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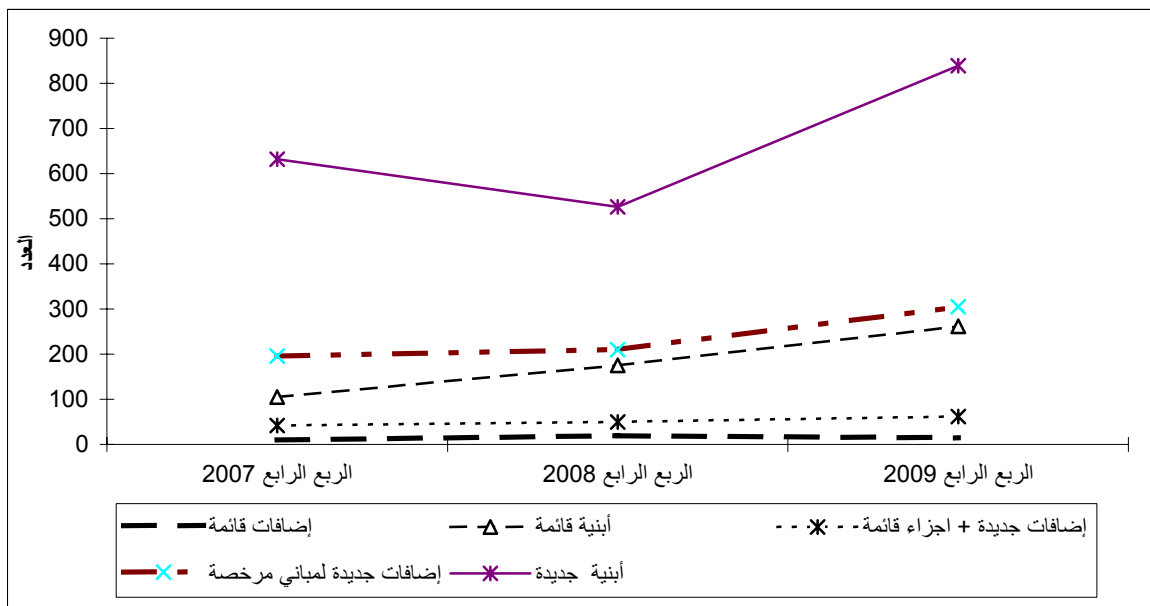
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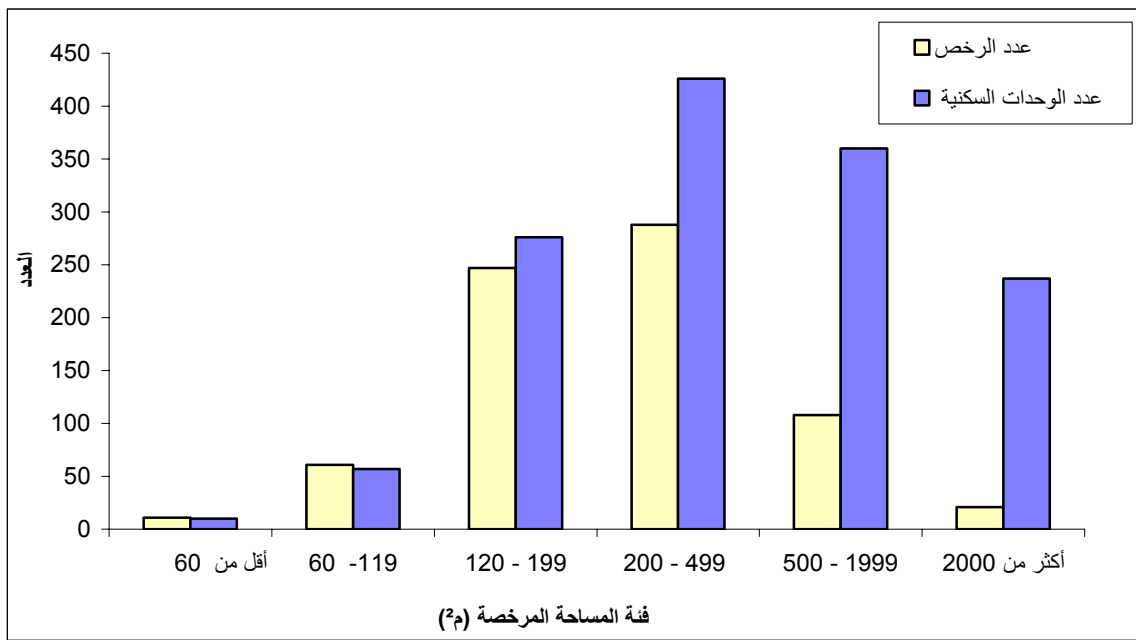
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Table 1: Buildings Licenses Issued* in the West Bank** and Gaza Strip During the Period 1999- 2009

