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

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

The total number of building licenses issued in the third quarter of 2024 decreased by 29% compared with the third quarter of 2023, while it increased by 21% compared with the second quarter of 2024, at the same time the number of new building licenses increased by 17% compared with the second quarter of 2024, while it decreased by 36% compared with the third quarter of 2023.

A totalof 1,929 building licenses were issued in the third quarter of 2024, of which 1,048 are new buildings.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 942 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 719 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 223 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 3,889 with a total area of 649 thousand m2, of which 2,884 were new dwellings with a total area of 487 thousand m2 and 1,005 were existing dwellings with a total area of 162 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the third quarter of 2024 increased by 12% compared with the second quarter of 2024, while it decreased by 31% compared with the third quarter of 2023.

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

**Third Quarter 2023 - Third Quarter 2024**

**Notice:**

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

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