

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

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

Building licenses increased by 25.6% in the Second Quarter 2005 compared with the First Quarter 2005

PCBS released a Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Second quarter 2005 which indicates that the total number of building licenses issued in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip was 1,592. They were distributed as follows: 911 licenses for new buildings, 323 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 29 licenses for additions and existing parts, 280 licenses for existing buildings and 49 licenses for existing extensions. The results show that the total licensed areas were 659.2 thousand (m²), distributed as 584.6 thousand (m²) for new areas and 74.6 thousand (m²) for existing areas.

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 25.6% in the second quarter 2005 compared with the first quarter of 2005, also there was increased by 20.5% in the total licensed areas, and 25.8% in the total number of licensed dwellings, and 35.3% in the number of boundary walls licenses in the same quarters.

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 17.4% in the second quarter of 2005 compared with the second quarter of 2004, but increased by 12.3%, compared with the second quarter of 2003, and decrease by 33% in the second quarter of 2005 compared with the second quarter of 2000.

Comparing the licensed new areas in the second quarter of 2005 with the second quarter of 2004, the results show an increase of 20.8%, and an increase of 36.6% in the licensed existing areas. Comparing licensed areas in the second quarter 2005 with the same period in 2000, the results indicate that licenses of new areas decreased by 2.9%, and the existing areas decreased by 46%.

The results show that the total licensed dwellings areas were 534.8 thousand (m²), 472 thousand (m²) were new areas and 62.8 thousand (m²) were existing areas. The total number of licensed dwellings were 2,879 units, 2,438 were new dwelling units and 441 were existing dwelling units .

The total number of new dwelling units increased by 11.1% in the second quarter of 2005 comparing with the same quarter of 2004, whereas the existing dwelling units increased by 55.3% Comparing with the same period. The total number of new and existing dwelling units decreased by 16%, 37.2% respectively when we compare with the second quarter of 2000.

The results show no change in the number of boundary walls licenses in the second quarter of 2005 comparing with the second quarter of 2004, and a decrease by 50 % comparing with the same period of 2000.