Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Increase in the number of building licenses in Palestine\* in the third quarter of 2021 compared with previous quarter, due to the increase in

 the number of new building licenses

A totalof 2,855 building licenses were issued in the third quarter of 2021, of which 1,777 are new buildings.

The total number of building licenses issued in the third quarter of 2021 increased by 8% compared with the second quarter of 2021 and increased by 45% compared with the third quarter of 2020, where the number of new building licenses increased by 7% compared with the second quarter of 2021 and increased by 31% compared with the third quarter of 2020.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 1,282 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 1,012 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 270 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 5,758 with a total area of 947 thousand m2, of which 4,431 were new dwellings with a total area of 736 thousand m2 and 1,327 were existing dwellings with a total area of 211 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the third quarter of 2021 increased by 13% compared with the second quarter of 2021 and increased by 56% compared with the third quarter of 2020.

**Number of Building Licenses Issued in Palestine\* during the period,**

**Third Quarter 2020 - Third Quarter 2021**

\*Data excluded those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israeli occupation in 1967.