Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Increase in the number of building licenses in Palestine\* in the fourth quarter of 2022 compared with previous quarter, due to the increase in the number of

new building licenses

A totalof 2,804 building licenses were issued in the fourth quarter of 2022, of which 1,674 are new buildings.

The total number of building licenses issued in the fourth quarter of 2022 increased by 5% compared with the third quarter of 2022 and decreased by 12% compared with the fourth quarter of 2021, where the number of new building licenses increased by 3% compared with the third quarter of 2022 and decreased by 14% compared with the fourth quarter of 2021.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 1,399 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 1,137 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 262 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 5,982 with a total area of 1,004 thousand m2, of which 4,715 were new dwellings with a total area of 801 thousand m2 and 1,267 were existing dwellings with a total area of 203 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the fourth quarter of 2022 increased by 8% compared with the third quarter of 2022 and decreased by 4% compared with the fourth quarter of 2021.

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

**Fourth Quarter 2021 - Fourth Quarter 2022**

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