**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

Sharp decrease in the number of building licenses in Palestine\* in the second quarter of 2024 compared with the second quarter of 2023, due to the ongoing Israeli aggression on Palestine

The total number of building licenses issued in the second quarter of 2024 decreased by 2% compared with the first quarter of 2024 and decreased by 34% compared with the second quarter of 2023, where the number of new building licenses decreased by 1% compared with the first quarter of 2024 and decreased by 39% compared with the second quarter of 2023.

A totalof 1,591 building licenses were issued in the second quarter of 2024, of which 895 are new buildings.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 790 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 620 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 170 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 3,370 with a total area of 569 thousand m2, of which 2,569 were new dwellings with a total area of 440 thousand m2 and 801 were existing dwellings with a total area of 129 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the second quarter of 2024 decreased by 6% compared with the first quarter of 2024 and decreased by 37% compared with the second quarter of 2023.

**Number of Building Licenses Issued in Palestine\* during the period, Second Quarter 2023 - Second Quarter 2024**

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

**Notice:**

In Gaza Strip, there are no licenses issued for this quarter due to the Israeli aggression against it.