

## **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released a Statistical Report about Building Licenses Statistics for the Second Quarter of 2004**

### **1,356 of Building Licenses Issued, and Total Area 538.5 Thousands ( m<sup>2</sup>)**

PCBS released a Statistical Report about the Results of Building Licenses Statistics for the second quarter 2004, which shows that the total number of issued building licenses in Palestinian Territory was 1,356, distributed as 790 licenses for new buildings, 320 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 46 licenses for additions and existing parts, 174 licenses for existing buildings and 26 licenses for existing extensions. The results indicate that the total licensed areas are 383.0 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>), distributed as 345.8 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>) for new areas and 37.2 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>) for existing areas. Also the number of licensed dwellings reached 2,478 units distributed as 2,194 for the new dwellings and 284 units for the existing dwellings.

There was a decrease by 4.2% in the total number of issued building licenses in the second quarter 2004 compared with the second quarter 2003, meanwhile there was an increase by 103.3% in the number of issued building licenses in the second quarter 2004 compared with the Second Quarter of 2002, note that the second quarter 2004 decreased by 12.6%, 42.9% respectively compared with the second quarter of 2001, 2000.

Comparing licensed areas in the second quarter 2004 with the second quarter of 2003, the results show that the licensed of new areas increased by 1.7%, and the existing areas decreased by 20.2%. Comparing licensed areas of the second quarter 2004 with the same period of 2000, the results indicate that the licensed of new areas decreased by 19.7%, and the existing areas decreased by 60.5%.

The result show that there was an increase in the residential dwellings in the second quarter of 2004 compared with the same period of 2003 by 11.9% for the new dwellings, and a decrease by 27.6% for the existing dwellings. Comparing the data of the second quarter of 2004 with the same period of 2000 there was a decline in the number of new dwellings by 24.4% and by 59.5% for the existing dwellings.

The number of boundary walls licenses decreased by 11.5% in the second quarter 2004 compared with the second quarter 2003, and decreased by 58.6%, 44.6% in the second quarter 2002 , 2001 respectively, and there was a decline by 50% in the number of boundary walls in the second quarter 2004 compared with the same quarter 2000.