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9.5	-51.8	-27.6	399.6	364.9	829.0	552.2	*
23.7	-44.5	-28.3	347.1	280.6	625.3	484.4	:
34.9	-41.9	-16.2	304.1	225.5	523.0	362.8	
-22.0	-58.0	-64.6	43.0	55.1	102.3	121.6	
-37.7	-74.2	-22.6	52.5	84.3	203.7	67.8	:
-36.8	-73.5	-16.8	48.7	77.1	184.0	58.5	
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2006 (%)	2005 (%)	2004 (%)					
			2007	2006	2005	2004	
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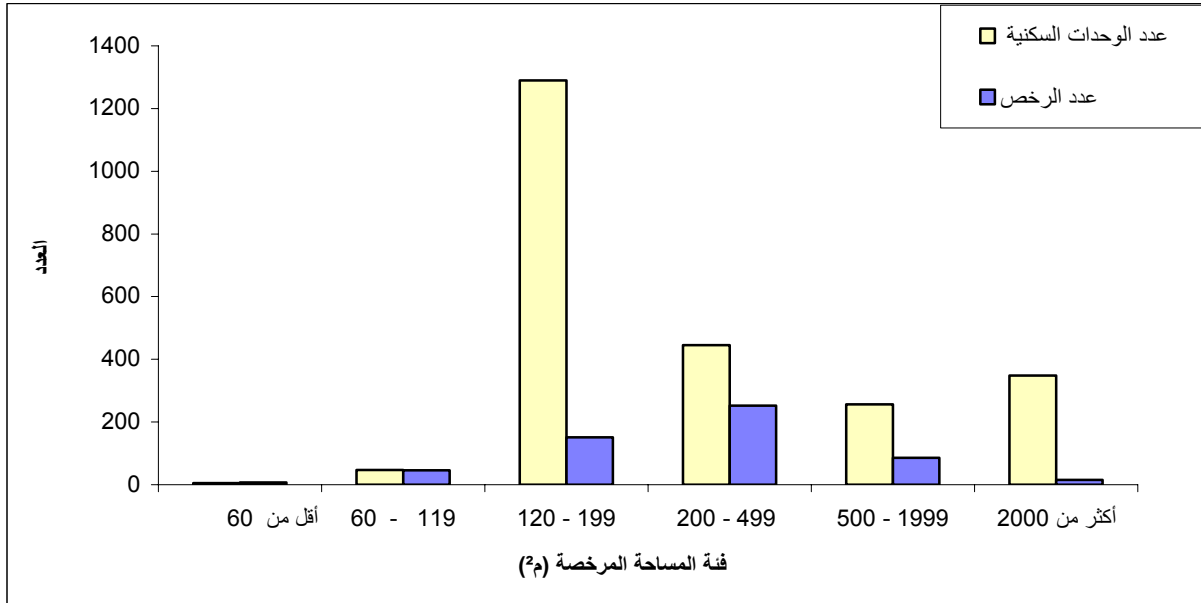
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			2007	2006	2005	2004	
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Table1: Buildings Licenses Issued* in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip During the Period 1997 to the Fourth Quarter 2007

Period	Licensed Dwellings				(²) Licensed Areas (1000m²)			Number of Licenses						
	Existing Dwellings		New Dwellings		Existing Areas	All New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ Additions+ Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	أبنية جديدة New Buildings	Total	
	(²) Area (1000 m²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m²)	No.										
1997	391.8	2759	1768.5	13230	500.1	2391.9	2892.0	263	1155	187	1994	4789	8388	1997
1998	387.1	2735	1786.7	12826	469.1	2505.7	2974.8	178	1144	265	2252	5117	8956	1998
1999	439.0	3675	2050.6	14587	554.4	2860.1	3414.5	115	1470	475	2055	5803	9918	1999
2000	383.3	2730	1646.1	10708	482.4	2457.6	2940.0	185	1318	448	1852	4498	8301	2000
2001	256.0	1847	1041.9	7037	341.0	1633.9	1974.9	124	774	273	1181	2781	5133	2001
2002	137.6	975	794.3	5089	171.8	1080.4	1252.2	52	554	131	675	1913	3325	2002
2003	175.8	1671	1234.2	8152	226.1	1863.9	2090.0	99	749	138	1268	2981	5235	2003
2004	161.6	1229	1248.6	8184	222.0	1803.9	2025.8	111	706	149	1113	2929	5008	2004
2005	366.7	2522	1729.5	10362	474.2	2427.4	2901.6	127	1469	223	1293	3996	7108	2005
2006	524.2	3301	1193.6	6909	679.2	1666.9	2346.1	112	1894	265	1087	2703	6061	2006
2007														2007
Quarter I	68.0	419	199.8	1160	92.6	312.2	404.7	20	246	18	255	505	1044	
Quarter II	67.1	389	238.1	1597	90.4	360.6	451.0	16	231	40	273	615	1175	
Quarter III	64.1	567	258.9	2109	90.3	428.5	518.9	18	209	40	244	696	1207	
Quarter IV	45.0	275	286.3	2612	52.5	347.1	399.6	10	173	42	197	640	1062	

