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

Decrease in the number of building licenses in Palestine\*

 in the first quarter of 2025 compared with the fourth quarter of 2024

The total number of building licenses issued in the first quarter of 2025 decreased by 24% compared with the fourth quarter of 2024, while it decreased by 11% compared with the first quarter of 2024, at the same time the number of new building licenses decreased by 21% compared with the fourth quarter of 2024, while it decreased by 9% compared with the first quarter of 2024.

A totalof 1,449 building licenses were issued in the first quarter of 2025, of which 819 are new buildings.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 803 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 656 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 148 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 2,955 with a total area of 499 thousand m2, of which 2,303 were new dwellings with a total area of 392 thousand m2 and 652 were existing dwellings with a total area of 107 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the first quarter of 2025 decreased by 24% compared with the fourth quarter of 2024, while it decreased by 15% compared with the first quarter of 2024.

**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,**

**First Quarter 2024 – First Quarter 2025**

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