Period	Licensed Dwellings				(²) Licensed Areas (1000m²)			Number of Licenses						
	Existing Dwellings		New Dwellings		Existing Areas	All New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Building	+ New Additions + Existing Parts	New Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total	
	(²) Area (1000 m²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m²)	No.										
1999	439.0	3,675	2,050.6	14,587	554	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	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	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	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	1,863.9	2,090.0	99	749	138	1,268	2,981	5,235	2003
2004	161.6	1,229	1,248.6	8,184	222	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.	2,427.4	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	1,666.9	2,346.1	112	1,894	265	1,087	2,703	6,061	2006
2007	244.2	1,650	983.1	7,478	325	1,448.4	1,774.2	64	859	140	969	2,456	4,488	2007
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 IV***	51.6	202	195.5	1,111	81.9	303.6	385.5	19	175	50	210	526	980	***
2009														2009
Quarter I ***	74.3	261	245.6	1,266	107.4	361.8	469.2	24	229	63	254	649	1,219	***
Quarter II ***	85.6	322	311.2	1,485	107.0	415.9	522.9	27	266	57	240	719	1,309	***
Quarter III***	88.5	495	241.4	1,311	128.2	382.0	510.3	20	348	55	266	607	1,296	***
Quarter IV***	74.5	423	297.8	1,668	93.2	500.5	593.7	14	262	62	305	839	1,482	***

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Table 2: Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* by Building Ownership and Utilization - Fourth Quarter 2009

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	+ New Additions + Existing Parts	New Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total	
	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.										
Total														
Residential Building	74.3	422	296.5	1659	80.3	349.0	429.3	14	235	61	250	736	1296	
Non-Res. Building	0.2	1	1.3	9	12.9	151.5	164.4	0	27	1	55	103	186	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	5.2	5.3	0	2	1	2	57	62	
Private														
Residential Buildings	74.3	422	295.2	1652	80.3	347.6	427.9	14	235	61	249	731	1290	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.2	1	1.1	8	10.9	104.3	115.1	0	25	0	50	75	150	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	5.2	5.3	0	2	1	2	57	62	
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	2.1	29.8	31.8	0	2	1	5	14	22	
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	0.2	1	0.0	4.0	4.0	0	0	0	0	6	6	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Table 2 (cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* by Building Ownership and Utilization - Fourth Quarter 2009

Building Ownership	Licensed Dwellings				** () 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 New Additions + Existing Parts	New Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total	
	() Area (1000 m ²)	No.	() Area (1000 m ²)	No.										
Corporative														
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	1.3	7	0.0	1.3	1.3	0	0	0	0	5	5	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5.4	5.4	0	0	0	0	2	2	
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	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5.3	5.3	0	0	0	0	4	4	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other														
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2.7	2.7	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Table 3: Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* by Issuing Authority and Utilization - Fourth Quarter 2009

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	+ New Additions + Existing Parts	New Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total	
	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.										
All Authorities														
Residential Buildings	74.3	422	296.5	1659	80.3	349.0	429.3	14	235	61	250	736	1296	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.2	1	1.3	9	12.9	151.5	164.4	0	27	1	55	103	186	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	5.2	5.3	0	2	1	2	57	62	
Municipalities														
Residential Buildings	63.0	345	259.0	1422	68.6	309.8	378.4	13	193	48	243	594	1091	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.2	1	1.1	8	11.2	128.2	139.4	0	22	1	53	83	159	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.1	4.5	4.6	0	2	1	2	52	57	
Rural Councils														
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	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Construction Authorities														
Residential Buildings	11.2	77	37.5	237	11.7	39.2	50.9	1	42	13	7	142	205	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.2	1	1.8	23.2	25.0	0	5	0	2	20	27	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.7	0.7	0	0	0	0	5	5	

