

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

### **"Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Third Quarter of 2009" in the West Bank**

PCBS released a Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Third Quarter 2009 which indicates that the total number of building licenses issued in the West Bank was 1,296. They were distributed as follows: 607 licenses for new buildings, 266 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 55 licenses for additions and existing parts, 348 licenses for existing buildings and 20 licenses for existing extensions. The results show that the total area licensed was 510.3 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>), distributed as 382.0 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>) for new areas and 128.2 thousand (m<sup>2</sup>) for existing areas. The total number of licensed dwellings was 1,806 units, 1,311 were new dwelling units and 495 were existing dwelling units, while the number of licensed boundary walls was 41.

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 18.2% in the Third Quarter 2009 compared with the Third Quarter 2008. Also the total number of licensed dwellings increased by 11.7% compared with the Third Quarter 2008, and the total licensed areas increased by 11.2 % compared with the Third Quarter 2008.

PCBS announces that data on Building licenses for the Gaza Strip was not available due to the closure of PCBS regional offices in Gaza since 15/04/2008, and the data doesn't include those parts of Jerusalem Governorate which were illegally annexed by Israel in 1967.

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