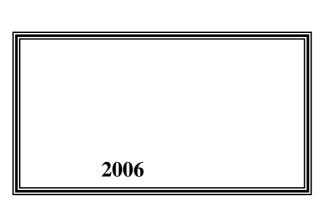


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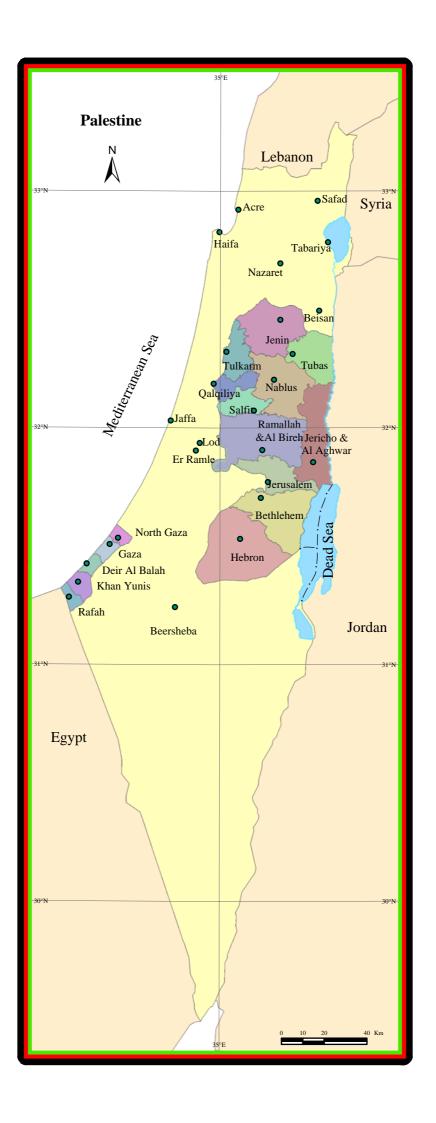
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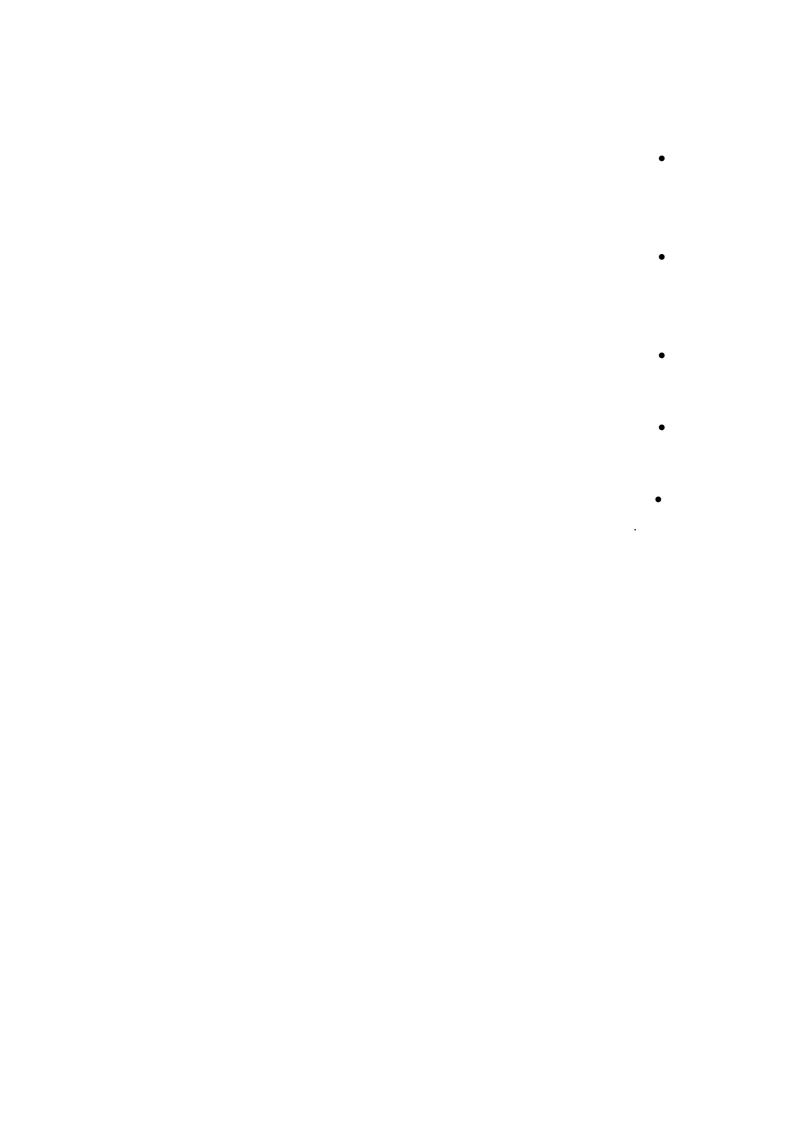
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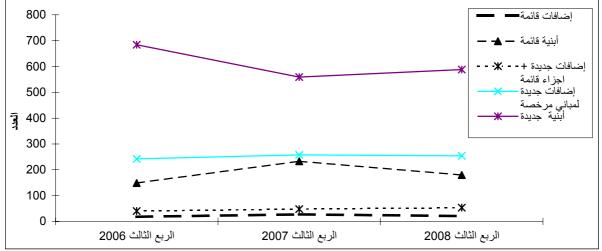
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-6.5	-4.7	263.1	281.3	276.2	
50.3	23.1	121.0	80.5	98.3	
-4.5	-21.9	74.7	78.3	95.6	:
8.3	-15.3	68.2	63.0	80.5	
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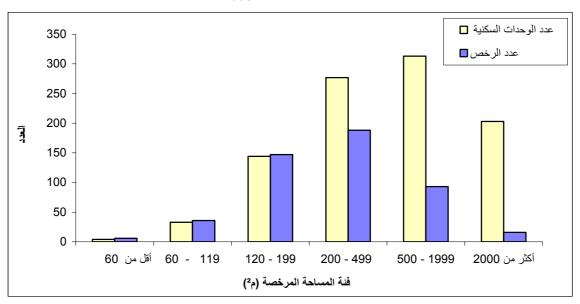
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-43.7	-23.5	1,174	2,085	1,535				
-7.8	-7.7	234.3	254.1	253.7	()		
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Table1: Buildings Licenses Issued* in Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip During the Period 1997 to the Third Quarter 2008

