

SPECIAL RELEASE

Private Building Construction Statistics, South Cotabato: February 2025

(Based on the preliminary data on construction statistics from the February 2025 approved building permits)

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Construction of residential buildings accounted for the biggest share of the permits issued

The number of private building constructions from approved building permits in February 2025 in South Cotabato was at 58 units, lower by 68 units when compared to the 126 units recorded in February 2024. These number include additions, alteration and repairs, and other types of constructions. About two in 10 of the 267 private building constructions in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in February 2025 were located in South Cotabato (21.7%). (Table 1)

Table 1. Number, Floor Area and Value of Constructions By Type, South Cotabato and SOCCSKSARGEN: February 2024 and February 2025

Month/Area	Total			Residential			Non-Residential			Other Constructions		
	Number	Floor Area (sq.m.)	Value (PhP1,000)	Number	Floor Area (sq.m.)	Value (PhP1,000)	Number	Floor Area (sq.m.)	Value (PhP1,000)	Number	Floor Area (sq.m.)	Value (PhP1,000)
February 2024												
Philippines	494	251,746	1,852,344	257	36,608	238,501	178	202,781	1,397,007	62	12,357	219,903
South Cotabato	126	18,888	295,430	42	5,630	44,975	49	13,258	157,697	36	-	1,428
February 2025												
Philippines	267	45,255	395,790	116	16,861	136,438	112	27,761	217,890	39	633	41,462
South Cotabato	58	8,933	81,160	25	2,828	33,148	17	5,802	43,999	74	303	4,013

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^a excluding

^c excluding other non-residential (e.g., facade, helipad, niche, water tank, etc.)

^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

By type of construction, residential buildings numbering 25 units accounted for 43.1 percent of the private building constructions for the month under review. This is lower by 17 units when compared to the 42 units recorded in February last year. About one in five of the 112 residential buildings constructed for the month in the region were issued permits in South Cotabato (21.6%). (Table 1)

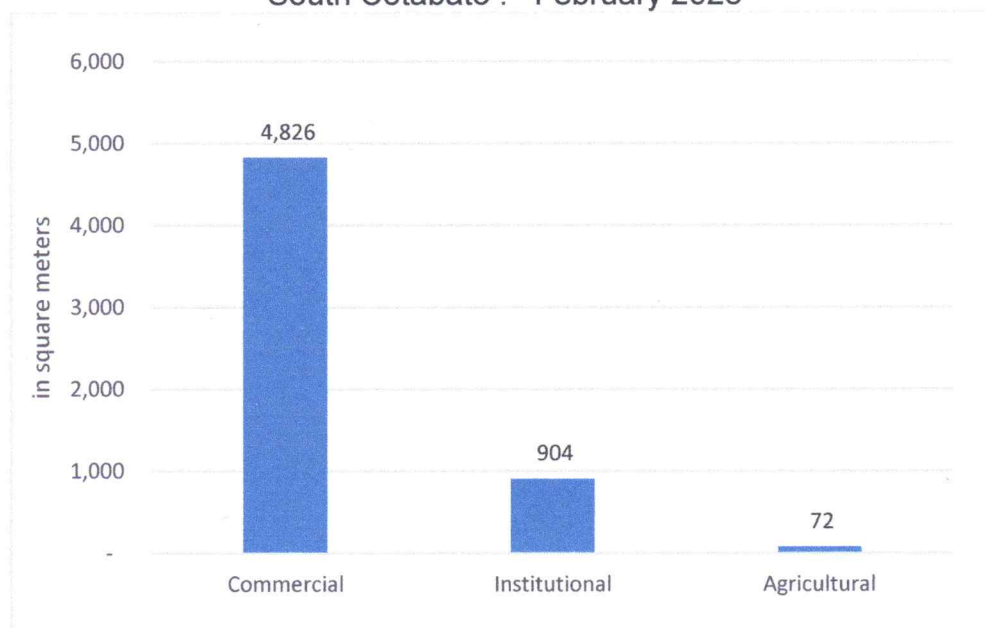
Non-residential buildings were the second highest in terms of number of constructions at 17 units accounting for 29.3 percent of the total number of constructions in the province during the month. Non-residential buildings dropped by 32 units from 49 units in February 2024. Construction of non-residential buildings accounted for 15.2 percent of the 112 units recorded in SOCCSKSARGEN for the month under review. (Table 1)



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

The total floor area of private building constructions in South Cotabato in February 2025 was recorded at 8,933 square meters. This excludes alteration and repair, other non-residential such as facade, 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. This accounted for 19.7 percent of the total floor area of constructions in SOCCSKSARGEN during the said period. The total floor area in February 2025 was lower by 9,955 square meters from 18,888 square meters recorded in the same period of the previous year. (Table 1 and Figure 1)