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Table 4: Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate- Fourth Quarter 2009

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	
All Governorates							
Less than 60 m ²	0.8	5	1.0	0.9	10	11	² 60
60- 119 m ²	1.0	13	1.0	0.9	57	61	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	1.0	10	1.1	1.1	276	247	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.4	26	1.8	1.5	426	288	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.7	22	3.1	3.3	360	108	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	5.1	27	6.6	11.3	237	21	² 2000
Jenin							
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	2	2	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	0.0	0	1.3	1.2	21	17	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.7	3	1.5	1.6	28	18	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.0	2	2.3	3.0	12	4	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	3.5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000
Tubas							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	1	² 60
60- 119 m ²	2.0	1	1.0	1.0	5	5	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	1.0	2	1.3	1.1	17	16	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	2.0	1	1.8	1.3	15	12	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.0	2	3.0	5.0	5	1	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

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Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2009

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	1.0	2	1.0	1.0	6	6	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	1.0	1	1.2	1.0	31	31	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	2.3	3	1.8	1.5	60	40	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	0.0	0	2.6	3.6	40	11	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	4.0	1	7.0	14.0	14	1	² 2000
Nablus							
Less than 60 m ²	0.5	2	1.0	0.5	1	2	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.8	4	1.3	0.8	5	6	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	1.0	1	1.1	1.1	31	29	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.1	9	2.0	1.4	62	43	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	3.2	5	3.2	3.2	58	18	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	4.0	5	7.3	12.3	49	4	² 2000
Qalqilya							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	2	2	² 60
60-119 m ²	1.0	2	1.0	1.0	9	9	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	1.0	2	1.1	1.0	21	21	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	1	1.8	1.7	52	31	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	4.0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

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Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2009

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	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	9	9	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	1.0	1	1.4	1.2	21	17	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.0	0	2.1	2.1	37	18	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	4.0	1	3.0	5.5	11	2	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	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60-119 m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	9	9	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	0.0	0	1.1	1.4	36	26	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	2.0	3	1.7	1.5	54	35	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	5.0	2	3.6	3.8	151	40	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	7.0	7	6.8	11.7	140	12	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	0	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	6	6	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.0	0	1.5	1.5	15	10	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	0.0	0	1.5	1.0	2	2	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

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Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2009

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	
Jarusalem							
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	4	4	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.0	0	2.0	2.0	2	1	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	0.0	0	3.7	5.3	16	3	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	1.0	1.0	1	1	² 60
60- 119 m ²	1.0	4	1.0	1.0	5	5	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.0	0	1.0	2.4	17	7	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	1	1.5	1.5	43	29	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.0	5	3.0	3.4	48	14	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	6.8	4	4.0	5.5	11	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	1.0	0.7	6	9	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	1.0	3	1.1	1.0	71	73	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	5	1.8	1.1	58	51	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.3	4	2.8	1.3	17	13	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	3.8	6	6.5	11.5	23	2	² 2000

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Table 5: Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2009.

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	2.9	130.5	80	2.0	2.1	1012	242.5	488
Cement Block	1.2	6.8	19	1.5	1.4	328	51.3	235
Concrete	1.0	2.5	4	1.2	2.0	26	2.4	13
Jenin								
Stone	2.5	5.2	4	1.5	1.6	48	8.1	30
Cement Block	3.0	2.4	1	1.5	1.4	15	2.1	11
Concrete	1.5	1.4	2	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1
Tubas								
Stone	2.5	1.4	2	1.6	1.1	8	1.7	7
Cement Block	1.3	1.1	4	1.5	1.3	35	5.5	28
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Tulkarm								
Stone	3.0	3.1	3	2.0	2.3	53	10.9	23
Cement Block	1.3	0.8	4	1.6	1.5	93	15.8	63
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.5	6	1.0	4
Nablus								
Stone	2.4	26.3	20	2.4	2.3	174	50.5	77
Cement Block	0.8	1.0	5	1.3	1.3	32	4.5	25
Concrete	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0

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Table 5 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate - Fourth Quarter 2009

