# Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Decrease in the number of building licenses in Palestine\* by 14% during the second quarter of 2019 compared with previous quarter.

A total of 2,241 building licenses were issued in the second quarter of 2019 which included 1,358 for new building licenses.

The total number of building licenses issued in the second quarter of 2019 decreased by 14% compared with the first quarter of 2019 and decreased by 2% compared with the second quarter of 2018.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 960 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 716 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 244 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 4,236 with a total area of 676 thousand m2, of which 3,076 were new dwellings with a total area of 493 thousand m2 and 1,160 were existing dwellings with a total area of 183 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the second quarter of 2019 decreased by 29% compared with the first quarter of 2019 and decreased by 7% compared with the second quarter of 2018.

**Number of Building Licenses Issued in Palestine\* during the period, Second Quarter 2018 - Second Quarter 2019**

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