

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

"Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the First Quarter of 2009" in Remaining West Bank

PCBS released a Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the First Quarter 2009 which indicates that the total number of building licenses issued in Remaining West Bank was 1,219. They were distributed as follows: 649 licenses for new buildings, 254 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 63 licenses for additions and existing parts, 229 licenses for existing buildings and 24 licenses for existing extensions. The results show that the total area licensed was 469.2 thousand (m²), distributed as 361.8 thousand (m²) for new areas and 107.4 thousand (m²) for existing areas. The total number of licensed dwellings was 1,527 units, 1,266 were new dwelling units and 261 were existing dwelling units, while the number of boundary walls was 36.

The total number of building licenses issued decreased by 0.7% in the First Quarter 2009 compared with the First Quarter 2008. Also the total number of licensed dwellings decreased by 31.6% compared with the First Quarter 2008, and the total licensed areas decreased by 11.5 % compared with the First Quarter 2008.

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 27.0%, and the total number of licensed dwellings increased by 18.7 in the First Quarter 2009 compared with the First Quarter of 2007. The total area licensed increased by 28.7%, and the number of licensed boundary walls decreased by 5.3% compared with the First Quarter of 2007.

Also the results show that the length of boundary wall licenses, in the First Quarter of 2009 decreased by 41.9%, 3.8% compared with the First Quarter of 2007, and 2008 respectively.

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

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