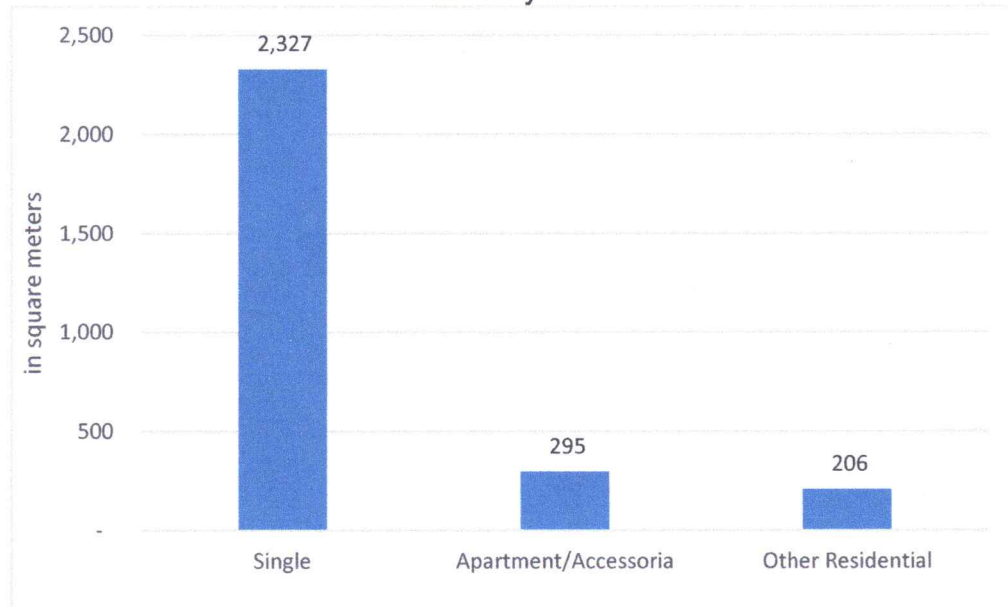
Figure 1. Total Floor Area of Non-Residential Building Constructions By Type, South Cotabato : February 2025



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Non-residential constructions accounted for 5,802 square meters or 65.0 percent of the total floor area of constructions during the month in the province and 20.9 percent of the 27,761 square meter floor area of non-residential building constructions in SOOSKSARGEN. The floor area of 5,802 square meters of non-residential building constructions in the province in February 2025 dropped by 7,456 square meters from the 13,258 square meters recorded in February 2024. Total area of commercial building constructions reached 4,826 square meters representing 83.2 percent of the total floor area of non-residential building constructions in the province in February 2025. (Table 1 and Figure 1)

Figure 2. Total Floor Area of Residential Building Constructions By Type, South Cotabato February 2025



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Meanwhile, the floor area of residential constructions reached 2,828 square meters representing 43.1 percent of the total provincial floor area for the month under review. It decreased by 2,802 square meters from 5,6930 square meters recorded in February of the previous year. Single houses had a total area of 2,327 square meters which accounted for 82.3 percent of the province' total floor area of residential building constructions for the month. (Table 1 and Figure 2)

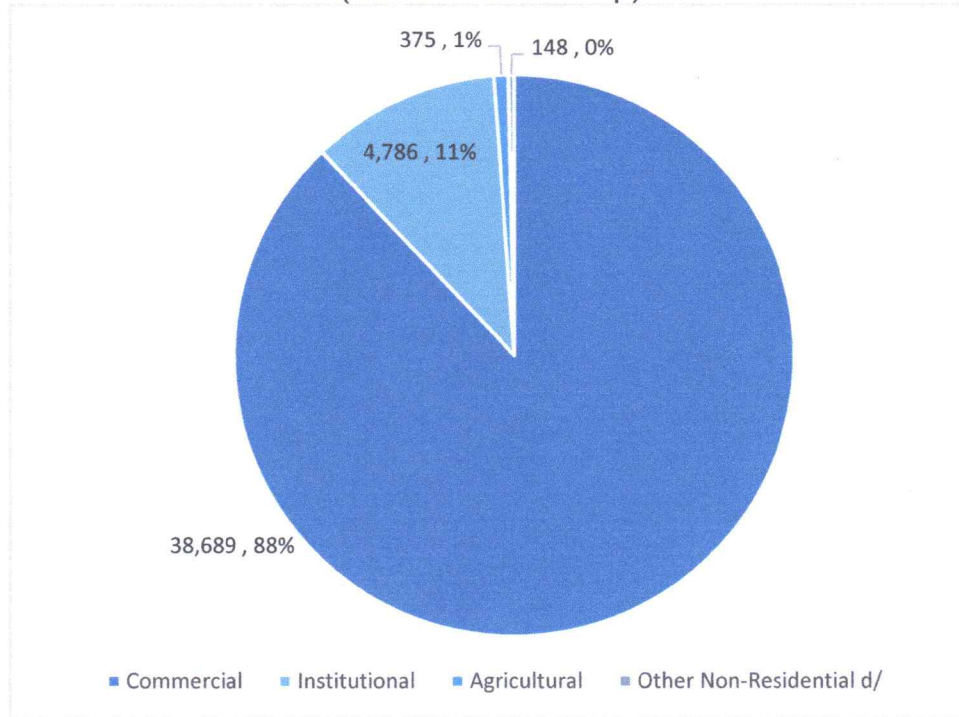
Non-residential buildings recorded the highest value of constructions