*Excluding boundary walls licenses

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Table2: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip by Building Ownership and Utilization - Fourth Quarter 2007

Building Ownership	Licensed Dwellings				*(²) Licensed Areas (1000m ²)*			Number of Issued Licenses						
	Existing Dwellings		New Dwellings		Existin g Areas	All New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+	Additions + Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.										
Total														
Residential Building	44.3	265	283.7	2598	48.7	304.1	352.8	10	161	41	171	557	940	
Non-Res. Building	0.6	10	2.7	14	3.8	43.0	46.8	0	12	1	26	83	122	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.4	1.8	2.3	0	2	0	0	27	29	
Private														
Residential Buildings	44.3	265	283.7	2598	48.7	304.1	352.8	10	161	41	171	557	940	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.6	10	2.5	13	3.8	31.5	35.2	0	12	1	23	68	104	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.4	1.8	2.3	0	2	0	0	27	29	
Governmental														
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7.4	7.4	0	0	0	2	8	10	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Local Authority														
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2.3	2.3	0	0	0	0	3	3	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

*For boundary walls it refers to length in (1000 m.r)

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Table2 (cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip by Building Ownership and Utilization - Fourth Quarter 2007

Building Ownership	Licensed Dwellings				*(²) Licensed Areas (1000m ²)*			Number of Issued Licenses						
	Existing Dwellings		New Dwellings		Existing Areas	All New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ Additions + Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total	
	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.										
Charity														
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.2	1	0.0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others														
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1.3	1.3	0	0	0	1	2	3	3
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*For boundary walls it refers to length in (1000 m.r)

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Table 3: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip by Issuing Authority and Utilization - Fourth Quarter 2007

License Issuing Authority	Licensed Dwellings				*(²) Licensed Areas (1000 m ²)*			Number of Issued Licenses						
	Existing Dwellings		New Dwellings		Existing Areas	All New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+	Additions + Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.										
All Authorities														
Residential Buildings	44.3	265	283.7	2598	48.7	304.1	352.8	10	161	41	171	557	940	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.6	10	2.7	14	3.8	43.0	46.8	0	12	1	26	83	122	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.4	1.8	2.3	0	2	0	0	27	29	
Municipalities														
Residential Buildings	41.5	250	213.7	2265	45.7	234.2	279.9	9	151	35	169	413	777	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.6	10	2.5	13	3.8	36.2	39.9	0	11	1	26	73	111	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.4	1.8	2.2	0	2	0	0	26	28	
Construction Authorities														
Residential Buildings	2.8	15	69.9	333	3.1	69.9	72.9	1	10	6	2	144	163	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.2	1	0.0	6.9	6.9	0	1	0	0	10	11	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1	

*For boundary walls it refers to length in (1000 m.r)

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Table 4: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate &Area Category	Non-Res. Buildings		Residential Buildings				
	متوسط عدد الطوابق Average No. of Storeys	عدد الرخص No. of Licenses	متوسط عدد الطوابق Average No. of Storeys	متوسط عدد الوحدات السكنية Average No. of Dwellings	مجموع عدد الوحدات السكنية Total No. of Dwellings	عدد الرخص No. of Licenses	
All Governorates							
Less than 60 m ²	0.8	5	1.3	0.7	5	7	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.3	6	1.0	1.0	47	46	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.9	16	1.1	8.5	1290	151	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.1	30	1.8	1.8	445	252	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.0	24	2.9	3.0	256	86	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	4.5	2	6.7	23.2	348	15	² 2000
Jenin							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60-119 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	5	5	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	0.0	0	1.1	1.0	10	10	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	2.0	1	1.4	1.6	36	23	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	0.0	0	2.8	4.3	17	4	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000
Tubas							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	2	2	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	2	2.0	1.3	4	3	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	3.5	2	3.0	4.0	4	1	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate & Area Category	Non-Res. Buildings		Residential Buildings				
	Average No. of Storeys	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	No. of Licenses	
Tulkarm							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	0.0	0	1	² 60
60-119 m ²	1.0	1	1.0	1.0	1	1	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	1.0	1	1.1	1.0	19	19	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	2.0	1	1.7	1.5	27	18	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.0	2	2.0	3.0	9	3	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	4.5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000
Nablus							
Less than 60 m ²	0.5	2	1.0	0.0	0	1	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	4	4	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	1.1	7	1.2	1.1	26	24	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	8	1.9	1.5	52	35	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.3	7	3.1	3.1	53	17	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	9.0	31.5	126	4	² 2000
Qalqilya							
Less than 60 m ²	1.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60-119 m ²	1.0	1	1.0	1.0	2	2	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.1	11	10	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	4	1.8	1.7	35	21	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.0	2	2.7	3.7	11	3	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate &Area Category	Non-Res. Buildings		Residential Buildings				
	Average No. of Storeys	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	No. of Licenses	
Salfit							
Less than 60 m ²	1.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	4	4	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.0	0	1.1	1.0	7	7	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	1	2.0	1.9	17	9	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000
Ramallah and Al-Bireh							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	1	² 60
60-119 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	5	5	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	1.0	1	1.1	1.0	22	21	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.3	3	1.7	1.6	53	34	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.5	2	3.2	3.7	93	25	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	6.1	23.7	213	9	² 2000
Jericho and Al Aghwar							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	3	3	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.0	0	1.3	1.3	5	4	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	2.0	1	1.8	1.8	11	6	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate &Area Category	Non-Res. Buildings		Residential Buildings				
	Average No. of Storeys	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	No. of Licenses	
Jerusalem							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60-119 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.0	0	2.0	2.0	2	1	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000
Bethlehem							
Less than 60 m ²	1.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.0	0	1.2	1.2	7	6	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	1.0	2	1.2	1.2	12	10	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.8	4	1.7	4.1	86	21	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.3	3	2.3	1.9	23	12	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	7.0	6.0	6	1	² 2000
Hebron							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	1.7	1.0	3	3	² 60
60-119 m ²	0.0	4	1.0	1.0	15	15	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	0.0	4	1.2	27.3	1175	43	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.3	4	1.9	1.5	120	80	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	0.0	3	2.7	2.2	42	19	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	3.0	3.0	3	1	² 2000

Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate &Area Category	Non-Res. Buildings		Residential Buildings				
	Average No. of Storeys	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	No. of Licenses	
North Gaza							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	1	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	2.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	1	2.0	2.0	2	1	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	0.0	0	2.5	2.0	4	2	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000
Rafah							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	1	² 60
60-119 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	1.0	1	1	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

Table 5: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate—Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non-Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings					
	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	
All Governorates									
Stone	1.3	30.8	61	2.0	5.1	2205	240.2	429	
Cement Block	1.4	9.1	21	1.4	1.5	180	28.4	124	
Concrete	4.0	1.3	1	1.5	1.5	6	0.8	4	
Jenin									
Stone	2.0	0.3	1	1.4	1.6	57	11.4	35	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.3	1.6	11	1.2	7	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tubas									
Stone	2.5	1.2	2	2.0	1.0	2	0.5	2	
Cement Block	2.0	2.0	2	1.8	2.0	8	1.3	4	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tulkarm									
Stone	3.7	4.7	3	1.7	1.4	17	3.8	12	
Cement Block	1.5	2.3	4	1.3	1.3	39	7.0	30	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Nablus									
Stone	1.3	9.1	19	2.5	3.7	235	47.6	63	
Cement Block	1.0	0.8	4	1.4	1.2	24	3.1	20	
Concrete	4.0	1.3	1	1.0	1.0	2	0.3	2	

Table 5 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate - Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non-Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings					
	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	
Qalqilya									
Stone	1.0	0.4	2	2.0	1.6	11	2.4	7	
Cement Block	1.3	2.8	6	1.5	1.7	48	7.7	29	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Salfit									
Stone	2.0	1.3	2	1.6	1.2	6	1.2	5	
Cement Block	1.0	0.2	2	1.5	1.5	22	3.1	15	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Ramallah and Al-Bireh									
Stone	1.7	4.1	6	2.4	4.1	383	98.2	93	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	2.0	4	0.5	2	
Jericho and Al Aghwar									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	2.0	0.4	1	1.5	1.5	19	2.8	13	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Jerusalem									
Stone	2.0	1.0	1	2.0	2.0	2	0.4	1	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

Table 5 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate - Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non-Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings					
	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	
Bethlehem									
Stone	1.7	4.2	10	1.8	2.7	134	23.3	50	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Hebron									
Stone	0.1	4.5	15	1.7	8.4	1358	51.3	161	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
North Gaza									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	1.5	0.5	2	2.0	1.8	7	2.0	4	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Rafah									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.5	1.0	2	0.2	2	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

Table 6 : Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non-Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings					
	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	
All Governorates									
Stone	0.4	1.7	23	1.5	0.8	97	19.7	117	
Cement Block	1.0	0.0	1	1.1	0.9	47	6.3	50	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	2	1.5	0.8	3	0.6	4	
Jenin									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.7	1.2	14	2.8	12	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tubas									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tulkarm									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.4	1	
Cement Block	1.0	0.0	1	1.1	0.6	5	0.9	8	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	0.0	0	0.1	1	
Nablus									
Stone	0.4	1.7	23	1.5	0.9	77	15.0	89	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.1	0.3	2	0.4	7	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	2	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	