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	2.5	4.7	4	1.7	1.7	15	2.8	9
Cement Block	1.3	1.4	4	1.4	1.3	69	10.2	54
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Salfit								
Stone	4.0	1.6	1	1.9	2.1	15	2.1	7
Cement Block	1.0	0.2	1	1.6	1.6	63	8.7	39
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Ramallah and Al-Bireh								
Stone	4.8	34.4	14	2.8	3.3	367	89.6	111
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.3	1.3	4	0.4	3
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.1	2.4	19	1.2	8
Jericho and Al Aghwar								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	6	1.8	6
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.4	17	4.0	12
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Jarusalem								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	2.6	23	3.5	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

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Table 5 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate - Fourth Quarter 2009

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	2.9	35.6	15	1.8	2.2	125	26.9	58	
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	2.3	18.3	17	1.5	1.2	178	44.6	151	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	1.0	1.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 6 : Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate— Fourth Quarter 2009

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	8.0	48	1.4	0.9	184	36.4	203	
Cement Block	1.5	2.5	6	1.4	1.1	50	6.5	44	
Concrete	0.0	0.3	1	1.0	1.0	3	0.4	3	
Jenin									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.4	11	1.9	8	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.1	9	1.1	8	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tubas									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	2.8	11	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	
Tulkarm									
Stone	1.0	0.3	1	1.5	1.0	4	0.7	4	
Cement Block	2.0	1.1	2	1.6	1.0	5	0.5	5	
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 the West Bank* for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2009

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	0.2	1.4	39	1.2	0.5	62	15.1	121	
Cement Block	1.0	0.7	2	0.8	0.8	3	0.4	4	
Concrete	0.0	0.3	1	1.0	2.0	2	0.3	1	
Qalqilya									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.2	1	
Cement Block	1.0	0.1	1	1.4	1.2	23	3.4	20	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Salfit									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	
Cement Block	2.0	0.6	1	1.5	1.5	9	1.1	6	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Ramallah and Al-Birah									
Stone	2.8	4.4	4	1.9	1.5	56	12.5	37	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	0.5	1	0.1	2	

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Table 6 (Cont.) : Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2009

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	1.0	0.4	1	1.0	0.5	1	0.0	2	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.0	1	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Bethlehem									
Stone	1.0	1.2	2	1.5	1.5	34	4.2	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	
Hebron									
Stone	1.0	0.3	1	1.7	1.0	3	0.5	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	

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Table 7: Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for New Additions and Existing Parts to Unlicensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate— Fourth Quarter 2009

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	5.0	1.5	1	2.5	1.0	26	6.1	26	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.2	1.8	61	9.0	34	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	
Tubas									
Stone	5.0	1.5	1	3.7	1.0	3	0.7	3	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.3	4	0.8	3	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tulkarem									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.6	1.8	9	2.3	5	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.3	1.9	45	6.3	24	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Nablus									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.3	0.8	14	3.0	18	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.3	1.5	6	1.0	4	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1	
Qalqilya									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	2.0	6	0.8	3	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 8: Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate– Fourth Quarter 2009

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	1.7	10.9	20	1.9	1.7	265	55.4	153
Cement Block	1.1	1.4	7	1.6	1.3	122	18.9	92
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.8	0.8	3	0.5	4
Jenin								
Stone	1.0	0.2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.5	17	2.5	11
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Tubas								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.2	7	1.2	6
Cement Block	1.0	0.1	1	1.2	1.2	19	2.8	16
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Tulkarm								
Stone	1.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Cement Block	1.0	0.3	3	1.6	1.2	31	4.5	25
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Nablus								
Stone	1.0	0.4	3	1.9	1.3	21	4.5	16
Cement Block	1.0	0.5	1	1.5	1.4	18	2.7	13
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	2	0.3	2

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Table 8 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate— Fourth Quarter 2009

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	1.9	2.0	14	2.0	7
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Salfit								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.0	1	0.3	1
Cement Block	1.5	0.5	2	1.9	1.2	23	4.4	20
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Ramallah and Al-Bireh								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.5	4.0	113	15.6	28
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	1.5	0.4	2	4.2	5.2	31	5.9	6
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	3.0	3.1	2	1.5	2.7	32	4.2	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

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Table 8 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate— Fourth Quarter 2009

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	1.8	6.8	11	1.6	0.7	60	23.7	84
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	0.2	1