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		Licensed	Dwellings		Licens	ed Areas (1	000m ²)		T	Number of I	icenses	Γ		
Period	Existing Dv (2) Area (1000 m²)	vellings No.	(2) Area (1000 m ²)	ellings No.	Existing Areas	كافة المساحات الجديدة All New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	أبنية قائمة Existing Buildings	إضافات جديدة+ أجزاء قائمة Additions+ Existing Parts	إضافات جديدة لمباني مرخصة Additions to Licensed Buildings	أبنية جديدة New Buildings	المجموع Total	
1997	391.8	2,759	1,768.5	1,3230	500.1	2,391.9	2,892.0	263	1,155	187	1,994	4,789	8,388	1997
1998	387.1	2,735	1,786.7	1,2826	469.1	2,505.7	2,974.8	178	1,144	265	2,252	5,117	8,956	1998
1999	439.0	3,675	2,050.6	1,4587	554.4	2,860.1	3,414.5	115	1,470	475	2,055	5,803	9,918	1999
2000	383.3	2,730	1,646.1	1,0708	482.4	2,457.6	2,940.0	185	1,318	448	1,852	4,498	8,301	2000
2001	256.0	1,847	1,041.9	7,037	341.0	1,633.9	1,974.9	124	774	273	1,181	2,781	5,133	2000
2002	137.6	975	794.3	5,089	171.8	1,080.4	1,252.2	52	554	131	675	1,913	3,325	2002
2003	175.8	1,671	1,234.2	8,152	226.1	1,863.9	2,090.0	99	749	138	1,268	2,981	5,235	2003
2004	161.6	1,229	1,248.6	8,184	222.0	1,803.9	2,025.8	111	706	149	1,113	2,929	5,008	2004
2005	366.7	2,522	1,729.5	1,0362	474.2	2,427.4	2,901.6	127	1,469	223	1,293	3,996	7,108	2005
2006	524.2	3,301	1,193.6	6,909	679.2	1,666.9	2,346.1	112	1,894	265	1,087	2,703	6,061	2006
2007														2007
Quarter I	68.0	419	199.8	1,160	92.6	312.2	404.7	20	246	18	255	505	1,044	2007
Quarter II	67.1	389	238.1	1,597	90.4	360.6	451.0	16	231	40	273	615	1,175	
Quarter III	64.1	567	258.9	2,109	90.3	428.5	518.9	18	209	40	244	696	1,207	
Quarter IIII	45.0	275	286.3	2,612	52.5	347.1	399.6	10	173	42	197	640	1,062	
2008														2008
Quarter I	88.3	414	297.5	1,850	107.0	423.1	530.1	18	191	70	259	690	1,228	
Quarter II	60.7	331	195.2	1,062	75.0	279.8	354.8	16	253	64	208	614	1,155	
Quarter III**	62.5	223	234.3	1,174	74.7	384.1	458.8	21	180	53	254	588	1,096	**

