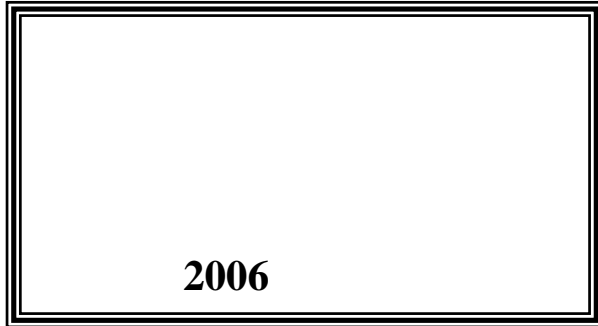


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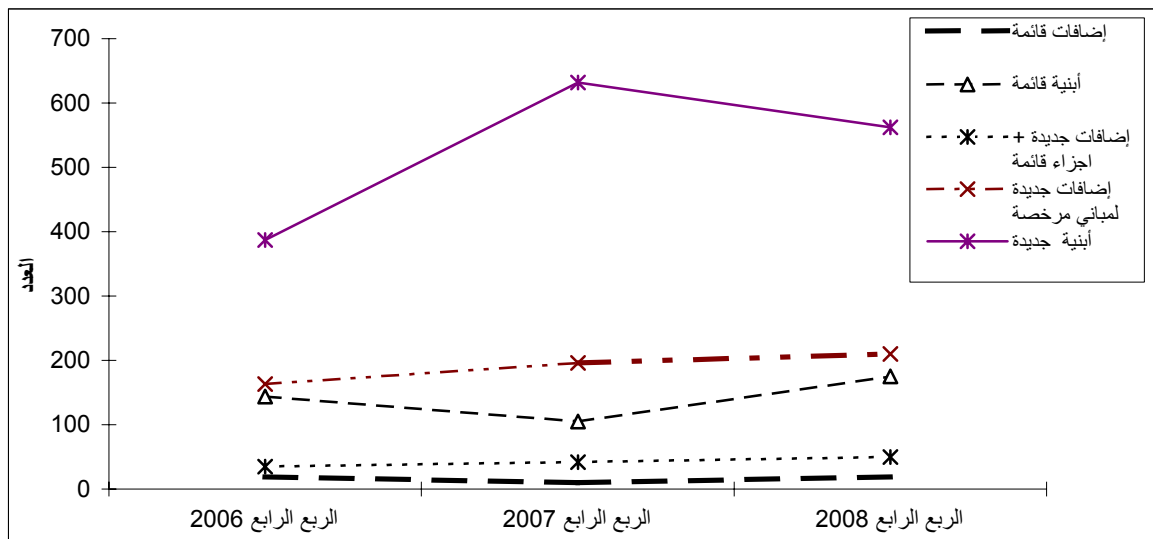
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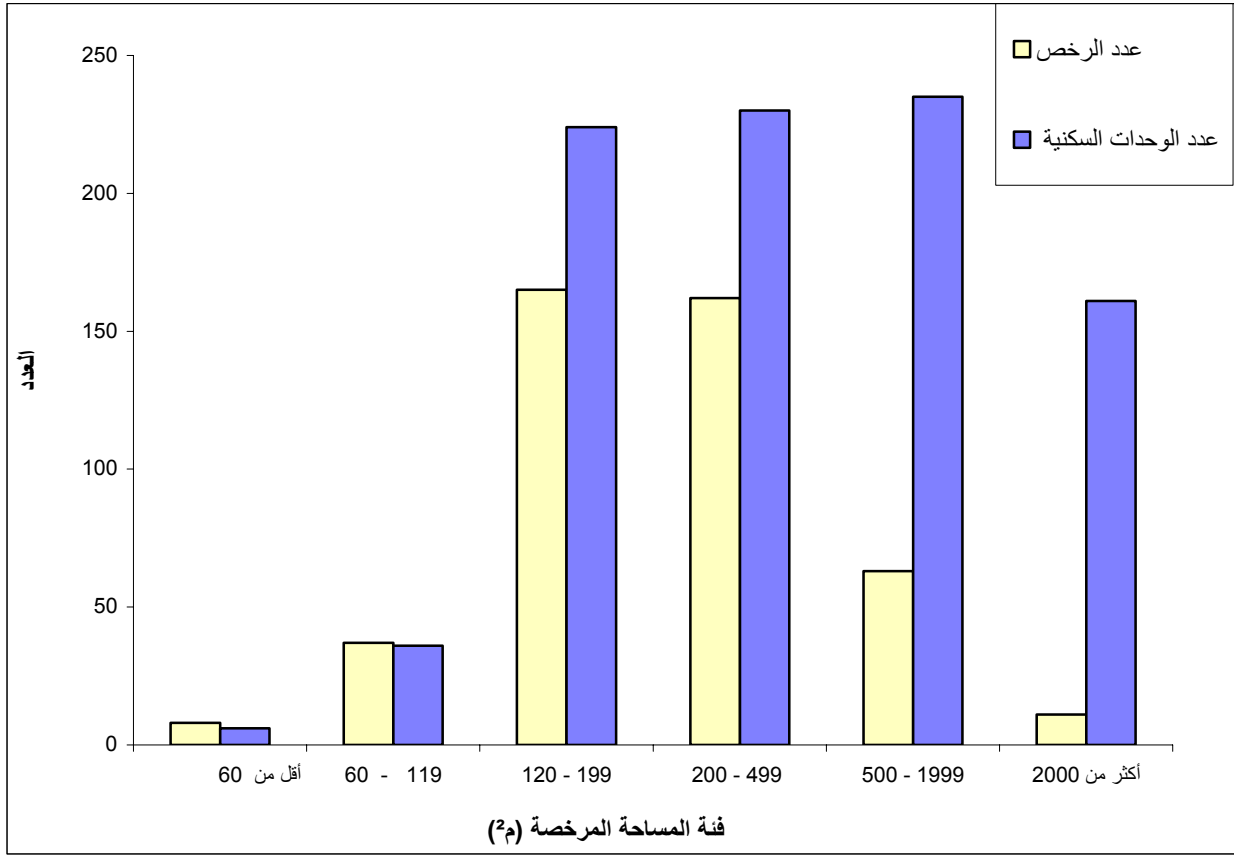
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Table1: Buildings Licenses Issued* in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip During the Period 1998 to the Fourth Quarter 2008

