

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

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

PCBS released a statistical report on building licenses for the third quarter 2010 which indicated that the total number of issued building licenses in the West Bank was 1,449. These licenses are classified as follows: 864 licenses for new buildings, 270 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 45 licenses for additions and existing parts, 241 licenses for existing buildings and 29 licenses for existing extensions. The results also show that the total area licensed was 650.1 thousand (m²), distributed as 527.6 thousand (m²) for new areas and 122.5 thousand (m²) for existing areas. The total number of licensed dwellings was 2,335 units of which 1,921 were new dwelling units and 414 were existing dwelling units; while the number of licensed boundary walls was 64.

The total number of issued building licenses decreased by 16.8% in the third quarter 2010 compared with the second quarter 2010, whereas it increased by 11.8% when compared with the third quarter 2009. Also, the total number of licensed dwellings increased by 46.5% compared with the third quarter 2009, and decreased by 2.8% compared with the second quarter 2010. The total licensed areas increased by 27.4% compared with the third quarter 2009.

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