^{*}Excluding boundary walls licenses

^{**} Data were not available for Gaza Strip

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Table2: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank by Building Ownership and Utilization - Third Quarter 2008

	L	icensed	Dwellings		*(² License) ed Areas (1	000m²)*	Number of Issued Licenses					
	Existing Dv	vellings	New Dwe	New Dwellings						+			
Building Ownership	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Existin g Areas	All New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	Additions + Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
Total													
Residential Building	62.5	223	230.8	1,161	68.2	263.1	331.2	21	168	53	203	486	931
Non-Res. Building	0.0	0	3.5	13	6.5	121.0	127.5	0	12	0	51	102	165
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2.5	2.5	0	0	1	3	34	38
Private													
Residential Buildings	62.5	223	230.8	1,161	68.2	263.1	331.2	21	168	53	203	486	931
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	3.2	12	5.6	71.8	77.4	0	11	0	42	61	114
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2.5	2.5	0	0	1	3	34	38
Governmental													
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.3	1	0.0	23.1	23.1	0	0	0	5	10	15
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Authority													
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.9	22.5	23.4	0	1	0	2	24	27
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

^{*}For boundary walls it refers to length in (1000 m.r)

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	Lic	censed l	Dwellings		*(² Licensed) d Areas (1	000m²)*	Number of Issued Licenses						
Building Ownership	Existing Dw	ellings	New Dwellings							+				
Cooperative	(²) Area (1000 m²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Existing Areas	All New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	Additions + Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total	
Cooperative														
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0	0	0	1	1	2	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Charity														
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1.4	1.4	0	0	0	1	2	3	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Others														
Residential Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1.3	1.3	0	0	0	0	4	4	
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

^{*}For boundary walls it refers to length in (1000 m.r)

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Table 3: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank by Issuing Authority and Utilization - Third Quarter 2008

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	LI	censed	Dwellings		Licensed Areas (1000 m ²)*			Number of Issued Licenses					
License	Existing Dw	ellings	New Dwe	llings						+			
Issuing Authority	(²) Area (1000 m²)	No.	(²) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Existing Areas	All New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	Additions + Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
All Authorities					•							•	
Residential Buildings	62.5	223	230.8	1161	68.2	263.1	331.2	21	168	53	203	486	931
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	3.5	13	6.5	121.0	127.5	0	12	0	51	102	165
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2.5	2.5	0	0	1	3	34	38
Municipalities													
Residential Buildings	53.3	171	207.4	1021	58.3	231.4	289.8	19	137	47	197	397	797
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	3.5	13	5.6	93.7	99.4	0	11	0	48	69	128
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2.2	2.2	0	0	1	2	32	35
Construction Authorities													
Residential Buildings	9.2	52	23.4	140	9.8	31.6	41.5	2	31	6	6	89	134
Non-Res. Buildings	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.9	27.2	28.1	0	1	0	3	33	37
Boundary walls	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0	0	0	1	2	3

^{*}For boundary walls it refers to length in (1000 m.r)

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Table 4: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate- Third Quarter 2008

