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## Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

## Increase in the number of building licenses in Palestine\* in the first quarter of 2022 compared with previous quarter, due to the increase in the number of new building licenses

A total of 3,271 building licenses were issued in the first quarter of 2022, of which 1,997 are new buildings.

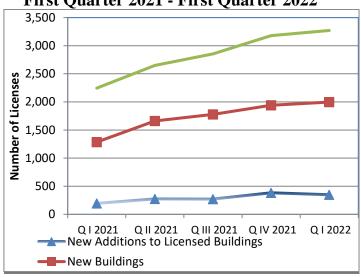
The total number of building licenses issued in the first quarter of 2022 increased by 3% compared with the fourth quarter of 2021 and increased by 46% compared with the first quarter of 2021, where the number of new building licenses increased by 3% compared with the fourth quarter of 2021 and increased by 55% compared with the first quarter of 2021.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 1,588 thousand m<sup>2</sup>, of which new buildings made up 1,292 thousand m<sup>2</sup> and existing buildings comprised 296 thousand m<sup>2</sup>.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 6,462 with a total area of 1,074 thousand  $m^2$ , of which 4,998 were new dwellings with a total area of 839 thousand  $m^2$  and 1,464 were existing dwellings with a total area of 235 thousand  $m^2$ .

The number of new dwellings in the first quarter of 2022 increased by 1% compared with the fourth quarter of 2021 and increased by 70% compared with the first quarter of 2021.

## Number of Building Licenses Issued in Palestine\* during the period, First Ouarter 2021 - First Ouarter 2022



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

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