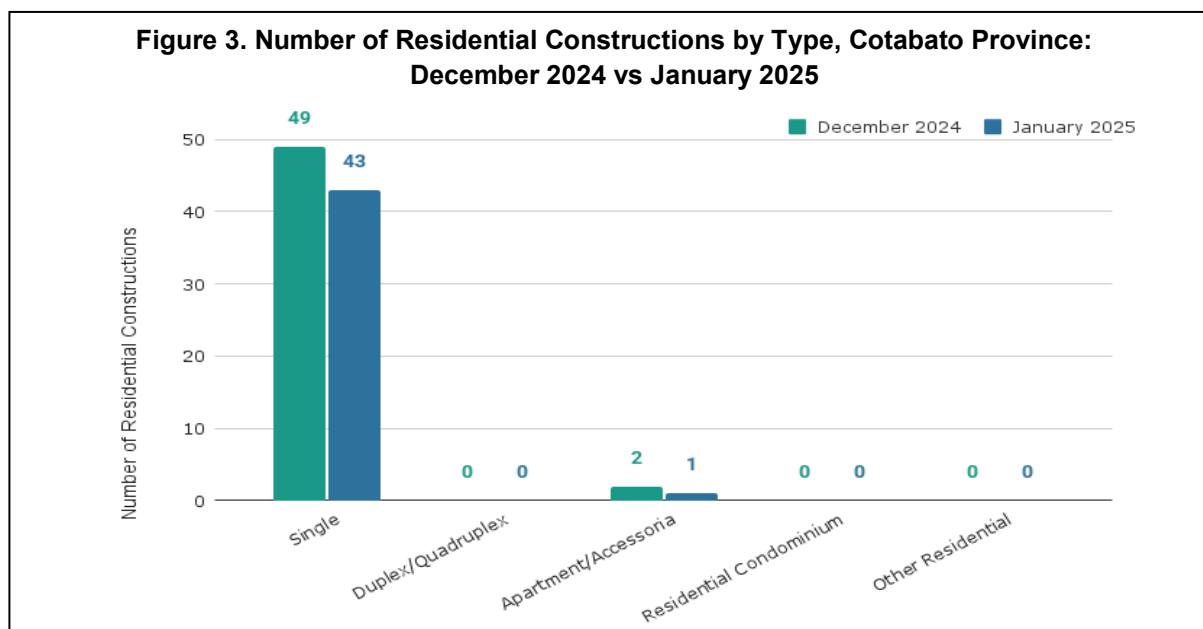
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, January 2025 Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits

Approved building permits reflected a –27.55 percent reduction in the total value of constructions.

The Philippine Statistics Authority – Cotabato Province reported a –27.55 percent decline in the total value of construction activities based on approved building permits, comparing December 2024 and January 2025. This reflected a two-digit decrease in construction value within the province over the period.

In January 2025, a total of 111 construction projects were recorded, just one fewer than the 112 reported in December 2024. As a result, the total value of these projects dropped from PHP 169,308 to PHP 122,656.

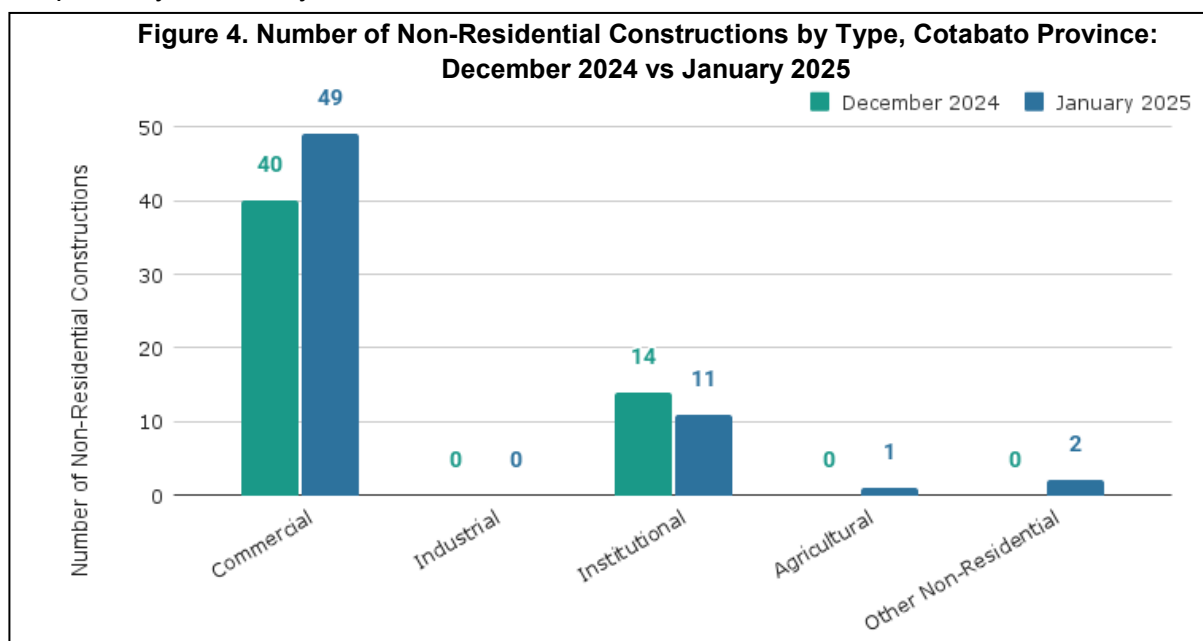
By type, residential constructions recorded a –6.24 percent decrease in value. Non-residential constructions also dropped by –3.54 percent, while other types of constructions posted the largest drop at –96.06 percent. Although non-residential constructions decreased in value, their number in January 2025 was higher, with 63 constructions compared to 54 constructions in December 2024. Moreover, addition, alterations and repair, and other constructions experienced minimal changes in number during the period.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, January 2025 Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits

Residential Constructions Comprised Mainly of Single-Type Houses; Non-Residential Constructions Primarily Consisted of Commercial-Type Structures (December 2024–January 2025)

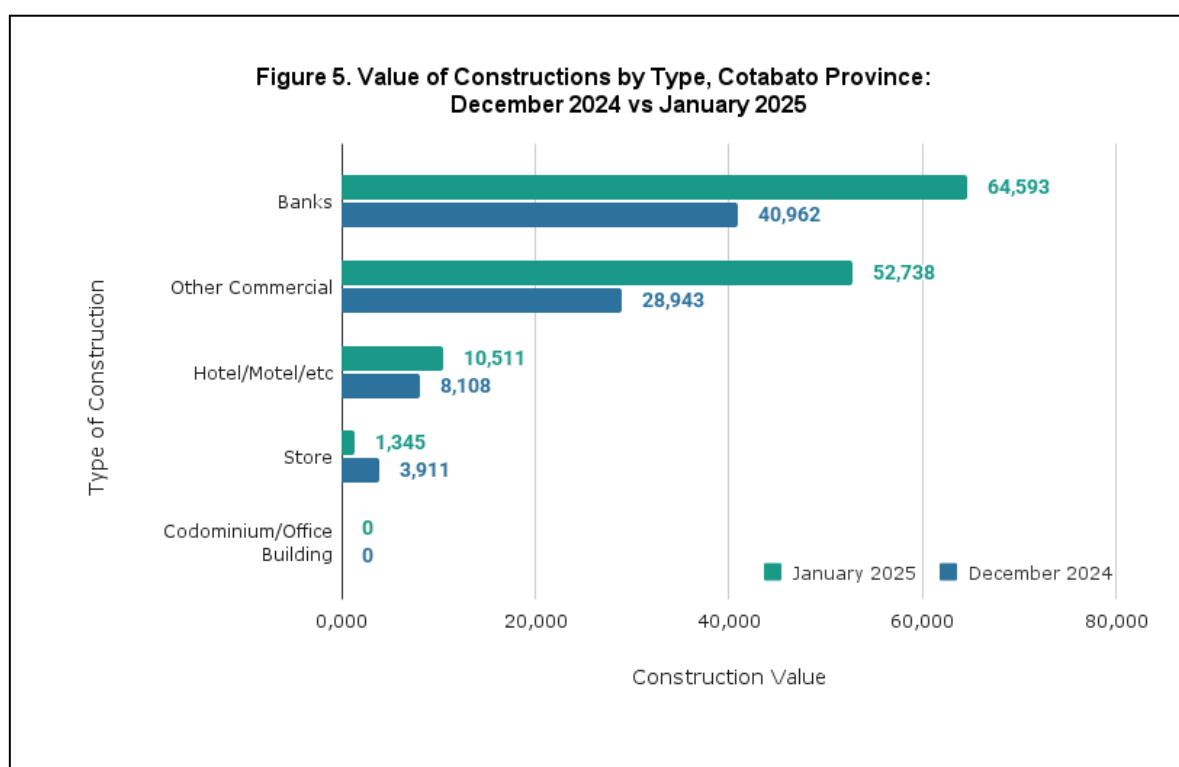
Single-type houses were overrepresented in residential constructions but declined in January 2025, dropping to 43 from 49 in December 2024. In addition, apartment/accessoria showed a slight decrease by one unit. Duplex/quadruplex, residential condominiums, and other residential types remained at zero during the period. Meanwhile, commercial buildings increased significantly, rising to 49 in January 2025 from 40 in December 2024. Industrial buildings remained at zero in both periods. Institutional-type constructions decreased from 14 to 11. Agricultural and other non-residential building types, which had no recorded activity in December 2024, registered values of 1 and 2 respectively in January 2025.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, January 2025 Construction Statistics from Approved Building Permits



