

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

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

PCBS released a Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Second Quarter 2009 which indicates that the total number of building licenses issued in the West Bank was 1,309. They were distributed as follows: 719 licenses for new buildings, 240 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 57 licenses for additions and existing parts, 266 licenses for existing buildings and 27 licenses for existing extensions. The results show that the total area licensed was 522.9 thousand (m²), distributed as 415.9 thousand (m²) for new areas and 107.0 thousand (m²) for existing areas. The total number of licensed dwellings was 1,807 units, 1,485 were new dwelling units and 322 were existing dwelling units, while the number of licensed boundary walls was 59.

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 19.2% in the Second Quarter 2009 compared with the Second Quarter 2008. Also the total number of licensed dwellings increased by 9.6% compared with the Second Quarter 2008, and the total licensed areas increased by 43.8 % compared with the Second Quarter 2008.

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 19.5%, and the total number of licensed dwellings decreased by 5.7% in the Second Quarter 2009 compared with the Second Quarter of 2007. The total area licensed increased by 19.5%, and the number of licensed boundary walls increased by 25.5% and 22.9% compared with the Second Quarter of 2007, 2008 respectively.

Also the results show that the length of licensed boundary walls, in the Second Quarter of 2009 increased by 41.2%, 29.7% compared with the Second Quarter of 2007, and 2008 respectively.

PCBS announces that data of Building licenses for the Gaza Strip was not available because of the closure, and the data doesn't include those parts of Jerusalem Governorate which were illegally annexed by Israel in 1967.

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