

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

**"Statistical Report on Buildings Licenses
for the Third Quarter of 2007"**

**Buildings licenses Increased by 2.7% in the Third Quarter 2007 Compared
with the Second Quarter 2007**

PCBS released a statistical report on buildings licenses for the third quarter 2007 which indicates that the total number of buildings licenses issued in the Palestinian Territory was 1,207. They were distributed as follows: 696 licenses for new buildings, 244 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 40 licenses for additions and existing parts, 209 licenses for existing buildings and 18 licenses for existing extensions. The results show that the total licensed areas were 518.9 thousand (m²), distributed as 428.5 thousand (m²) for new areas and 90.3 thousand (m²) for existing areas, the total number of licensed dwellings were 2,676 units, 2,109 were new dwelling units and 567 were existing dwelling units .

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 2.7% in the third quarter 2007 compared with the second quarter of 2007, also the total number of licensed dwellings, the total licensed areas increased by 34.7%, 15.1% respectively, and the number of licensed boundary walls decreased by 19.1% compared with the second quarter of 2007.

When comparing the results of this quarter with the same period of years 2004-2006, we noted a discrepancy of licenses issued, so the total number of building licenses issued increased by 2.2% in the third quarter of 2007 compared with the third quarter of 2006, while it decreased by 41.1%, compared with the third quarter of 2005, and decreased by 0.7% in the third quarter of 2007 compared with the third quarter of 2004.

From the other hand, the total number of new dwelling units and the existing dwelling units increased by 24.4% and 16.0% respectively in the third quarter of 2007 compared with the same quarter of 2006, whereas the total number of new dwelling units and the total number of existing dwelling units decreased by 30.9% and 8.3% compared with the same quarter of 2005, in addition, the total number of new dwelling units and the total number of existing dwelling units increased by 11.7% and 98.3% respectively, compared with the same quarter of 2004.

Also the results show that the number of boundary walls licenses decreased by 44.9% in the third quarter of 2007 compared with the third quarter of 2006, and decreased by 45.7%, compared with the same period of 2004, 2005.