	Non-Res. Buildings		Residential Building				
Governorate &Area Category	متوسط عدد الطوابق Average No. of Storeys	عدد الرخص No. of Licenses	متوسط عدد الطوابق Average No. of Storeys	متوسط عدد الوحدات السكنية Average No. of Dwellings	مجموع عدد الوحدات السكنية Total No. of Dwellings	عدد الرخص No. of Licenses	
All Governorates							
Less than 60 m ²	0.6	10	0.7	0.7	4	6	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.9	7	1.2	0.9	33	36	² 119 -60
120-199m²	0.8	6	1.1	1.0	144	147	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.5	26	1.7	1.5	277	188	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.4	43	2.8	3.4	313	93	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	4.6	10	5.6	12.7	203	16	² 2000
Jenin							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60-119 m ²	1.0	1	1.0	1.0	2	2	² 119 -60
120- 199 m²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	4	4	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	4	1.9	1.8	18	10	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.6	5	2.4	3.0	15	5	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000
Tubas							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 119 -60
120-199m²	0.0	0	1.1	1.0	9	9	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.5	2	2.0	2.0	8	4	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	1.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

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Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate- Third Quarter 2008

Non-Res. Buildings **Residential Buildings** Governorate &Area Category Average No. of Average No. of No. of Licenses No. of Licenses Average No. of Total No. of Storeys Storeys Dwellings **Dwellings** Tulkarm 0.0 0.0 0.0 0 1 0 ² 60 Less than 60 m² 0.0 0 1.0 1.0 6 6 ² 119 -60 60-119 m² 1.0 1.0 1.0 15 15 ² 199 -120 120- 199 m² 1.2 5 1.9 1.3 29 23 200- 499 m² ² 499 -200 0.0 0 2.3 3.0 21 ² 1999 -500 500- 1999 m² 3.0 1 0.0 0.0 0 0 ² 2000 2000 m² and more **Nablus** 0.6 5 1.0 1.0 1 ² 60 Less than 60 m² 1.0 2 1.1 1.0 10 10 ² 119 -60 60- 119 m² 2 1.0 1.1 1.1 21 20 ² 199 -120 120-199m² 1.5 6 1.8 1.4 45 33 ² 499-200 200- 499 m² 3.4 9 3.1 3.4 67 20 ² 1999 -500 500-1999 m² 2000- m² and more 5.5 2 4.0 12.0 12 ² 2000 Qalqilya 0.0 0 1.0 1.0 1 1 ² 60 Less than 60 m² 0.0 0 1.4 1.0 5 5 ² 119 -60 60-119 m² 0.0 1.1 1.0 16 16 ² 199 -120 120- 199 m² 2.0 1 1.7 1.5 28 19 ² 499 -200 200- 499 m² 2.0 2 2.0 6.0 12 2 500- 1999 m² ² 1999 -500 3.0 1 0.0 0.0 0 0 ² 2000 2000 m² and more

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Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate- Third Quarter 2008

	Non-Res. Buildings		Residential Building				
Governorate &Area Category	Average No. of Storeys	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	No. of Licenses	
Salfit							
Less than 60 m ²	1.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60- 119 m ²	1.0	1	1.7	0.3	1	3	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	1.0	1	1.2	1.2	6	5	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	2.0	1	1.9	1.9	13	7	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	0.0	0	1.5	2.0	4	2	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000
Ramallah and Al-Bireh							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	² 60
60-119 m ²	0.0	0	1.5	1.5	3	2	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	0.0	0	1.3	0.9	11	12	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	2.0	4	2.0	1.8	36	20	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	2.4	10	3.1	3.5	118	34	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	5.2	5	6.0	12.8	154	12	² 2000
Jericho and Al Aghwar							
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60- 119 m ²	1.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.0	0	1.3	1.0	4	4	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.0	0	1.6	1.4	7	5	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	0.0	0	2.0	2.0	2	1	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000

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Table 4 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Category of Licensed Area and Governorate- Third Quarter 2008

