Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Increase in the number of building licenses in Palestine\* in the fourth quarter of 2021 compared with previous quarter, due to the increase in the number of

New building licenses

A totalof 3,179 building licenses were issued in the fourth quarter of 2021, of which 1,940 are new buildings.

The total number of building licenses issued in the fourth quarter of 2021 increased by 11% compared with the third quarter of 2021 and increased by 16% compared with the fourth quarter of 2020, where the number of new building licenses increased by 9% compared with the third quarter of 2021 and increased by 8% compared with the fourth quarter of 2020.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 1,509 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 1,219 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 290 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 6,340 with a total area of 1,049 thousand m2, of which 4,935 were new dwellings with a total area of 828 thousand m2 and 1,405 were existing dwellings with a total area of 221 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the fourth quarter of 2021 increased by 11% compared with the third quarter of 2021 and increased by 14% compared with the fourth quarter of 2020.

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

**Fourth Quarter 2020 - Fourth Quarter 2021**

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