

## (PCBS) Building Licenses in Palestine, Fourth Quarter 2012

### Number of building licenses in Palestine\* rose compared to previous quarter of 2012 and the fourth quarter of 2011

A total of 2,099 building licenses were issued in the fourth quarter of 2012.

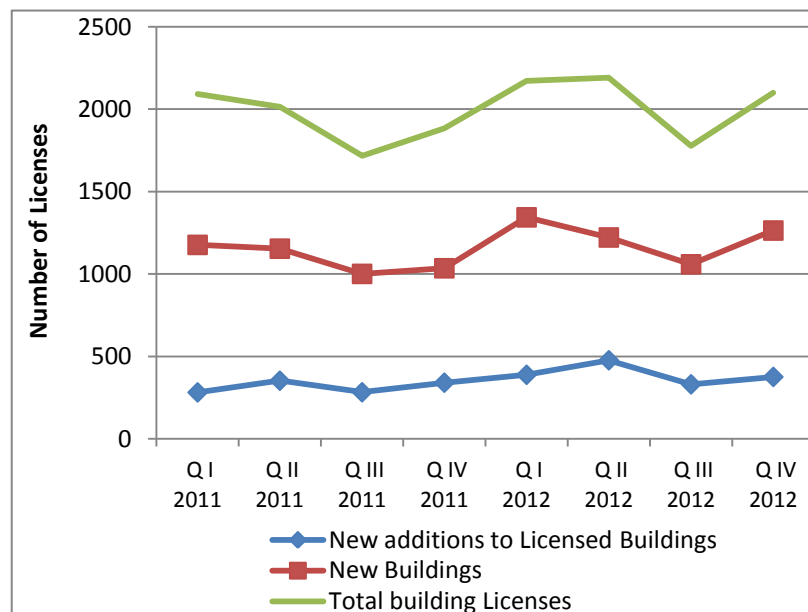
The total number of building licenses issued in the fourth quarter of 2012 increased by 18.1 percent compared to the third quarter. Also, the total number of building licenses issued for the fourth quarter of 2012 was 11.4 percent higher than in the fourth quarter of 2011.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 1,125.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup>, of which new buildings made up 967.8 thousand m<sup>2</sup> and existing buildings 157.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup>.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 4,296 of which 3,673 were new units with a total area of 636.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup> and 623 were existing dwellings with a total area of 112.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup>.

The number of new dwellings in the fourth quarter of 2012 was 18.2 percent higher than in the third quarter of 2012 and 16.9 percent higher than the fourth quarter of 2011.

### Number of Building Licenses issued in Palestine\*, First Quarter 2011 to Fourth Quarter 2012



\* The data exclude those parts of Jerusalem annexed by Israel in 1967.