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Table 9: Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate – Fourth Quarter 2009

Governorate	(²) Licensed Areas (000 m²)			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	79.2	341.8	421.0	8	235	45	145	732	1165
Extension of Rooms	0.1	2.2	2.4	0	0	3	20	1	24
Other Extensions	0.0	1.4	1.4	1	0	7	22	1	31
Other	1.0	3.6	4.6	5	0	6	63	2	76
Jenin									
Complete Dwellings	2.5	13.2	15.6	0	11	0	12	42	65
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	2	0	2
Other Extensions	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	2	0	2
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tubas									
Complete Dwellings	4.2	9.6	13.8	0	22	6	3	35	66
Extension of Rooms	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0.1	0.0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulkarm									
Complete Dwellings	7.1	33.1	40.3	1	23	24	7	90	145
Extension of Rooms	0.0	1.0	1.0	0	0	2	2	0	4
Other Extensions	0.0	0.1	0.1	1	0	3	0	0	4
Other	0.7	0.0	0.7	1	0	0	0	0	1

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Table 9 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate – Fourth Quarter 2009

Governorate	(²) Licensed Areas (000 m²)			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	8.8	69.7	78.5	0	27	12	49	100	188
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.2	0.2	0	0	1	3	1	5
Other Extensions	0.0	0.4	0.4	0	0	4	11	1	16
Other	0.2	2.9	3.2	4	0	6	63	0	73
Qalqilya									
Complete Dwellings	2.5	17.0	19.4	0	7	3	21	63	94
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
Salfit									
Complete Dwellings	4.6	11.3	15.9	0	21	0	7	44	72
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	0.6	0.6	0	0	0	0	2	2
Ramallah & Al- Bireh									
Complete Dwellings	15.6	102.4	118.0	0	28	0	21	122	171
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.8	0.8	0	0	0	9	0	9
Other Extensions	0.0	0.7	0.7	0	0	0	9	0	9
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 9 (Cont): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate - Fourth Quarter 2009

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	5.8	5.8	0	0	0	0	18	18
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	3	0	3
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	5.9	3.5	9.4	0	6	0	0	9	15
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	4.2	31.1	35.3	0	12	0	22	58	92
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
Hebron									
Complete Dwellings	23.9	45.1	69.0	7	78	0	3	151	239
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 the West Bank* for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate - Fourth Quarter 2009

Governorate & Utilization	Stores		(²) Licensed Areas (1000 m²)			Number of Issued Licenses					
	(² 1000) Area (1000 m²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
All Governorates											
Industrial	5.0	8	1.5	9.1	10.6	0	1	0	3	8	12
Commercial	78.2	295	7.4	75.2	82.7	0	22	1	15	54	92
Educational	0.0	0	1.4	47.0	48.5	0	2	0	2	23	27
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	1
Others	0.4	2	2.6	19.6	22.2	0	2	0	35	17	54
Jenin											
Industrial	0.8	6	0.0	0.8	0.8	0	0	0	0	2	2
Commercial	0.8	8	0.2	0.6	0.8	0	1	0	0	1	2
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	7.6	7.6	0	0	0	0	4	4
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	2.7	37	0.1	2.6	2.7	0	1	1	0	4	6
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	1
Others	0.0	0	0.6	0.3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1

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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	0.6	0.6	0	0	0	1	0	1
Commercial	0.9	24	0.3	0.6	0.9	0	4	0	0	4	8
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	3.0	3.0	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	1.0	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Nablus											
Industrial	0.3	1	0.0	0.7	0.7	0	0	0	0	2	2
Commercial	5.0	49	0.9	5.9	6.8	0	4	0	12	13	29
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	17.8	17.8	0	0	0	1	7	8
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	5.3	5.3	0	0	0	29	4	33
Qalqilya											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	3.3	22	0.0	3.3	3.3	0	0	0	1	6	7
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	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 10 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in the West Bank* for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate - Fourth Quarter 2009