Table 6 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non-Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings					
	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	
Qalqilya									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.1	1.3	35	4.1	27	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Salfit									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	1	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.3	0.5	3	0.7	6	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Ramallah and Al-Birah									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	0.0	0	1.4	10	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.0	2	0.4	2	
Bethlehem									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.3	1.3	4	0.1	3	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Hebron									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 6 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non-Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings					
	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	
North Gaza									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 7: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Additions and Existing Parts to Unlicensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non- Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings					
	Average No. of Storeys	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	
All Governorates									
Stone	2.0	0.1	1	3.0	1.7	41	6.6	24	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.3	2.2	38	5.0	17	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tubas									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.8	7	0.9	4	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tulkarem									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	2.0	4	1.4	2	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.4	2.3	18	2.9	8	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Nablus									
Stone	2.0	0.1	1	3.0	1.7	37	5.2	22	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 7 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for New Additions and Existing Parts to Unlicensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non- Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings					
	Average No. of Storeys	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	
Qalqilya									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.4	2.6	13	1.1	5	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

Table 8: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non- Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings				
	Average No. of Storeys	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses
All Governorates								
Stone	1.3	1.9	6	2.1	1.8	106	26.5	60
Cement Block	1.2	1.8	5	1.3	1.3	136	18.0	107
Concrete	1.0	0.1	1	1.5	1.0	4	0.7	4
Jenin								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	1.0	1	0.2	1
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	2	0.2	2
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Tubas								
Stone	1.5	0.8	2	1.0	1.0	1	0.2	1
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	0.8	3	0.7	4
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Tulkarm								
Stone	2.0	0.5	1	2.0	1.5	3	1.0	2
Cement Block	1.0	0.4	1	2.0	1.6	13	2.4	8
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Nablus								
Stone	1.5	0.3	2	2.3	1.1	16	4.8	15
Cement Block	1.0	0.5	2	1.2	0.7	8	1.2	11
Concrete	1.0	0.1	1	1.5	1.0	2	0.4	2

Table 8 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non- Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings				
	Average No. of Storeys	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses
Qalqilya								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.5	3	0.3	2
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Salfit								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	2.0	4	0.8	2
Cement Block	1.5	0.9	2	1.9	1.6	14	2.4	9
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.0	1	0.2	1
Ramallah and Al-Bireh								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.6	1.6	18	4.3	11
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1
Jericho and Al-Aghwar								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.3	1.3	4	0.4	3
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Jerusalem								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.5	3	0.7	2
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0

Table 8 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Non- Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings				
	Average No. of Storeys	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses
Bethlehem								
Stone	0.0	0.2	1	2.8	2.7	24	7.0	9
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Hebron								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.1	2.1	36	7.4	17
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Khan Younis								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.7	5	0.6	3
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Rafah								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.2	1.3	84	9.7	65
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0

Table 9: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	() Licensed Areas (000 m ²)			Number of Issued Licenses					
	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions+Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
All Governorates									
Complete Dwellings	46.8	299.0	345.9	0	161	31	95	554	841
Extension of Rooms	0.2	2.1	2.4	2	0	1	19	1	23
Other Extensions	0.2	1.3	1.6	1	0	4	14	2	21
Other	0.7	2.2	3.0	7	0	5	43	0	55
Jenin									
Complete Dwellings	0.4	14.6	15.1	0	3	0	9	42	54
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Extensions	0.0	0.8	0.8	0	0	0	3	0	3
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tubas									
Complete Dwellings	1.0	2.5	3.6	0	4	4	1	6	15
Extension of Rooms	0.1	0.0	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm									
Complete Dwellings	4.4	14.1	18.5	0	8	7	6	41	62
Extension of Rooms	0.1	0.1	0.3	1	0	0	3	0	4
Other Extensions	0.0	0.2	0.2	1	0	3	1	1	6
Other	0.1	0.0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Licensed Areas (000 m ²)			Number of Issued Licenses					
	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions+Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
Nablus									
Complete Dwellings	6.5	68.7	75.2	0	21	16	42	84	163
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.4	0.4	0	0	1	4	0	5
Other Extensions	0.0	0.4	0.4	0	0	1	8	1	10
Other	0.6	2.2	2.8	7	0	4	43	0	54
Qalqilya									
Complete Dwellings	0.7	14.7	15.4	0	2	4	27	36	69
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Extensions	0.2	0.0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Salfit									
Complete Dwellings	3.4	4.8	8.2	0	12	0	3	20	35
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	2	0	2
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah & Al- Bireh									
Complete Dwellings	4.5	99.2	103.6	0	12	0	2	95	109
Extension of Rooms	0.0	1.3	1.3	0	0	0	10	0	10
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 9(Cont): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Licensed Areas (000 m ²)			Number of Issued Licenses						
	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions+Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total	
Jericho and Al Aghwar										
Complete Dwellings	0.4	2.8	3.2	0	3	0	0	13	16	
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jerusalem										
Complete Dwellings	0.7	0.4	1.1	0	2	0	0	1	3	
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bethlehem										
Complete Dwellings	7.0	23.4	30.4	0	9	0	3	49	61	
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hebron										
Complete Dwellings	7.4	51.5	58.9	0	17	0	1	161	179	
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 9(Cont): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Licensed Areas (000 m ²)			Number of Issued Licenses					
	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions+Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
North Gaza									
Complete Dwellings	0.0	2.1	2.1	0	0	0	1	4	5
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khan Younis									
Complete Dwellings	0.6	0.0	0.6	0	3	0	0	0	3
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rafah									
Complete Dwellings	9.7	0.2	9.9	0	65	0	0	2	67
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate & Utilization	Stores		Licensed Areas (1000 m ²)			Number of Issued Licenses					
	(1000 m ²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
All Governorates											
Industrial	0.8	1	0.0	1.5	1.5	0	0	0	1	4	5
Commercial	23.0	255	3.0	23.5	26.5	0	10	1	7	52	70
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	7.9	7.9	0	0	0	2	7	9
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	1.7	15	0.7	10.1	10.8	0	2	0	16	20	38
Jenin											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	0.0	0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0	0	0	0	1	1
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tubas											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	1.7	51	0.8	1.2	2.0	0	2	0	0	2	4
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	1.6	1.6	0	0	0	0	1	1
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0	0	0	0	1	1

