

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

"Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Third Quarter of 2005"

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PCBS released a Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Third Quarter 2005 which indicates that the total number of building licenses issued in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip was 2,049. They were distributed as follows: 1,193 licenses for new buildings, 401 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 63 licenses for additions and existing parts, 365 licenses for existing buildings and 27 licenses for existing extensions. The results show that the total licensed areas were 866.6 thousand (m²), distributed as 741.2 thousand (m²) for new areas and 125.4 thousand (m²) for existing areas, The total number of licensed dwellings were 3,672 units, 3,054 were new dwelling units and 618 were existing dwelling units .

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 28.7% in the Third Quarter 2005 compared with the Second Quarter of 2005, also there was an increase by 31.5% in the total licensed areas, and 27.5% in the total number of licensed dwellings, and 52.2% in the number of boundary walls licenses in the same Quarters.

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 68.6% in the Third Quarter of 2005 compared with the Third Quarter of 2004, while it increased by 29.3%, compared with the Third Quarter of 2003, and decrease by 25.4% in the Third Quarter of 2005 compared with the Third Quarter of 2000.

Comparing the licensed new areas in the Third Quarter of 2005 with the Third Quarter of 2004, the results show an increase of 65.1%, and an increase of 160.2% in the licensed existing areas. Comparing licensed areas in the Third Quarter 2005 with the same period in 2000, the results indicate that licenses of new areas decreased by 8.0%, and the existing areas decreased by 23.3%.

The total number of new dwelling units increased by 61.8% in the Third Quarter of 2005 comparing with the same Quarter of 2004, whereas the existing dwelling units increased by 116.1% Comparing with the same period.

The results show no change in the number of boundary walls licenses in the Third Quarter of 2005 comparing with the Third Quarter of 2004, and decreased by 44.0% comparing with the same period of 2000.