Governorate & Utilization	Stores		Licensed Areas (1000 m ²)			Number of Issued Licenses					
	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	0.5	10	0.5	0.2	0.7	0	2	0	0	1	3
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	0.6	0.6	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ramallah and Al-Bireh											
Industrial	0.5	1	0.0	4.5	4.5	0	0	0	2	1	3
Commercial	33.1	115	0.0	33.4	33.4	0	0	0	1	11	12
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	0.9	0.9	0	0	0	1	2	3
Jericho and Al Aghwar											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	0.4	1	0.0	0.4	0.4	0	0	0	1	0	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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Jerusalem											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	0.4	3	0.4	0.0	0.4	0	2	0	0	0	2
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	3.4	0	1.5	2.4	3.9	0	1	0	0	3	4
Commercial	24.1	2	0.0	24.5	24.5	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	0.4	2	1.6	9.9	11.5	0	1	0	2	6	9
Hebron											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	7.1	24	5.0	3.7	8.8	0	8	0	0	8	16
Educational	0.0	0	1.4	14.2	15.6	0	2	0	0	8	10
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.3	1.6	1.9	0	1	0	1	2	4

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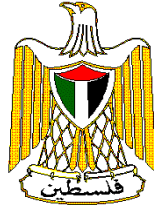
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Governorate	Existing and Existing Additions		New and New Additions		
	(.) Total Length (1000 m.r)	Number	(.) Total Length (1000 m.r)	Number	
All Governorates	0.1	2	5.2	60	
Jenin	0.0	0	0.6	3	
Tubas	0.0	0	0.1	1	
Tulkarm	0.0	0	2.2	14	
Nablus	0.1	2	1.4	29	
Qalqilya	0.0	0	0.2	2	
Ramallah and Al-Bireh	0.0	0	0.2	5	
Bethlehem	0.0	0	0.4	5	
Hebron	0.0	0	0.2	1	

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Important Note

- It should be noted that obtaining data from Gaza Strip was not possible for the report of Building Licenses Q4 of 2009.
- Data for the West Bank does not include those parts of Jerusalem Governorate which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

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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.

It has been necessary for PCBS to establish a 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 West Bank for the Fourth Quarter 2009, Gaza Strip data was not available.

Statistical data is currently collected through filling the designated form from the administrative records of the different official licenses issuing authorities. This has been initiated on a 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 by the issuing authorities will be developed, in the foreseeable future, in a manner that would reduce the cost and time needed for preparing these statistics.

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Executive Summary

This report covers data in the West Bank for the Fourth Quarter 2009.

The main findings of this quarter are as follows:

1. Number of licenses:

The number of building licenses issued in the Fourth Quarter 2009 totaled 1,482 and was distributed as follows:

- 839 licenses for new buildings.
- 305 licenses for new additions to licensed existing buildings.
- 62 licenses for new additions and existing parts.
- 262 licenses for existing buildings.
- 14 licenses for existing extensions.

2. Licensed areas:

The total area of licensed buildings (residential & non residential) amounted to 593.7 thousand m² distributed as follows:

- 500.5 thousand m² are the new buildings areas, of which 349.0 thousand m² are residential and 151.5 thousand m² are non-residential.
- 93.2 thousand m² are the existing buildings areas, of which 80.3 thousand m² are residential and 12.9 thousand m² are non-residential.

3. Licensed boundary walls:

62 licenses were issued for walls with total length of 5.3 thousand meters.

4. Number and area of dwellings licensed:

- New dwellings: 1,668 units with a total area of 297.8 thousand m².
- Existing dwellings: 423 units with a total area of 74.5 thousand m².

There was an increase of 51.2% in the total number of issued buildings licenses for the Fourth quarter of 2009 compared with the Fourth quarter of 2008, and also there was an increase by 50.5% in the total number of issued buildings licenses when the results of the Fourth quarter of 2009 were compared with the Fourth quarter of 2007.

The results showed that in the 2009 Fourth quarter the number of new dwellings increased by 50.1% compared with the same quarter of 2008. On the other hand, there was a decrease of 35.9% in the number of new dwellings when the Fourth quarter of 2009 was compared with the same quarter of 2007.

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 PCBS is committed to compiling statistical data on all aspects of construction activities in order to measure the main relevant variables.

Administrative record statistics shed light on the size and type of buildings licenses issued by the proper authorities. Building licenses 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 actual buildings constructed with issued licenses, estimation of construction costs and obtaining data on the technical characteristics of these buildings.