The total value of constructions in the province amounted to PhP 81.16 million in February 2025 reflecting a 72.5 percent drop from the PhP 295.43 million estimated in the same month of the previous year. (Table 1)

Non-residential building constructions, valued at PhP 44.0 million, accounted for half (54.2%) of the total value of constructions during the period. It went down by PhP113.70 million from February of the previous year and accounted for 20.2 percent of the regional value of non-residential constructions in February 2025. (Table 1 and Figure 3)

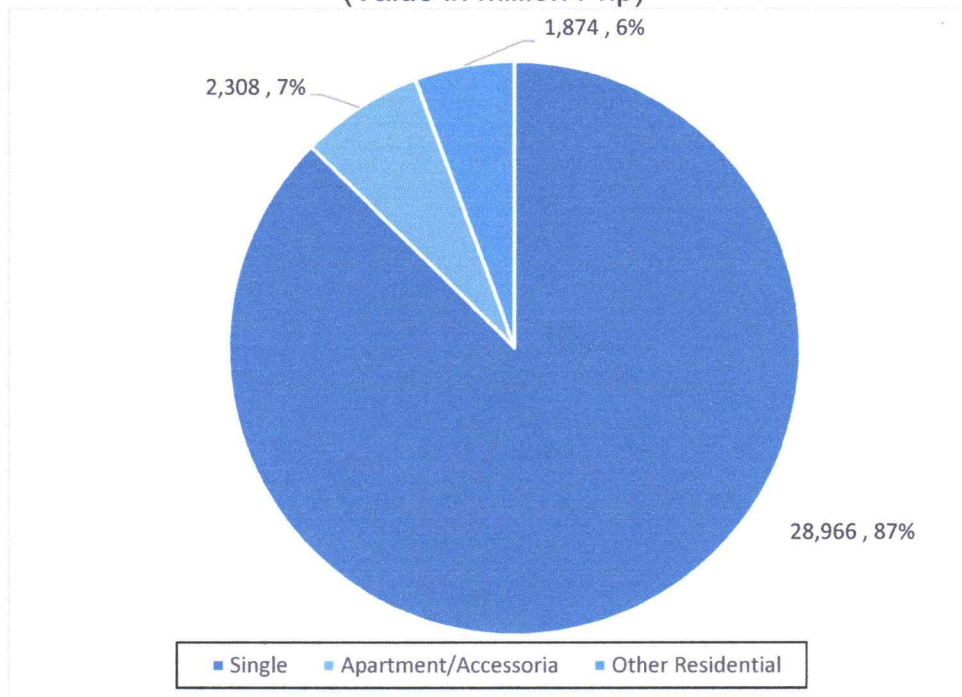
The value of residential building constructions in the province, amounting to PhP 33.15 million, shared 40.8 percent of the total construction value in January 2025. It was lower by PhP11.83 million from the previous year's PhP44.98 million. It accounted for almost a fourth (24.3%) of the regional value of residential building constructions for the month under review. Single houses accounted for 87.4 percent of the total residential building constructions for the month in the province (Table 1 and Figure 4)

**Figure 3. Total Value of Non-Residential Building Constructions By Type,
South Cotabato: February 2025
(Value in million Php)**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Figure 4. Total Value of Residential Building Constructions By Type,
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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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In February 2025, the value of constructions for additions, alterations and repair to existing structures, and other constructions were recorded at PhP 4.01 million, up by PhP2.59 million from the previous year's PhP 1.43 million. (Table 1)

Residential buildings had the highest average cost of construction per floor area

The average cost per floor area of construction in February 2025 in South Cotabato was recorded at PhP 9,085 per square meter. Alteration and repair, other non-residential such as facade, 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 per floor area at PhP 11,721 per square meter in February 2025. This was followed by non-residential constructions with PhP 7,583 per square meter. (Table 1)

Among residential constructions, single houses had the highest average cost at PhP12,448 per square meter during the period. (Table 1)

Across non-residential constructions, commercial buildings reported the highest average cost of PhP 8,017 per square meter while institutional buildings registered an average cost of PhP5,295 per square meter. (Table 1)



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Technical Notes

Construction statistics from approved building permits is one of the data generated by PSA based on administrative records. It is compiled by PSA from the copies of approved building permits issued by the Local Building Officials (LBOs) of the Local Government Units (LGUs). Construction statistics are compiled by the PSA from the copies of original application forms of approved building permits as well as from the demolition and fencing permits collected every month by PSA field personnel from the offices of LBOs nationwide.

Construction statistics presented in this special release are based on the approved building permits on new constructions, additions, and alterations and repairs of existing residential and non-residential buildings, and other constructions, which are proposed to be constructed in different cities/municipalities of the country.

The collection of the approved building permits from the LBOs is done within the first five working days after each reference month by a PSA field staff.

Data on building constructions are based on approved applications for construction during the reference period and not on the construction work completed during the reference period.

The completeness of construction data relies on the approved applications filed in the LBOs. Hence, building constructions without approved building permits are not part of the tabulation of data.

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