Period	Licensed Dwellings				Licensed Areas (1000m ²)			Number of Licenses						المجموع Total
	Existing Dwellings		New Dwellings		Existing Areas	كافة المساحات الجديدة All New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	أبنية قائمة Existing Building	إضافات جديدة + أجزاء قائمة New Additions + Existing Parts	إضافات جديدة لمباني مرخصة New Additions to Licensed Buildings	أبنية جديدة New Buildings		
	Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Area (1000 m ²)	No.										
1998	387.1	2,735	1,786.7	12,826	469.1	2,505.7	2,974.8	178	1,144	265	2,252	5,117	8,956	1998
1999	439.0	3,675	2,050.6	14,587	554.4	2,860.1	3,414.5	115	1,470	475	2,055	5,803	9,918	1999
2000	383.3	2,730	1,646.1	10,708	482.4	2,457.6	2,940.0	185	1,318	448	1,852	4,498	8,301	2000
2001	256.0	1,847	1,041.9	7,037	341.0	1,633.9	1,974.9	124	774	273	1,181	2,781	5,133	2001
2002	137.6	975	794.3	5,089	171.8	1,080.4	1,252.2	52	554	131	675	1,913	3,325	2002
2003	175.8	1,671	1,234.2	8,152	226.1	1,863.9	2,090.0	99	749	138	1,268	2,981	5,235	2003
2004	161.6	1,229	1,248.6	8,184	222.0	1,803.9	2,025.8	111	706	149	1,113	2,929	5,008	2004
2005	366.7	2,522	1,729.5	10,362	474.2	2,427.4	2,901.6	127	1,469	223	1,293	3,996	7,108	2005
2006	524.2	3,301	1,193.6	6,909	679.2	1,666.9	2,346.1	112	1,894	265	1,087	2,703	6,061	2006
2007														2007
Quarter I	68.0	419	199.8	1,160	92.6	312.2	404.7	20	246	18	255	505	1,044	
Quarter II	67.1	389	238.1	1,597	90.4	360.6	451.0	16	231	40	273	615	1,175	
Quarter III	64.1	567	258.9	2,109	90.3	428.5	518.9	18	209	40	244	696	1,207	
Quarter IIII	45.0	275	286.3	2,612	52.5	347.1	399.6	10	173	42	197	640	1,062	
2008														2008
Quarter I	88.3	414	297.5	1,850	107.0	423.1	530.1	18	191	70	259	690	1,228	
Quarter II	60.7	331	195.2	1,062	75.0	279.8	354.8	16	253	64	208	614	1,155	
Quarter III**	62.5	223	234.3	1,174	74.7	384.1	458.8	21	180	53	254	588	1,096	**
Quarter IIII**	51.6	202	195.5	1,111	81.9	303.6	385.5	19	175	50	210	526	980	**