	Non-Res. Buildings		Residential Building				
Governorate &Area Category	Average No. of Storeys	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	No. of Licenses	
Jerusalem				<u>-</u>			
Less than 60 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60-119 m ²	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 119 -60
120- 199 m²	0.0	0	1.5	0.5	1	2	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	0.0	0	1.6	1.6	8	5	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m²	0.0	0	3.0	3.3	10	3	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 2000
Bethlehem							
Less than 60 m ²	0.5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	² 60
60- 119 m ²	0.0	1	1.0	1.0	1	1	² 119 -60
120-199m ²	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	7	7	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	1.0	2	1.6	1.5	33	22	² 499-200
500-1999 m ²	2.1	9	2.9	3.7	37	10	² 1999 -500
2000- m ² and more	3.0	1	6.0	18.0	36	2	² 2000
Hebron							
Less than 60 m ²	1.0	1	0.7	0.7	2	3	² 60
60-119 m ²	1.0	1	1.0	0.7	5	7	² 119 -60
120- 199 m ²	1.0	1	1.1	0.9	50	53	² 199 -120
200- 499 m ²	2.0	1	1.5	1.3	52	40	² 499 -200
500- 1999 m ²	1.6	7	1.9	3.0	27	9	² 1999 -500
2000 m ² and more	0.0	0	2.0	1.0	1	1	² 2000

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Table 5: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate— Third Quarter 2008

Governorate	Non-Res. Buildin	Non-Res. Buildings			Residential Buildings					
	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses		
All Governorates										
Stone	2.2	82.2	71	2.0	2.3	808	197.8	350		
Cement Block	1.6	12.9	24	1.4	1.2	165	28.3	135		
Concrete	1.0	2.8	7	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1		
Jenin										
Stone	1.0	0.1	1	1.8	2.0	20	4.9	10		
Cement Block	1.9	7.3	8	1.7	1.7	19	3.3	11		
Concrete	2.0	1.0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0		
Tubas										
Stone	1.0	1.1	1	1.8	1.3	5	0.9	4		
Cement Block	1.5	0.7	2	1.2	1.3	12	1.7	9		
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0		
Tulkarm										
Stone	1.0	0.9	3	1.8	1.8	33	7.6	18		
Cement Block	1.8	3.0	4	1.5	1.2	37	7.8	32		
Concrete	0.0	0.0	1	1.0	1.0	1	0.1	1		
Nablus										
Stone	2.5	25.3	21	2.1	2.2	127	30.7	58		
Cement Block	1.3	0.9	4	1.3	1.1	29	4.2	27		
Concrete	1.0	0.1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0		

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Table 5 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate - Third Quarter 2008

Governorate	Non-Res. Buildi	ings		Residential Buildings					
	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	
Qalqilya									
Stone	1.8	3.9	4	1.7	2.7	19	3.3	7	
Cement Block	2.0	0.4	1	1.4	1.2	43	6.7	36	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Salfit									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	2.0	8	1.3	4	
Cement Block	1.3	0.6	4	1.5	1.2	16	3.0	13	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Ramallah and Al-Bireh									
Stone	3.1	35.5	19	2.9	4.0	319	83.1	79	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.5	3	0.5	2	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Jericho and Al Aghwar									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.6	1.4	7	1.7	5	
Cement Block	1.0	0.1	1	1.4	1.2	6	1.2	5	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Jerusalem									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.9	19	4.4	10	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 5 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate - Third Quarter 2008

	Non-Res. Buildings			Residential Buil					
Governorate	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	
Bethlehem									
Stone	1.9	9.6	13	2.0	2.7	114	24.5	42	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Hebron									
Stone	1.3	5.8	9	1.3	1.2	137	35.4	113	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	2.0	1.5	2	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 6 : Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Mate

Table 6 : Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate— Third Quarter 2008

	Non-Res. Building	js .		Residential Buil	dings				
Governorate	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	
All Governorates					<u> </u>		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Stone	0.4	3.4	46	1.4	0.7	108	23.0	166	
Cement Block	1.8	19.7	5	1.3	0.7	26	4.1	35	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.5	0.5	1	0.2	2	
Jenin									
Stone	1.0	0.2	1	2.0	1.8	9	1.7	5	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	5	0.6	5	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tubas									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.7	1.0	3	0.4	3	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tulkarm									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.2	1	
Cement Block	2.0	0.1	1	1.5	1.8	7	0.8	4	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Nablus									
Stone	0.3	2.3	42	1.4	0.7	80	14.9	110	
Cement Block	1.0	0.2	1	1.4	0.6	4	0.7	7	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.5	0.5	1	0.2	2	

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Table 6 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction
Material of External Walls and Governorate— Third Quarter 2008