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Table 10 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate & Utilization	Stores		Licensed Areas (1000 m ²)			Number of Issued Licenses					
	(² 1000) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
Tulkarm											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	3.4	43	0.9	2.5	3.4	0	2	0	1	3	6
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	2.9	2.9	0	0	0	0	2	2
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	1.7	1.7	0	0	0	0	2	2
Nablus											
Industrial	0.2	1	0.0	0.7	0.7	0	0	0	1	2	3
Commercial	4.1	39	0.4	4.3	4.7	0	4	1	6	10	21
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	2.8	2.8	0	0	0	2	2	4
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.5	5.2	5.7	0	1	0	16	10	27
Qalqilya											
Industrial	0.6	0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0	0	0	0	1	1
Commercial	1.5	10	0.0	1.5	1.5	0	0	0	0	6	6
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	1.1	1	0.0	1.1	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	1

Table 10 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate & Utilization	Stores		Licensed Areas (1000 m ²)			Number of Issued Licenses					
	(² 1000) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
Salfit											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	1.6	17	0.9	1.0	1.9	0	2	0	0	3	5
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ramallah and Al-Bireh											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	2.0	23	0.0	3.4	3.4	0	0	0	0	4	4
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	1
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jericho and Al Aghwar											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	0.4	6	0.0	0.4	0.4	0	0	0	0	1	1
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	(² 1000) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
Jerusalem											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	1.0	9	0.0	1.0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Commercial	3.0	6	0.0	3.3	3.3	0	0	0	0	6	6
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.5	8	0.2	0.4	0.7	0	1	0	0	2	3
Hebron											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	4.5	51	0.0	4.5	4.5	0	0	0	0	15	15
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	(² 1000) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
North Gaza											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.2	6	0.0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	2	2

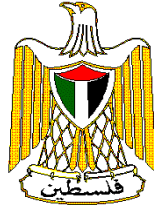
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Table 11: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for Boundary Walls Only by Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2007

Governorate	Existing and Existing Additions		New and New Additions		
	(.) Total Length (1000 m.r)	Number	(.) Total Length (1000 m.r)	Number	
All Governorate	0.4	2	1.8	27	
Tulkarm	0.2	1	0.1	1	
Nablus	0.0	0	0.8	15	
Ramallah and Al-Bireh	0.0	0	0.0	2	
Jericho and Alaghwar	0.3	1	0.4	3	
Bethlehem	0.0	0	0.2	3	
Hebron	0.0	0	0.3	3	



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Preface

Construction is considered one of the important economic activities in the Palestinian economy. It contributes substantially to the Gross Domestic Product, recruits a large share of employees, and directly influences several other economic activities. Building construction in particular represents one of the major construction activities in general.

It has been necessary for the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) to establish statistical database that covers several aspects of construction activities in order to accommodate the different needs of users. The annual economic surveys series conducted by PCBS as of 1994 includes a survey for construction contractors. PCBS had also conducted the annual Existing Buildings Survey starting from the reference year 1996.

PCBS is pleased to present this report of Building Licenses Statistics, which provides statistical data on the size, and characteristics of licensed buildings in the Palestinian Territory for the Fourth Quarter 2007.

Statistical data is currently collected through filling the designated from the administrative records of the different official licenses issuing authorities. This was initiated on quarterly basis since the First Quarter of 1996.