*Excluding boundary walls licenses

** Data were not available for Gaza Strip

Table2: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank by Building Ownership and Utilization - Fourth Quarter 2008

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	إضافات جديدة + أجزاء قائمة	إضافات جديدة لمباني مرخصة	New Buildings	Total
	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.						New Additions + Existing Parts	New Additions to Licensed Buildings		
Total													
Residential Building	50.8	202	188.9	1097	61.6	208.6	270.2	17	156	48	160	446	827
Non-Res. Building	0.8	0	6.6	14	20.3	95.0	115.3	2	19	2	50	80	153
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.3	3.7	4.1	0	1	2	4	34	41
Private													
Residential Buildings	50.8	202	188.2	1090	61.6	207.9	269.5	17	156	48	159	445	825
Non-Res. Buildings	0.8	0	3.3	14	14.8	69.5	84.2	2	15	1	43	56	117
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.3	3.7	4.1	0	1	2	4	34	41
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	3.3	0	2.4	14.0	16.4	0	1	1	4	8	14
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	2.4	6.7	9.1	0	2	0	3	9	14
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 by Building Ownership and Utilization - Fourth Quarter 2008

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	إضافات جديدة + أجزاء قائمة	إضافات جديدة لمباني مرخصة	New Buildings	Total
	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.						New Additions + Existing Parts	New Additions to Licensed Buildings		
Cooperative													
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	0.4	0.4	0	0	0	0	1	1
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charity													
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.7	7	0.0	0.7	0.7	0	0	0	1	1	2
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.7	4.4	5.1	0	1	0	0	6	7
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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Table 3: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank by Issuing Authority and Utilization - Fourth Quarter 2008

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	إضافات جديدة + أجزاء قائمة	إضافات جديدة لمباني مرخصة	New Buildings	Total
	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.						New Additions + Existing Parts	New Additions to Licensed Buildings		
All Authorities													
Residential Buildings	50.8	202	188.9	1097	61.6	208.6	270.2	17	156	48	160	446	827
Non-Res. Buildings	0.8	0	6.6	14	20.3	95.0	115.3	2	19	2	50	80	153
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.3	3.7	4.1	0	1	2	4	34	41
Municipalities													
Residential Buildings	45.1	169	169.5	923	55.0	187.2	242.2	13	138	41	156	370	718
Non-Res. Buildings	0.8	0	5.9	10	18.0	67.8	85.8	2	16	1	48	66	133
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	3.3	3.4	0	1	1	4	31	37
Rural Councils													
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	2.1	18	0.0	2.4	2.4	0	0	0	0	1	1
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.7	4	0.3	3.6	3.9	0	1	0	0	2	3
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction Authorities													
Residential Buildings	5.8	33	17.3	156	6.6	19.1	25.7	4	18	7	4	75	108
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	2.0	23.6	25.5	0	2	1	2	12	17
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.2	0.4	0.7	0	0	1	0	3	4

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

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Table 4: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2008

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	6	1.1	0.8	6	8	² 60
60- 119 m ²	1.0	4	1.0	1.0	36	37	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.9	10	1.1	1.4	224	165	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.1	27	1.7	1.4	230	162	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.3	23	2.8	3.7	235	63	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	4.1	10	6.4	14.6	161	11	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	2	2	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	1.0	1	1.0	1.0	7	7	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.5	2	1.7	1.8	16	9	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.5	2	2.0	4.0	4	1	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	1.0	1.0	1	1	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	11	11	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.0	0	2.0	1.3	4	3	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	3.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

**Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate—
Fourth Quarter 2008**

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	1.0	1	1	² 60
60-119 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	6	6	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	1.0	1	1.2	1.0	23	23	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.5	2	1.9	1.4	40	28	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	1.0	1	2.5	2.0	12	6	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000
Nablus							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	1	1.0	1.0	1	1	² 60
60- 119 m ²	1.0	2	1.1	0.9	6	7	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.7	3	1.1	0.9	16	17	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	4	1.9	1.3	39	29	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.3	6	4.3	3.7	26	7	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	6.0	3	8.4	18.6	93	5	² 2000
Qalqilya							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	1	² 60
60-119 m ²	1.0	1	1.0	1.0	4	4	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	1.0	3	1.2	1.0	12	12	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.3	3	2.1	1.3	21	16	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	1.0	1	2.3	2.5	10	4	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	4.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

**Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate—
Fourth Quarter 2008**

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	
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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	2	2	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.0	0	1.1	1.1	10	9	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.0	0	1.6	2.2	20	9	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	0.0	0	4.0	4.0	4	1	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	1.0	1	1.5	0.0	0	2	² 60
60-119 m ²	1.0	1	1.0	1.0	3	3	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	0.0	0	1.1	1.0	27	27	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.6	5	1.7	1.3	22	17	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.5	2	3.4	6.0	125	21	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	3.3	3	4.5	12.0	24	2	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	0.0	0.0	0	1	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.0	0	1.7	1.7	5	3	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	1	2.0	2.0	4	2	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 for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate—
Fourth Quarter 2008**

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	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.8	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	6.0	18.0	18	1	² 2000
Bethlehem							
Less than 60 m ²	1.0	3	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	1.0	1	1.0	3.8	80	21	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	2.0	3	1.7	1.4	23	16	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.5	4	2.8	3.3	26	8	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	5.0	1	6.5	13.0	26	2	² 2000
Hebron							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	3	3	² 60
60-119 m ²	0.0	0	1.1	1.1	11	10	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	1.0	1	0.9	0.9	33	35	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.4	7	1.2	1.2	41	33	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.0	3	1.6	1.9	28	15	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	1.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	1	² 2000

Table 5: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate—Fourth Quarter 2008

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	1.9	79.5	65	1.8	2.4	700	141.6	292	
Cement Block	1.2	2.3	12	1.4	1.3	180	28.4	142	
Concrete	1.0	0.7	3	1.1	1.0	12	2.0	12	
Jenin									
Stone	2.3	2.3	3	1.8	2.3	14	2.3	6	
Cement Block	1.0	0.4	2	1.2	1.2	14	2.2	12	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	
Tubas									
Stone	3.0	2.5	1	1.5	1.0	4	0.9	4	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.1	1.1	11	1.6	10	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	
Tulkarm									
Stone	2.3	17.7	16	2.8	3.4	163	39.7	48	
Cement Block	1.0	0.7	3	1.3	1.0	17	2.5	17	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.2	1	
Nablus									
Stone	0.8	1.8	4	1.8	1.3	33	8.5	26	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.3	47	8.1	36	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	2	0.4	2	

Table 5 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate - Fourth Quarter 2008

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	1.8	3.2	4	2.3	2.3	7	2.3	3
Cement Block	1.2	0.8	5	1.6	1.2	41	7.7	34
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Salfit								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.3	1.5	6	0.9	4
Cement Block	1.0	0.0	1	1.5	1.8	30	3.8	17
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Ramallah and Al-Bireh								
Stone	2.3	15.9	9	2.3	3.4	181	33.2	53
Cement Block	2.0	0.4	1	1.3	1.1	13	1.8	12
Concrete	1.0	0.1	2	1.1	1.0	7	1.1	7
Jericho and Al Aghwar								
Stone	1.0	0.3	1	1.0	1.0	2	0.4	2
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.8	1.8	7	0.8	4
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Jerusalem								
Stone	2.8	6.5	4	6.0	18.0	18	2.4	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

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Table 5 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate - Fourth Quarter 2008

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	2.2	8.4	11	1.7	3.3	156	19.5	48	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	1.0	0.6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Hebron									
Stone	0.9	21.1	12	1.2	1.2	116	31.5	97	
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 6 : Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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	0.5	11.3	37	1.5	0.9	104	21.3	116	
Cement Block	1.0	0.3	2	1.1	1.1	49	7.1	44	
Concrete	0.3	0.1	8	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	3	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Jenin									
Stone	2.0	0.6	1	2.6	2.8	14	2.0	5	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.8	1.5	6	0.8	4	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tubas									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	2	0.3	2	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tulkarm									
Stone	0.2	0.6	30	1.4	0.8	62	13.3	80	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	1	1.0	0.3	1	0.3	3	
Concrete	0.3	0.1	8	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	3	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

Table 6 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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	
Nablus									
Stone	2.0	0.5	1	1.8	1.5	6	1.0	4	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.3	1.0	4	0.6	4	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Qalqilya									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	2.0	0.3	1	1.1	1.2	36	4.8	29	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Salfit									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	0.0	0	0.1	1	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	0.0	0	0.1	1	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Ramallah and Al-Birah									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.7	0.0	0	1.0	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	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

Table 6 (Cont.) : Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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	
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	0.0	0.0	0	0.2	1	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Bethlehem									
Stone	2.5	4.7	2	1.0	1.2	14	2.7	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	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Hebron									
Stone	1.0	4.9	3	1.8	1.8	7	1.2	4	
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	
Metal Source	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

