

## **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

### **Statistical report on building licenses for the Second Quarter of 2010 in the West Bank**

PCBS released a statistical report on building licenses for the Second Quarter 2010 which indicated that the total number of issued building licenses in the West Bank was 1,741. These licenses are classified as follows: 1,059 licenses for new buildings, 307 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 78 licenses for additions and existing parts, 266 licenses for existing buildings and 31 licenses for existing extensions. The results also show that the total area licensed was 663.9 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>), distributed as 562.2 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>) for new areas and 101.7 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>) for existing areas. The total number of licensed dwellings was 2,396 units of which 1,976 were new dwelling units and 420 were existing dwelling units; while the number of licensed boundary walls was 59.

The total number of issued building licenses increased by 13.9% in the Second Quarter 2010 compared with the First Quarter 2010, whereas it increased by 33.0% when compared with the second quarter 2009. Also, the total number of licensed dwellings increased by 33.1% compared with the second quarter 2009, and increased by 30.6% compared with the first quarter 2010. The total licensed areas increased by 27.0% compared with the second quarter 2009.

It should be noted that obtaining data from Gaza Strip was not possible for the report of Building Licenses second quarter of 2010, and the data does not include those parts of Jerusalem Governorate which were annexed by Israel in 1967.