2. Objectives:

These statistics provide data on the number of building licenses, licensed buildings areas, 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:

3.1 Statistical Unit:

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

3.2 Building Ownership:

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

3.3 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.

3.4 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.

4. Main Findings

1. Number of licenses: The following table shows comparison between the number of buildings licenses for the Fourth Quarter 2009 in the West Bank with the same period for the years 2007-2008:

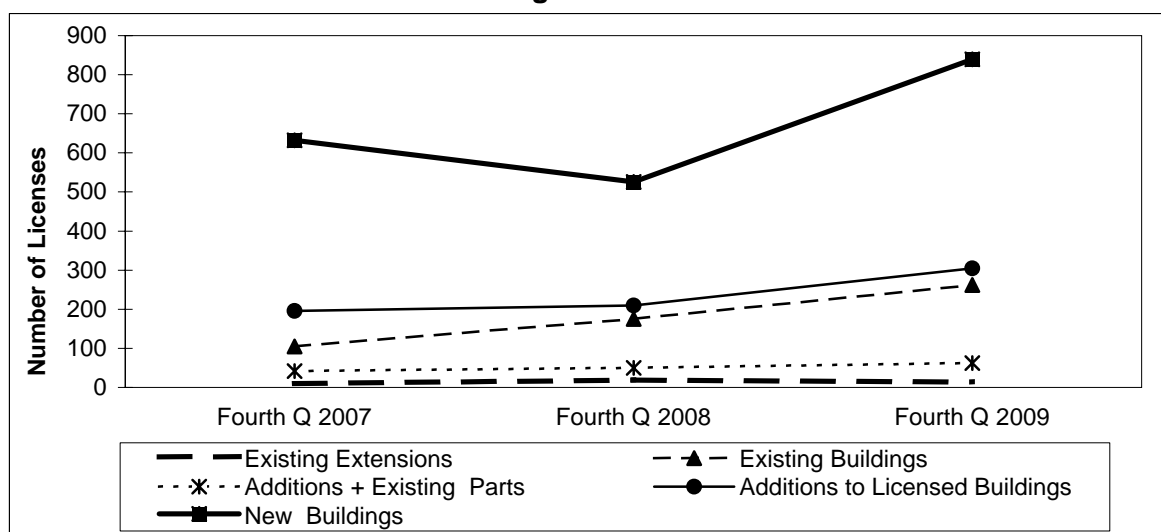
Indicator	No. of issued Licenses*			% Change in Q4 2009 from Q4 2007	% Change in Q4 2009 from Q4 2008
	Q4 2007	Q4 2008	Q4 2009		
Licenses for new buildings.	632	526	839	32.8	59.5
Licenses for additions to licensed buildings.	196	210	305	55.6	45.2
Licenses for additions + existing parts.	42	50	62	47.6	24.0
Licenses for existing buildings.	105	175	262	149.5	49.7
Licenses for existing extensions	10	19	14	40.0	-26.3
Total	985	980	1482	50.5	51.2

*Excluding boundary wall licenses

The results showed an increase for building licenses indicators during the 2009 Fourth Quarter compared with the 2008 Fourth Quarter, despite vacillation in some indicators, compared with the same period or pervious quarters for the same years.

There was a 51.2% increase in the total number of issued building licenses in 2009 Fourth Quarter as compared with the 2008 Fourth Quarter, and also the total number of issued building licenses increased by 50.5% in the 2009 Fourth Quarter compared to the 2007 Fourth Quarter.

Figure 1: Number of Building Licenses Issued in the West Bank for the Fourth Quarters during the Period 2007–2009



2. Licensed areas: The following table shows comparison between the licensed areas for the 2009 Fourth Quarter in the West Bank with the same period for the years 2007-2008:

Indicator	Licensed Areas (1000 m ²)			% Change in Q4 2009 from Q4 2007	% Change in Q4 2009 from Q4 2008
	Q4 2007	Q4 2008	Q4 2009		
Total areas	386.3	385.5	593.7	53.7	54.0
New areas	344.2	303.6	500.5	45.4	64.9
Residential	301.7	208.6	349.0	15.7	67.3
Non-residential	42.5	95.0	151.5	256.5	59.5
Existing areas	42.1	81.9	93.2	121.4	13.8
Residential	38.4	61.6	80.3	109.1	30.4
Non-residential	3.7	20.3	12.9	248.6	-36.5

