

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

"Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Third Quarter of 2008" In Remaining West Bank

PCBS released a Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Third Quarter 2008 which indicates that the total number of building licenses issued in Remaining West Bank was 1,096. They were distributed as follows: 588 licenses for new buildings, 254 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 53 licenses for additions and existing parts, 180 licenses for existing buildings and 21 licenses for existing extensions. The results show that the total licensed areas were 458.8 thousand (m²), distributed as 384.1 thousand (m²) for new areas and 74.7 thousand (m²) for existing areas, The total number of licensed dwellings were 1,397 units, 1,174 were new dwelling units and 223 were existing dwelling units, the number of boundary walls is 38.

The total number of building licenses issued decreased by 0.2% in the Third Quarter 2008 compared with the Second Quarter 2008. Also the total number of licensed dwellings increased by 3.8% compared with the Second Quarter 2008, and the total licensed areas decreased by 14.9 % compared with the Second Quarter 2008.

The total number of building licenses issued decreased by 2.6% in the Third Quarter 2008 compared with the Third Quarter of 2006 and 3.3% compared with the same Quarter 2007, also the total number of licensed dwellings decreased by 29.3% and 45.9% compared with the same quarters of 2006, 2007 respectively, the total licensed areas of dwellings decreased by 9.6%, 4.2% respectively too, and the number of licensed boundary walls still unchanged compared with the Third Quarter of 2007, while it decreased by 46.5% compared with the Third Quarter of 2006.

Also the results show that the length of boundary walls licenses decreased by 19.4% in the Third Quarter of 2008 compared with the Third Quarter of 2007, and decreased by 56.1%, compared with the same quarter of 2006.

The PCBS announce that data of Building licenses for Gaza Strip not available because of closure barriers.