Commercial building constructions, especially banks, experienced a significant increase in value, rising from PHP 40,962 to PHP 64,593. Other commercial structures also grew from PHP 28,943 to PHP 52,738. Hotel and motel projects noted a slight rise from PHP 8,108 to PHP 10,511, while store constructions declined from PHP 3,911 to PHP 1,345. Condominium and office buildings recorded no value in both months (Figure 5).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, January 2025 Construction Statistics from Approved Building



Table 1. Number and Value of Construction by Type: Cotabato Province

Type of Construction	December 2024		January 2025		Annual Growth Rate (%)
	Number	Value (Php 1,000)	Number	Value (Php 1,000)	
Total	112	169,308	111	122,656	-27.55
Residential	51	33,423	44	31,336	-6.24
Single	49	31,921	43	29,489	-7.62
Duplex/Quadruplex	-	-	-	-	-
Apartment/Accessoria	2	1,502	1	1,847	22.97
Residential Condominium	-	-	-	-	-
Other Residential	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Residential	54	92,273	63	89,005	-3.54
Commercial	40	40,962	49	64,593	57.69
Industrial	-	-	-	-	-
Institutional	14	51,311	11	21,825	-57.47
Agricultural	-	-	1	1,392	-
Other Non-Residential	-	-	2	11,950	-
Addition	-	-	1	564	-
Other Constructions	5	43,187	2	1,701	-96.06

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, January 2025 Construction Statistics from Approved Building

Table 1 highlights a slight decreased in the total number of construction projects from approved building permits between December 2024 and January 2025. A reduction of one unit and -27.55 percent decline in total value, moving from PHP 169,308 to PHP 122,656. Residential constructions noted a decrease of -6.24 percent in value. Single-type houses, which made up the majority of residential projects, experienced a -7.62 percent decrease in value, dropping from PHP 31,921 to PHP 29,489. In contrast, apartment constructions showed a slight improvement, increasing by 22.97 percent, from PHP 1,502 to PHP 1,847. Notably, there were no recorded values for duplexes, quadruplexes, residential condominiums, or other residential types during this period, indicating a lack of activity or new projects in these specific categories.

In the non-residential construction sector, a -3.54 percent decrease was observed and institutional buildings faced the largest drop, with -57.24 percent decline in value. On the other hand, commercial buildings saw positive growth of 57.69 percent, increasing in value from PHP 40,962 to PHP 64,593. The category of "Non-residential" constructions, which had no entries in December 2024, reported on activity in January 2025, with one agricultural project valued at PHP 1,392,000 and two other recorded non-residential projects valued at PHP 11,950. Furthermore, an "Addition" construction project was recorded with a value of PHP 564. Meanwhile, other construction types experienced a significant decline in value, with a -96.06 percent decreased.



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Cotabato Province, December 2024 and January 2025**

DEFINITION OF TERMS

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

Building permit is 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)

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 extends from the foundation to the roof.

Construction refers to all on-site work done from the 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 quarters, with independent entrances from internal walls and courts.

Accessoria is one or two-floor structure divided into several dwelling units, each dwelling units 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 on wholesale, retail and service trade; i.e. Stores, hotels, restaurants, banks, disco houses, etc. **Industrial buildings** are all buildings use to house the production, assembly and warehousing activities of industrial establishments; i.e. Factories, plants, mills, repair shops, machine shops, printing press, storage plant



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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-residential 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.

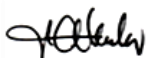
Alteration is a construction in a building/structure involving changes in the materials used, partitioning and location/size of openings, structural parts, existing utilities and equipment but does not increase the overall area thereof.

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. Street furniture are street structures consisting of monuments, waiting sheds, benches, plant boxes, lampposts, electric poles and telephone poles.

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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