Table 7: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Additions and Existing Parts to Unlicensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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	7.0	0.5	1	3.2	1.4	42	7.6	29	
Cement Block	2.0	0.7	1	2.1	1.8	35	5.2	19	
Tubas									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	3.0	1.0	2	0.4	2	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.3	1.8	7	1.0	4	
Tulkarem									
Stone	7.0	0.5	1	2.5	2.0	8	1.1	4	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.1	1.9	26	3.9	14	
Nablus									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	3.3	1.4	32	6.1	23	
Cement Block	2.0	0.7	1	2.0	2.0	2	0.3	1	

Table 8: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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	1.0	17.4	15	1.0	0.9	109	44.7	121	
Cement Block	0.8	0.8	5	1.5	1.4	63	11.4	46	
Concrete	1.0	1.7	1	1.3	0.8	5	0.8	6	
Jenin									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.3	1	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.5	33	6.8	22	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tubas									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	3.5	2.5	5	1.0	2	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.0	2	0.3	2	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.3	1.0	3	0.4	3	
Tulkarm									
Stone	1.8	4.6	6	1.6	0.6	7	1.2	11	
Cement Block	1.0	0.3	1	1.2	0.5	3	0.6	6	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	0.5	1	0.3	2	
Nablus									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	2.0	6	0.9	3	
Cement Block	1.0	0.3	2	1.6	1.5	12	1.9	8	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	

Table 8 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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	0.5	0.1	2	2.0	1.7	12	1.7	7
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	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
Ramallah and Al-Bireh								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.9	1.9	19	3.9	10
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
Jerusalem								
Stone	1.0	0.3	1	2.0	2.0	2	0.3	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
Bethlehem								
Stone	0.5	0.5	2	2.0	1.8	7	1.3	4
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Concrete	1.0	1.7	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0

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Table 8 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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
Hebron								
Stone	0.3	12.0	6	0.7	0.7	62	35.7	89
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 9: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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	60.2	203.5	263.8	5	156	36	100	439	736
Extension of Rooms	0.1	1.7	1.8	0	0	2	17	3	22
Other Extensions	0.1	1.1	1.2	2	0	3	13	1	19
Other	1.3	2.3	3.5	10	0	7	30	3	50
Jenin									
Complete Dwellings	7.1	7.4	14.5	1	22	0	9	19	51
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
Tubas									
Complete Dwellings	1.9	4.2	6.1	0	7	6	3	15	31
Extension of Rooms	0.1	0.0	0.1	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
Tulkarm									
Complete Dwellings	3.0	57.6	60.6	0	9	18	40	64	131
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.3	0.3	0	0	0	5	0	5
Other Extensions	0.0	0.4	0.4	1	0	0	9	0	10
Other	1.0	2.1	3.2	9	0	6	29	2	46

Table 9 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2008

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	5.2	21.0	26.1	0	10	12	8	64	94
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	2	0	0	2
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.1	1	0	3	0	0	4
Other	0.2	0.0	0.2	1	0	1	0	0	2
Qalqilya									
Complete Dwellings	1.7	14.8	16.4	0	7	0	28	37	72
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	1	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
Salfit									
Complete Dwellings	0.1	4.7	4.8	0	1	0	0	21	22
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	2	0	2
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
Ramallah & Al- Bireh									
Complete Dwellings	3.9	35.8	39.7	0	10	0	0	69	79
Extension of Rooms	0.0	1.0	1.0	0	0	0	6	3	9
Other Extensions	0.0	0.4	0.4	0	0	0	3	0	3
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 for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate— Fourth Quarter 2008

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	0.0	1.1	1.1	0	0	0	0	5	5
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Extensions	0.0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jerusalem									
Complete Dwellings	0.3	2.4	2.7	0	1	0	0	1	2
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	1.3	21.8	23.1	0	4	0	8	47	59
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	3	0	3
Other Extensions	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hebron									
Complete Dwellings	35.7	32.8	68.5	4	85	0	4	97	190
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

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Table 10: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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	15.8	2	1.7	16.5	18.1	0	0	1	0	5	6
Commercial	33.2	221	11.2	36.3	47.5	1	2	10	6	42	61
Educational	3.0	0	4.5	18.1	22.5	1	0	2	4	10	17
Health	0.2	0	0.0	1.3	1.3	0	0	0	0	3	3
Others	9.4	7	2.9	22.8	25.7	0	0	6	40	20	66
Jenin											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	0.3	8	0.0	0.9	0.9	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	0.9	0.9	0	0	0	0	1	1
Others	0.0	0	0.0	1.4	1.4	0	0	0	1	3	4
Tubas											
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	2.5	2.5	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	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 10 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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
Tulkarm											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Commercial	10.2	86	0.5	10.8	11.2	0	1	3	5	10	19
Educational	0.0	0	4.5	2.5	7.0	1	0	2	0	2	5
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.3	4.1	4.4	0	0	1	37	6	44
Nablus											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	2.0	22	0.4	2.0	2.4	1	1	1	0	3	6
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	1	0	1
Qalqilya											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	0.7	8	0.1	0.8	0.9	0	0	1	0	4	5
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	2.4	2.4	0	0	0	1	1	2
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	1.2	1.2	0	0	1	0	4	5