	Non-Res. Build	dings		Residential Buil	dings				
Governorate	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	
Qalqilya									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	2.0	2	0.3	1	
Cement Block	2.5	1.8	2	1.1	1.0	7	1.0	7	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Salfit									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.8	0.0	0	0.3	4	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Ramallah and Al-Birah									
Stone	1.0	0.2	1	1.6	0.0	0	3.6	38	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	0.0	0	0.2	1	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Jericho and Al Aghwar									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	1.0	17.7	1	1.0	0.0	0	0.2	4	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Bethlehem									
Stone	3.0	0.3	1	1.3	1.6	11	1.5	7	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 6 (Cont.) : Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Additions to Licensed Existing Buildings by Construction
Material of External Walls and Governorate- Third Quarter 2008

	Non-Res. Building	js		Residential Buil	dings				
Governorate	Average No. of Storeys	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No. of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(2) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	
Hebron									
Stone	1.0	0.4	1	1.3	1.3	5	0.8	4	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 7: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Additions and Existing Parts to Unlicensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate—Third Quarter 2008

	Non- Res. Buildir	ngs		Residential Bu	ildings				
Governorate	Average No. of Storeys	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	Average No of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	
All Governorates		, ,						1	
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.8	1.3	38	9.7	30	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.2	1.5	32	5.2	21	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.5	3	0.3	2	
Jenin									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	2.0	2	0.3	1	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tubas									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.2	1.6	8	1.2	5	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tulkarem									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	4.0	1.2	7	3.3	6	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.3	1.7	20	3.4	12	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 7 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for New Additions and Existing Parts to Unlicensed Existing Buildings by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate – Third Quarter 2008

	Non- Res. Build	dings		Residential Bu	ildings				
Governorate	Average No. of Storeys	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m ²)	No. of Licenses	Average No of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	
Nablus									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.5	1.3	31	6.4	24	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	0.0	0	0.1	1	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.5	3	0.3	2	
Qalqilya									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.0	2	0.2	2	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	

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Table 8: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate—Third Quarter 2008

	Non- Res. Buil	dings		Residential Bu	ildings				
Governorate	Average No. of Storeys	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	Average No of Storeys	Average No.	Total No. of Dwellings	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	
All Governorates									
Stone	1.1	4.9	10	1.4	1.1	162	55.9	145	
Cement Block	1.0	0.2	1	1.5	0.9	39	6.4	42	
Concrete	2.0	1.3	1	2.0	0.5	1	0.3	2	
Jenin									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	5.3	21	2.1	4	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	2.0	4	0.5	2	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tubas									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.0	8	1.3	8	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Tulkarm									
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	0.5	1	0.1	2	
Cement Block	1.0	0.2	1	1.1	0.7	7	1.1	10	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Nablus									
Stone	1.0	0.2	1	2.0	1.4	28	4.8	20	
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.7	0.6	6	1.4	10	
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	0.5	1	0.3	2	

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Table 8 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate—Third Quarter 2008

	Non- Res. Buil	dings		Residential B	uildings			
Governorate	Average No. of Storeys	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	Average No of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses
Qalqilya								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	2.0	1.0	1	0.6	1
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	1.2	13	2.0	11
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Salfit								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.2	1
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Ramallah and Al-Bireh								
Stone	1.3	2.1	3	1.8	1.8	46	12.3	25
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Jerusalem								
Stone	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	1.0	1	0.3	1
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Bethlehem								
Stone	0.5	0.9	2	1.4	1.3	14	2.5	11
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Concrete	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0

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Table 8 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Existing Buildings and Extensions by Construction Material of External Walls and Governorate—Third Quarter 2008

	Non- Res. Buil	dings		Residential B	uildings			
Governorate	Average No. of Storeys	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses	Average No of Storeys	Average No. of Dwellings	Total No. of Dwellings	(²) Licensed Area (1000 m²)	No. of Licenses
Hebron	_			•				
Stone	1.3	1.7	4	1.0	0.6	50	33.3	81
Cement Block	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Concrete	2.0	1.3	1	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0

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Table 9: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate- Third Quarter 2008