Publication of building licenses statistics will be pursued in the following years. PCBS hopes that the means by which these data are archived in the issuing authorities are developed, in the foreseeable future, in a manner that would reduce cost and time needed for preparing these statistics.

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Executive Summary

This report covers data for the Fourth Quarter 2007.

The main findings of this quarter are as follow:

1. Number of licenses: The number of building licenses issued in the Fourth Quarter 2007 totaled 1,062 and were distributed as follows:
 - 640 licenses for new buildings
 - 197 licenses for new additions to licensed existing buildings
 - 42 licenses for new additions and existing parts
 - 173 licenses for existing buildings
 - 10 licenses for existing extensions

Licensed areas: The total areas of licensed buildings (residential & non residential) .2 amounted to 399.6 thousand m² distributed as follows:

- 347.1 thousand m² for new buildings areas, of which 304.1 thousand m² are residential and 43.0 thousand m² non-residential.
- 52.5 thousand m² for existing buildings areas, of which 48.7 thousand m² are residential and 3.8 thousand m² non-residential.

3. Licensed boundary walls: 29 licenses issued for walls with total length of 2.2 thousand meters.

4. Number and area of dwellings licensed:

- New dwellings: 2,612 units with a total area of 286.3 thousand m².
- Existing dwellings: 275 units with a total area of 45.0 thousand m².

There was an obvious decline in the total number of issued building licenses when the Fourth Quarter of 2007 was compared with the fourth quarter for the period 2004-2005; the decline % when compared with 51.7, and 4% when compared with the Fourth Quarter of 20018.7was ; an increase of 29.4% was recorded when compared with the 5the Fourth Quarter of 200 .6Fourth Quarter of 200

The results showed that in the Fourth Quarter of 2007 the number of new dwellings increased by 18.9% compared with the same quarter in 2004. On the other hand, the number of existing dwellings decreased by 33.9% compared with the same quarter in 2004. There was a 9.3% decrease in the number of new dwellings and 76.4% decrease in the number of existing dwellings when the Fourth Quarter of 2007 was compared with the same quarter in 2005. The increase for new dwellings was significant: an increase of 157.3% for the Fourth Quarter of 2007 when compared with the Fourth Quarter of 2006, whereas the number of existing dwellings decreased by 37.7% when compared with Fourth Quarter of 2006.

1. Introduction:

Construction is considered an important economic activity, particularly in countries undergoing economic development. This activity plays a vital role in the Palestinian economy and is significantly interrelated to other economic activities. The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) is committed to compiling statistical data on all aspects of construction activity in order to measure the main related variables.

Administrative record statistics shed light on the size and type of building licenses issued by official parties. Building license statistics are compiled by most countries. In addition to its own importance, building license statistics constitute the sampling frame for other surveys to be launched concerning identification of the actual constructed buildings against licenses, estimating construction costs and obtaining data on the technical characteristics of these buildings.

2. Objectives:

These statistics provide data on the number of building licenses and licensed areas, and number and area of licensed dwellings and stores considering the following variables:

- Issuing authorities.
- Geographic location.
- Status of the buildings to be licensed (new, existing, new or existing additions, etc.).
- Building ownership (private, governmental, local authorities, cooperative, etc.).
- Utilization of the building (residential, non-residential: industrial, commercial, educational, etc.).
- Major external construction material (stone, concrete, block, etc.).

3. Definitions:

Statistical Unit:

The license issued by any authorized authority. The issuing authorities are the reporting units for this administrative records statistics.

Building Ownership:

1. Private.
2. Governmental.
3. Local Authority.
4. Cooperative Society.
5. Charitable Society.
6. Other, e.g., religious groups, UNRWA, etc.

Status of the building to be licensed:

1. New, when the building site is entirely vacant.
2. Addition to an already existing licensed building - either a vertical or horizontal addition.
3. Addition to non-licensed existing building (or part of a building) that needs licensing.
4. Existing building.

5. Existing extension.

Building Utilization:

1. Residential: The building is considered residential if more than half of its total area is prepared for residential purposes. The building could consist of:
 - Complete dwellings.
 - Rooms added to the dwellings.
 - Extension of other facilities, e.g., kitchen, bathroom, cesspool, garage.
2. Non-Residential: industrial, commercial, educational, etc.
3. The boundary wall: in cases when the boundary wall undergoes separate licensing. If the building license includes the wall, then it is not included here.

3.5 Dwelling:

The housing unit of a single household.

3.6 Remaining West Bank:

The West Bank, excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed after the 1967 occupation by Israel.

