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

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A total of 2,712 building licenses were issued in the third quarter of 2023 (2,671 in the West Bank and about 41 in the Gaza Strip), of which 1,646 are new buildings.

The total number of building licenses issued in the third quarter of 2023 increased by 13% compared with the second quarter of 2023 and increased by 2% compared with the third quarter of 2022, where the number of new building licenses increased by 12% compared with the second quarter of 2023 and increased by 1% compared with the third quarter of 2022.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 1,243 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 998 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 245 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 5,319 with a total area of 875 thousand m2, of which 4,185 were new dwellings with a total area of 687 thousand m2 and 1,134 were existing dwellings with a total area of 188 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the third quarter of 2023 increased by 3% compared with the second quarter of 2023 and decreased by 4% compared with the third quarter of 2022.

**Number of Building Licenses Issued in Palestine\* during the period, Third Quarter 2022 - Third Quarter 2023**

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