3. Licensed boundary walls: The following table shows comparison between the licenses issued for walls for the 2009 Fourth Quarter with the same period for the years 2007-2008:

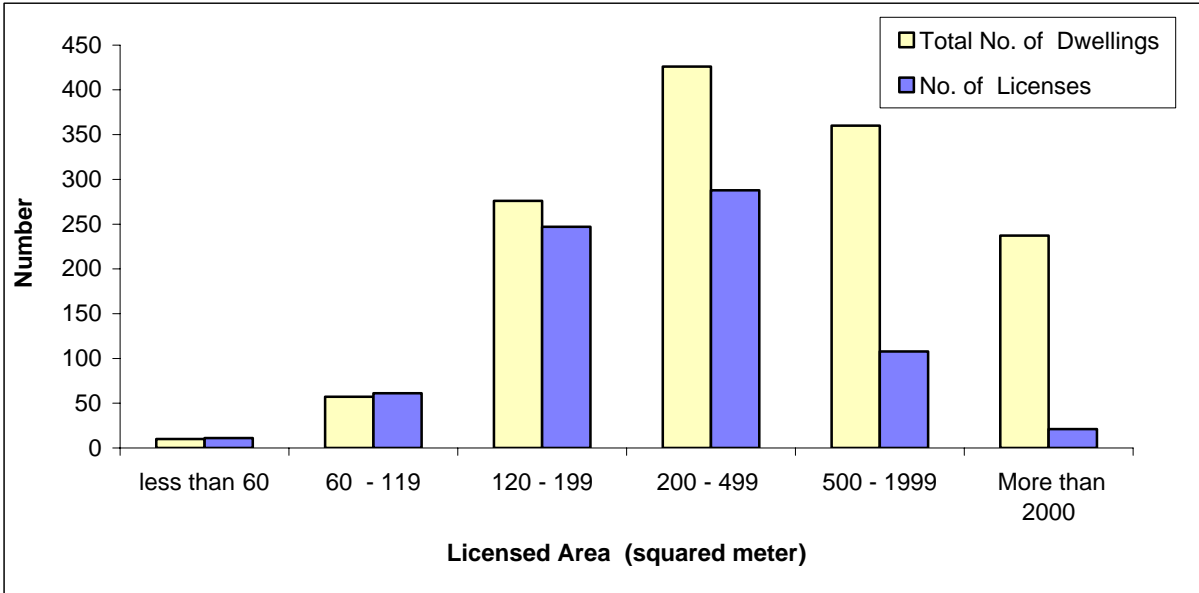
Indicator	Licensed boundary walls			% Change in Q4 2009 from Q4 2007	% Change in Q4 2009 from Q4 2008
	Q4 2007	Q4 2008	Q4 2009		
Number of Walls licenses	29	41	62	113.8	51.2
Length of Walls licenses (meters)	2.2	4.1	5.3	140.9	29.3

4. Number and area of licensed dwellings: The following table shows comparison between the number and total area for the licensed dwellings for the 2009 Fourth Quarter and the same period for the years 2007- 2008:

Indicator	Number of dwellings and their area			% Change in Q4 2009 from Q4 2007	% Change in Q4 2009 from Q4 2008
	Q4 2007	Q4 2008	Q4 2009		
Number of new dwellings	2,602	1,111	1,668	-35.9	50.1
Area for new dwellings (1000 m ²)	284.2	195.1	297.8	4.8	52.6
Number of existing dwellings	186	202	423	127.4	109.4
Area for existing dwellings (1000 m ²)	34.6	51.6	74.5	115.3	44.4

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 2009:

Figure 2: Number of Building Licenses and Number of Dwellings for New Residential Buildings in the West Bank by Licensed Area During the 2009 Fourth Quarter



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 non-statistical errors are mostly referred to data entry errors. To avoid errors and reduce their effects, great efforts were made to train data entry staff on the entry program that was tested before starting the data entry process. The data entry program was prepared before data collection to check its readiness. 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 given to data entry management for correction.

5.2 Comparison of the Data

Comparison exercises were done with previous year's 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 their total, due to rounding calculations.
- Data were not available for the Gaza Strip.