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

Decrease in the number of building licenses in Palestine\* in the second quarter of 2022 compared with previous quarter, due to the decrease in the number of new building licenses

A totalof 2,610 building licenses were issued in the second quarter of 2022, of which 1,558 are new buildings.

The total number of building licenses issued in the second quarter of 2022 decreased by 20% compared with the first quarter of 2022 and decreased by 1% compared with the second quarter of 2021, where the number of new building licenses decreased by 22% compared with the first quarter of 2022 and decreased by 6% compared with the second quarter of 2021.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 1,235 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 944 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 291 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 5,290 with a total area of 902 thousand m2, of which 4,001 were new dwellings with a total area of 689 thousand m2 and 1,289 were existing dwellings with a total area of 213 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the second quarter of 2022 decreased by 20% compared with the first quarter of 2022 and increased by 2% compared with the second quarter of 2021.

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

**Second Quarter 2021 - Second Quarter 2022**

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