

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

**"Statistical Report on Building Licenses
for the Second Quarter of 2007"**

**Building licenses increased by 12.5% in the Second Quarter 2007 compared
with the First Quarter 2007**

PCBS released a Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Second Quarter 2007 which indicates that the total number of building licenses issued in the Palestinian Territory was 1,175. They were distributed as follows: 615 licenses for new buildings, 273 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 40 licenses for additions and existing parts, 231 licenses for existing buildings and 16 licenses for existing extensions. The results show that the total licensed areas were 451.0 thousand (m²), distributed as 360.6 thousand (m²) for new areas and 90.4 thousand (m²) for existing areas, The total number of licensed dwellings were 1,986 units, 1,597 were new dwelling units and 389 were existing dwelling units .

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 12.5% in the Second Quarter 2007 compared with the First Quarter of 2007, also the total number of licensed dwellings, the total licensed areas, and the number of licensed boundary walls increased by 25.8%, 11.4% and 23.7% respectively compared with the First Quarter of 2007.

The total number of building licenses issued decreased by 36.1% in the Second Quarter of 2007 compared with the Second Quarter of 2006, also it decreased by 26.2%, compared with the Second Quarter of 2005, and decreased by 13.3% in the Second Quarter of 2007 compared with the Second Quarter of 2004.

The total number of new dwelling units decreased by 22.9% in the Second Quarter of 2007 compared with the same Quarter of 2006, whereas the existing dwelling units decreased by 58.1% Compared with the same period, whereas the total number of new dwelling units and the total number of existing dwelling units decreased by 34.5% and 11.8% compared with the same Quarter of 2005, also the total number of new dwelling units decreased by 27.2%, and the total number of existing dwelling units increased by 37.0%, compared with the same Quarter of 2004.

Also the results show that the number of boundary walls licenses increased by 27.0% in the Second Quarter of 2007 compared with the Second Quarter of 2006, and increased by 2.2%, compared with the same period of 2005, 2004.