

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

"Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Second Quarter of 2006"

Building licenses decreased by 17.1% in the Second Quarter 2006 compared with the First Quarter 2006

PCBS released a Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Second Quarter 2006 which indicates that the total number of building licenses issued in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip was 1,840. They were distributed as follows: 826 licenses for new buildings, 344 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 86 licenses for additions and existing parts, 560 licenses for existing buildings and 24 licenses for existing extensions. The results show and that the total licensed areas were 689.6 thousand (m²), distributed as 488.9 thousand (m²) for new areas and 200.7 thousand (m²) for existing areas. The total number of licensed dwellings were 3,000 units, 2,071 were new dwelling units and 929 were existing dwelling units . and 37 licenses were issued for boundary walls.

The total number of building licenses issued decreased by 17.1% in the Second Quarter 2006 compared with the First Quarter of 2006. Also there was a decrease by 15.9% in the total number of licensed dwellings, and a decrease in the total licensed areas by 11.5% in the Second Quarter 2006 compared with the First Quarter of 2006. Furthermore; there was a decrease by 17.7% in the number of boundary walls licenses compared with the first Quarter of 2006.

The total number of building licenses issued were decreased by 31.6% compared with the Second Quarter of 1999 (before the Intifada), whereas increased by 15.6% in the Second Quarter of 2006 compared with the Second Quarter of 2005, also increased by 35.7%, compared with the Second Quarter of 2004, and increased by 29.9% in the Second Quarter of 2006 compared with the Second Quarter of 2003.

By comparing the new licensed areas in the Second Quarter of 2006 with the Second Quarter of 2005, the results showed a decrease of 16.4%, and an increase by 169.0% in the existing licensed areas. By comparing licensed areas in the Second Quarter 2006 with the same period of 2004, the results indicated that licenses of new and existing areas increased by 1.0%, 267.6% . By comparing licensed areas in the Second Quarter 2006 with the same period in 2003, the results indicated that licenses of existing areas decreased by 193.4%, and increased by 0.7% in the licensed of new areas.

The total number of new dwelling units decreased by 15.1% in the Second Quarter of 2006 compared with the same Quarter of 2005, whereas the existing dwelling units increased by 110.7% compared with the same period. whereas the total number of new dwelling units decreased by 5.6%, compared with the same Quarter of 2004, whereas the total number of new and existing dwelling units increased by 5.7%, 137.0% compared with the same Quarter of 2003.

Finally the results showed that the number of boundary walls licenses decreased by 19.6%, in the Second Quarter of 2006 compared with the Second Quarter of 2005, 2004 and decreased by 28.8% compared with the same period of 2003.