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Table 10 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

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	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	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
Ramallah and Al-Bireh											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	8.6	51	0.0	9.5	9.5	0	0	0	0	7	7
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.7	0.7	0	0	0	0	3	3
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	1.4	6	0.0	6.2	6.2	0	0	0	0	2	2
Jericho and Al Aghwar											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	0.3	6	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

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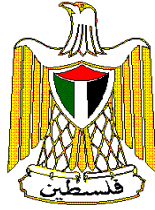
Governorate & Utilization	Stores		(^) Licensed Areas (1000 m ²)			Number of Issued Licenses					
	(^ 1000) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
Jerusalem											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	3.2	33	0.3	3.7	4.0	0	0	1	0	2	3
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	2.8	2.8	0	0	0	0	2	2
Bethlehem											
Industrial	2.4	2	1.7	1.1	2.7	0	0	1	0	3	4
Commercial	4.6	2	0.0	4.6	4.6	0	0	0	1	5	6
Educational	1.4	0	0.0	1.4	1.4	0	0	0	0	1	1
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	6.7	1	0.5	6.6	7.2	0	0	2	1	3	6
Hebron											
Industrial	13.3	0	0.0	13.3	13.3	0	0	0	0	1	1
Commercial	3.3	4	9.9	3.8	13.7	0	0	4	0	8	12
Educational	1.6	0	0.0	8.6	8.6	0	0	0	3	2	5
Health	0.2	0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Others	1.3	0	2.1	0.0	2.1	0	0	2	0	0	2

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Table 11: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Boundary Walls Only by Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2008

Governorate	Existing and Existing Additions		New and New Additions		
	(.) Total Length (1000 m.r)	Number	(.) Total Length (1000 m.r)	Number	
All Governorates	0.4	2	3.7	39	
Jenin	0.0	0	0.2	3	
Tulkarm	0.2	1	2.0	20	
Nablus	0.2	1	0.6	4	
Qalqilya	0.0	0	0.2	2	
Ramallah and Al-Bireh	0.0	0	0.6	7	
Bethlehem	0.0	0	0.1	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 Remaining West Bank for the Fourth Quarter 2008, but Gaza Strip data not available.

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 in Remaining West Bank for the Fourth Quarter 2008 .

The main findings of this quarter are as follow:

1. Number of licenses:

The number of building licenses issued in the Fourth Quarter 2008 totaled 980 and distributed as follows:

- 526 licenses for new buildings
- 210 licenses for new additions to licensed existing buildings
- 50 licenses for new additions and existing parts
- 175 licenses for existing buildings
- 19 licenses for existing extensions

2. Licensed areas:

The total areas of licensed buildings (residential & non residential) amounted to 385.5 thousand m² distributed as follows:

- 303.6 thousand m² for new buildings areas, of which 208.6 thousand m² are residential and 95.0 thousand m² non-residential.
- 81.9 thousand m² for existing buildings areas, of which 61.6 thousand m² are residential and 20.3 thousand m² non-residential.

3. Licensed boundary walls:

41 licenses issued for walls with total length of 4.1 thousand meters.

4. Number and area of dwellings licensed:

- New dwellings: 1,111 units with a total area of 195.1 thousand m².
- Existing dwellings: 202 units with a total area of 51.6 thousand m².

There was a decline in the total number of issued buildings licenses for the fourth quarter of 2008 compared with the fourth quarter in 2007 ; the decline was 0.5% , on the other hand there was an increase in the total number of issued buildings licenses by 31.0% when the results of the fourth quarter 2008 were compared with the fourth quarter 2006.

The results showed that in the fourth quarter 2008 the number of new dwellings decreased by 57.3% compared with the same quarter of 2007. On the other hand There was a 12.2% increase in the number of new dwellings when the fourth quarter 2008 was compared with the same 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 buildings licenses issued by official parties. Building license statistics are compiled by most countries. In addition to its own importance, buildings licenses 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:

1.1 Statistical Unit:

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

1.2 Building Ownership:

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

1.3 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.

1.4 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, except for those parts of Jerusalem Governorate that were annexed after 1967 occupation by Israel.

