

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Statistical report on building licenses for the First Quarter of 2010 in the West Bank

PCBS released a statistical report on building licenses for the First Quarter 2010 which indicates that the total number of building licenses issued in the West Bank was 1,528. They were distributed as follows: 814 licenses for new buildings, 290 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 70 licenses for additions and existing parts, 344 licenses for existing buildings and 10 licenses for existing extensions. The results show that the total area licensed was 531.4 thousand (m²), distributed as 408.3 thousand (m²) for new areas and 123.1 thousand (m²) for existing areas. The total number of licensed dwellings was 1,974 units: 1,513 were new dwelling units and 461 were existing dwelling units, while the number of licensed boundary walls was 52.

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 25.3% in the First Quarter 2010 compared with the First Quarter 2009. Also the total number of licensed dwellings increased by 19.5% compared with the First Quarter 2009, and the total licensed areas increased by 19.4% compared with the First Quarter 2009.

It should be noted that obtaining data from Gaza Strip was not possible for the report of Building Licenses Q1 of 2010, and the data does not include those parts of Jerusalem Governorate which were annexed by Israel in 1967.