4. Main Findings

1. Number of licenses: The following table shows a comparison between the number of building licenses for the Fourth Quarter of 2007 and the same period for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006:

Indicator	No. of issued Licenses*				% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2004	% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2005	% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2006
	Q4 2004	Q4 2005	Q4 2006	Q4 2007			
Licenses for new buildings.	743	1104	396	640	-13.9	-42	61.6
Licenses for additions to licensed buildings.	234	332	164	197	-15.8	-40.7	20.1
Licenses for additions + existing parts.	35	104	34	42	20	-59.6	23.5
Licenses for existing buildings.	262	637	208	173	-34	-72.8	-16.8
Licenses for existing extensions.	32	23	19	10	-68.8	-56.5	-47.4
Total	1306	2200	821	1062	-18.7	-51.7	29.4

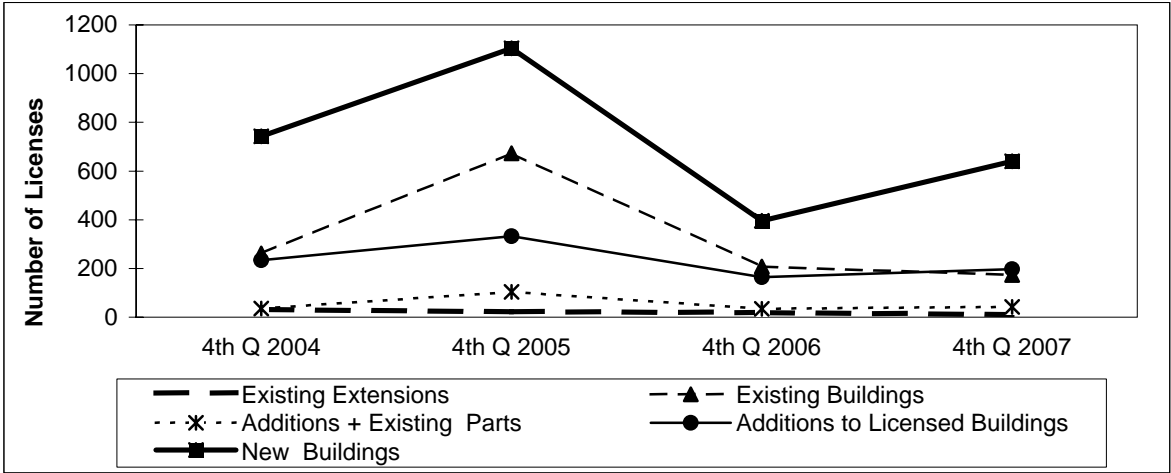
*Excluding boundary wall licenses

The results showed an obvious drop for building license indicators during the Fourth Quarter 2007 compared with the Fourth Quarter for the period 2004-2005, despite some vacillation in some indicators compared with the same period or previous quarters for the same years.

There was an obvious decline in the total number of issued building licenses when the Fourth Quarter of 2007 was compared with the Fourth Quarter for the years 2004, 2005; the decline was 18.7 % when compared with the Fourth Quarter 2004, 51.7 % when compared with the Fourth Quarter 2005; an increase of 29.4 % was recorded when compared with the Fourth Quarter 2006.

The following figure shows the number of building licenses issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip - 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 (Fourth Quarter):

Figure 1: Number of Building Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for the Fourth Quarter 2004 – 2007



2. Licensed areas: The following table shows a comparison between the licensed areas for the Fourth Quarter 2007 with the same period for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006:

Indicator	Licensed Areas				% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2004	% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2005	% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2006
	Q4 2004	Q4 2005	Q4 2006	Q4 2007			
Total areas	552.2	829	364.9	399.6	-27.6	-51.8	9.5
New areas	484.4	625.3	280.6	347.1	-28.3	-44.5	23.7
Residential	362.8	523	225.5	304.1	-16.2	-41.9	34.9
Non-residential	121.6	102.3	55.1	43.0	-64.6	-58	-22
Existing areas	67.8	203.7	84.3	52.5	-22.6	-74.2	-37.7
Residential	58.5	184	77.1	48.7	-16.8	-73.5	-36.8
Non-residential	9.3	19.7	7.2	3.8	-59.1	-80.7	-47.2

3. Licensed boundary walls: The following table shows a comparison between the licenses issued for walls for the Fourth Quarter 2007 with the same period for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006:

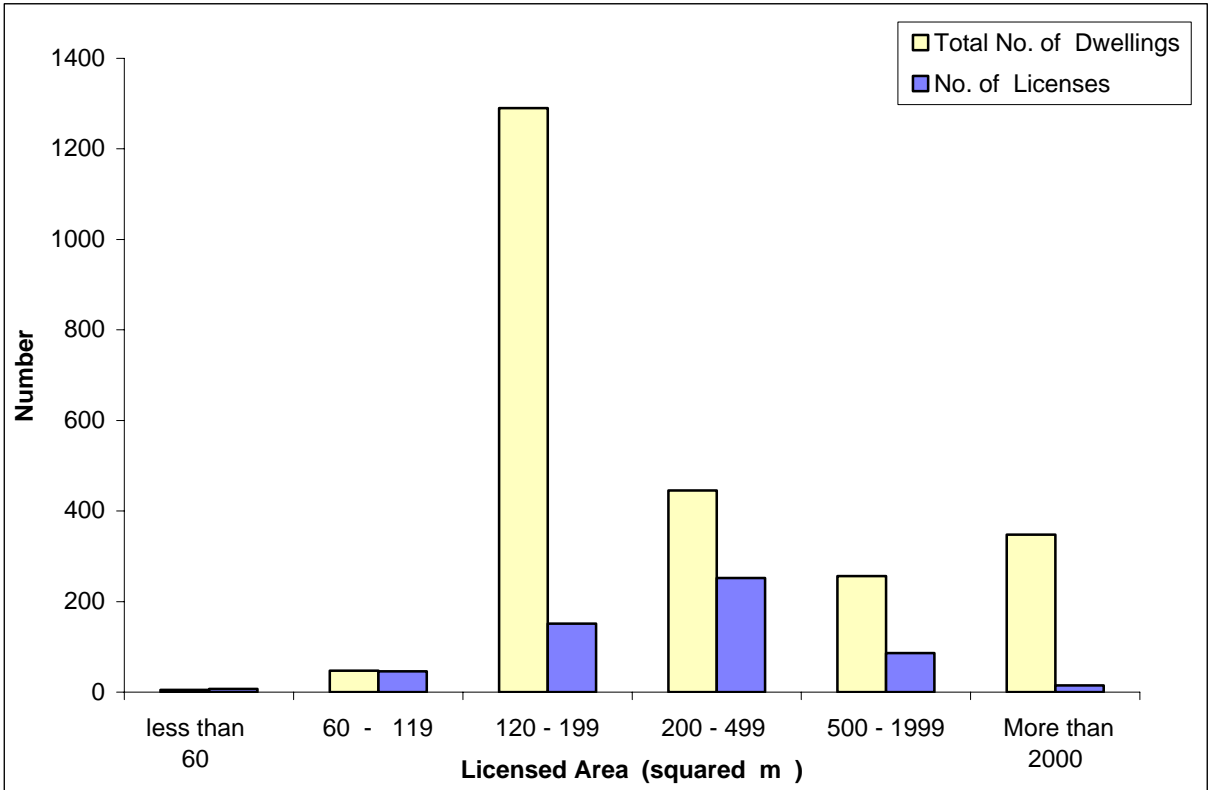
Indicator	Licensed boundary walls				% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2004	% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2005	% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2006
	Q4 2004	Q4 2005	Q4 2006	Q4 2007			
Number of Walls licenses	42	45	41	29	-31.0	-35.6	-29.3
Length of Walls licenses (meters)	3.5	3.7	3.6	2.2	-34.3	-37.8	-36.1

4. Number and area of dwellings licensed: The following table shows a comparison between the number and total area for the licensed dwellings for the Fourth Quarter 2007 and the same period for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006:

Indicator	Number of dwellings and their area				% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2004	% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2005	% Change of Q4 2007 from Q4 2006
	Q4 2004	Q4 2005	Q4 2006	Q4 2007			
Number of new dwellings	2196	2881	1015	2612	18.9	-9.3	157.3
Area for new dwellings (1000 m ²)	314.2	457.9	205.1	286.3	-8.9	-37.5	39.5
Number of existing dwellings	416	1164	442	275	-33.9	-76.4	-37.7
Area for existing dwellings (1000 m ²)	53.5	167.8	70.6	45.0	-15.9	-73.2	-36.3

This figure shows the number of licenses and number of dwellings for new residential buildings by licensed area in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip for the Fourth Quarter of 2007:

Figure 2: Number of Building Licenses and Number of Dwellings for New Residential Buildings in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip by Licensed Area During the Fourth Quarter of 2007



5. Data Quality

5.1 Accuracy of the Data

5.1.1 Statistical Errors

The survey was implemented on the basis of a comprehensive census for all studied statistical units (licenses); therefore this survey was free of statistical (sampling) errors.

5.1.2 Non-Statistical Errors

Non-statistical errors are probable in all stages of the project, during data collection or processing. In this survey it is mostly referred to data entry errors. To avoid errors and reduce their effects, great efforts were made to train data entry staff. They were trained on the entry program that was examined before starting the data entry process, and preparing data entry program before data collection for checking readiness of the program for data entry. A set of validation rules was applied to the program for checking consistency of data. Periodic data files were received by project management for checking accuracy and consistency, and notes of correction were provided for data entry management for correction.

5.2 Comparison of the Data

Comparison exercises were done with previous years' surveys of Building Licenses for the same quarter, and the results reveal consistency with previous survey data.

5.3 Technical Notes

There are important technical notes which should be taken into consideration when reviewing this report, which are as follows:

- Tables exclude building licenses for those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed illegally by Israel in 1967, while they include licenses for some villages of Jerusalem Governorate.
- It may be noticed that the details of the value of some indicators may not add up to its total, due to rounding calculations.

