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

Decrease in the number of building licenses in Palestine\* in the fourth quarter of 2024 compared with the fourth quarter of 2023

The total number of building licenses issued in the fourth quarter of 2024 decreased by 6% compared with the fourth quarter of 2023, while it decreased by 1% compared with the third quarter of 2024, at the same time the number of new building licenses decreased by 1% compared with the third quarter of 2024, while it decreased by 7% compared with the fourth quarter of 2023.

A totalof 1,905 building licenses were issued in the fourth quarter of 2024, of which 1,036 are new buildings.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 972 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 761 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 211 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 3,950 with a total area of 666 thousand m2, of which 3,025 were new dwellings with a total area of 506 thousand m2 and 925 were existing dwellings with a total area of 160 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the fourth quarter of 2024 increased by 5% compared with the third quarter of 2024, while it decreased by 5% compared with the fourth quarter of 2023.

**Notice:**

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

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

**Fourth Quarter 2023 – Fourth Quarter 2024**

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