4. Main Findings

1. Number of licenses: The following table shows comparison between the number of buildings licenses for the Fourth Quarter 2008 with the same period for the years 2006-2007:

Indicator	No. of issued Licenses*			% Change of Q4 2008 from Q4 2006	% Change of Q4 2008 from Q4 2007
	Q4 2006	Q4 2007	Q4 2008		
Licenses for new buildings.	387	632	526	35.9	-16.8
Licenses for additions to licensed buildings.	163	196	210	28.8	7.1
Licenses for additions + existing parts.	35	42	50	42.9	19.0
Licenses for existing buildings.	144	105	175	21.5	66.7
Licenses for existing extensions	19	10	19	0.0	90.0
Total	748	985	980	31.0	-0.5

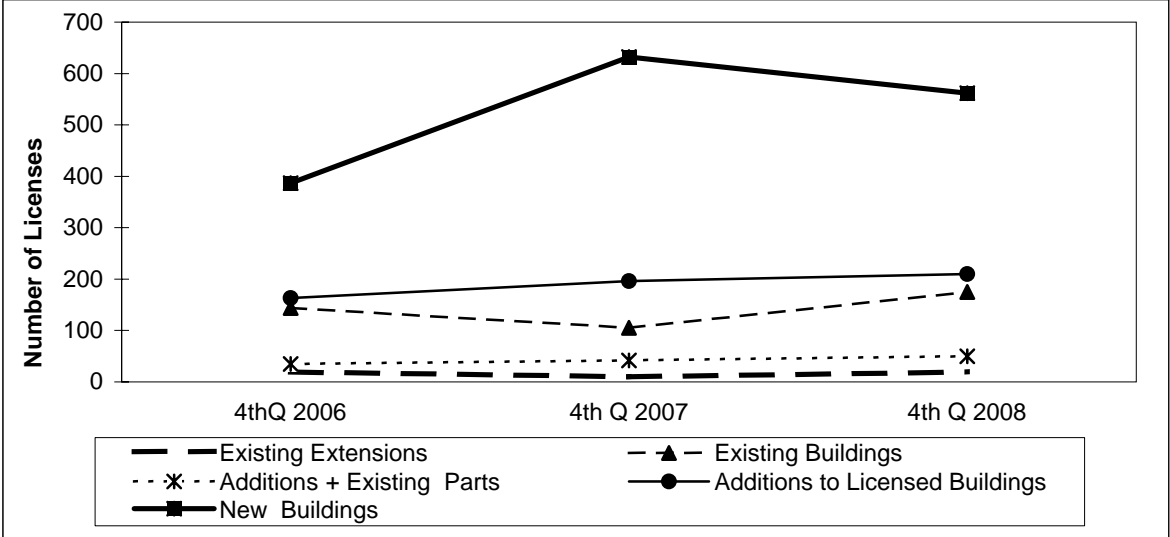
*Excluding boundary wall licenses

The results showed a drop for buildings licenses indicators during the fourth quarter 2008 compared with the fourth quarter 2007, despite some vacillation in some indicators, compared with same period or pervious quarters for the same years.

There was a decline in the total number of issued building licenses when the fourth quarter of 2008 was compared with the fourth quarter 2007; the decline was 0.5%, on the other hand total number of issued building licenses were increased by 31.0% in the fourth quarter 2008 compared to the fourth quarter 2006.

The following figure shows the number of building licenses issued in Remaining West Bank – 2006-2008 (Fourth Quarter):

Figure 1: Number of Building Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for the Fourth Quarter 2006 – 2008



2. Licensed areas: The following table shows comparison between the licensed areas for the Fourth Quarter 2008 with the same period for the years 2006-2007:

Indicator	Licensed Areas (1000 m ²)			% Change of Q4 2008 from Q4 2006	% Change of Q4 2008 from Q4 2007
	Q4 2006	Q4 2007	Q4 2008		
Total areas	691.0	772.7	385.6	-44.2	-50.1
New areas	276.0	344.2	303.6	10.0	-11.8
Residential	221.5	301.7	208.6	-5.8	-30.9
Non-residential	54.5	42.5	95.0	74.3	123.5
Existing areas	69.5	42.1	81.9	17.8	94.5
Residential	64.6	38.4	61.6	-4.6	60.4
Non-residential	4.9	3.7	20.3	314.3	448.6

3. Licensed boundary walls: The following table shows comparison between the licenses issued for walls for the Fourth Quarter 2008 with the same period for the years 2006-2007:

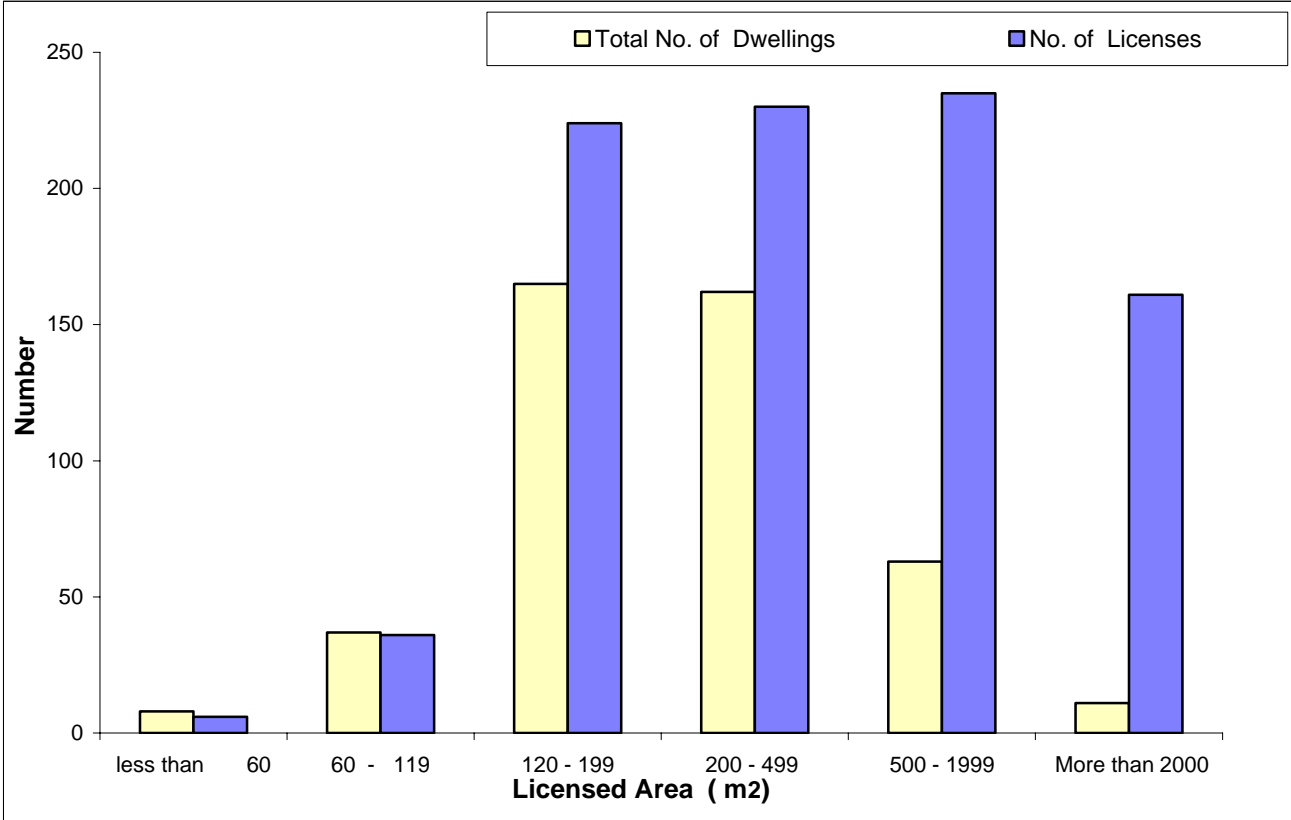
Indicator	Licensed boundary walls			% Change of Q4 2008 from Q4 2006	% Change of Q4 2008 from Q4 2007
	Q4 2006	Q4 2007	Q4 2008		
Number of Walls licenses	41	29	41	0.0	41.4
Length of Walls licenses (meters)	3.6	2.2	4.1	13.9	86.4

4. Number and area of dwellings licensed: The following table shows comparison between the number and total area for the licensed dwellings for the Fourth Quarter 2008 and the same period for the years 2006- 2007:

Indicator	Number of dwellings and their area			% Change of Q4 2008 from Q4 2006	% Change of Q4 2008 from Q4 2007
	Q4 2006	Q4 2007	Q4 2008		
Number of new dwellings	990	2,602	1,111	12.2	-57.3
Area for new dwellings (1000 m ²)	201.1	284.2	195.1	-3.0	-31.4
Number of existing dwellings	345	186	202	-41.4	8.6
Area for existing dwellings (1000 m ²)	57.3	34.6	51.6	-9.9	49.1

This figure shows the number of licenses and number of dwellings for new residential buildings by licensed area in Remaining West Bank for the Fourth Quarter of 2008:

Figure 2: Number of Building Licenses and Number of Dwellings for New Residential Buildings in Remaining West Bank by Licensed Area During the Fourth Quarter of 2008



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.
- Data were not available for Gaza Strip.