

# **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

## **Statistical report on building licenses for the Fourth Quarter of 2010 in the West Bank**

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released a statistical report on building licenses for the fourth quarter of 2010 which indicates that the total number of issued building licenses in the West Bank was 1,518. These licenses are classified as the following: 843 licenses for new buildings, 291 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 63 licenses for additions and existing parts, 287 licenses for existing buildings and 34 licenses for existing extensions. The results also show that the total area licensed was 693.5 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>), distributed as of 573.1 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>) for new areas and 120.4 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>) for existing areas. The total number of licensed dwellings was 2,770 units of which 2,127 were new dwelling units and 643 were existing dwelling units; while the number of licensed boundary walls was 61.

The total number of issued building licenses increased by 4.8% in the fourth quarter of 2010 compared to the third quarter of 2010, whereas it increased by 2.0% when compared to the fourth quarter of 2009. Also, the total number of licensed dwellings increased by 27.5% compared to the fourth quarter of 2009, and increased by 10.7% compared to the third quarter of 2010. The total licensed areas increased by 16.8% compared to the fourth quarter of 2009, and it increased by 6.7% compared to the third quarter of 2010.

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