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	(2)	2						
	License	ed Areas (000 m²)			Number of Issued	Licenses	1	
Governorate	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions+Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
All Governorates									
Complete Dwellings	67.2	254.9	322.2	4	167	47	89	481	788
Extension of Rooms	0.1	2.8	2.9	2	0	1	22	3	28
Other Extensions	0.3	2.8	3.1	1	1	2	45	2	51
Other	0.5	2.6	3.1	14	0	3	47	0	64
Jenin									
Complete Dwellings	2.7	10.5	13.2	0	6	1	9	21	37
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tubas									
Complete Dwellings	1.7	3.8	5.5	0	7	5	3	13	28
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tulkarm									
Complete Dwellings	4.4	19.9	24.3	0	7	18	5	51	81
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0.1	0.0	0.1	5	0	0	0	0	5

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Table 9 (Cont.): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate— Third Quarter 2008

	(2)	2.	Number of Issued Licenses							
	License	ed Areas (000 m²)			Number of Issued	Licenses				
Governorate	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions+Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total		
Nablus											
Complete Dwellings	7.4	52.6	60.1	0	22	22	56	85	185		
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	3	0	3		
Other Extensions	0.3	0.4	0.8	1	1	2	13	0	17		
Other	0.3	2.6	2.9	8	0	3	47	0	58		
Qalqilya											
Complete Dwellings	2.6	11.3	14.0	0	12	1	6	43	62		
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.1	0.2	0	0	1	2	0	3		
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Salfit											
Complete Dwellings	0.2	4.2	4.4	0	1	0	1	15	17		
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.4	0.4	0	0	0	2	2	4		
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Ramallah & Al- Bireh											
Complete Dwellings	12.3	83.4	95.7	0	25	0	0	79	104		
Extension of Rooms	0.0	2.0	2.0	0	0	0	13	1	14		
Other Extensions	0.0	1.9	1.9	0	0	0	26	1	27		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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Table 9 (Cont): Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Residential Buildings by Status of Licensed Building and Governorate— Third Quarter 2008

	(²) ed Areas (000 m²\	Number of Issued Licenses							
	License	ed Areas (000 m)			Number of Issued	Licenses				
Governorate	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions+Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total		
Jericho and Al Aghwar		•									
Complete Dwellings	0.0	2.9	2.9	0	0	0	0	10	10		
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other Extensions	0.0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	4	0	4		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Jerusalem											
Complete Dwellings	0.3	4.2	4.6	0	1	0	0	9	10		
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other Extensions	0.0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Bethlehem											
Complete Dwellings	2.5	25.9	28.4	0	10	0	5	42	57		
Extension of Rooms	0.0	0.1	0.1	1	0	0	2	0	3		
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Hebron											
Complete Dwellings	33.2	36.2	69.3	4	76	0	4	113	197		
Extension of Rooms	0.1	0.0	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	1		
Other Extensions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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Table 10: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate— Third Quarter 2008

	Stores	3	(²) Licensed	l Areas (10	000 m ²)			Number of Issue	ed Licenses		
Governorate & Utilization	(² 1000) Area (1000 m²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
All Governorates											
Industrial	1.2	2	0.3	19.6	19.9	0	1	0	1	3	5
Commercial	39.5	153	4.0	43.1	47.1	0	8	0	12	42	62
Educational	2.7	1	0.9	41.2	42.0	0	1	0	5	28	34
Health	0.0	0	0.0	1.3	1.3	0	0	0	1	1	2
Others	0.9	2	1.4	15.7	17.1	0	2	0	32	28	62
Jenin											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	1.1	8	0.0	1.1	1.1	0	0	0	1	2	3
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	7.5	7.5	0	0	0	0	8	8
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tubas											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	1.3	11	0.0	1.3	1.3	0	0	0	0	2	2
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0	0	0	0	1	1

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Table 10 (Cont.)`: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate- Third Quarter 2008

	Stores	<u> </u>	(² License) ed Areas ((1000 m ²)		Number of Issued Licenses						
Governorate & Utilization	(² 1000) Area (1000 m²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total		
Tulkarm													
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Commercial	0.8	14	0.2	0.8	1.0	0	1	0	1	2	4		
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	2.4	2.4	0	0	0	0	2	2		
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0	0	0	0	4	4		
Nablus													
Industrial	0.3	1	0.0	1.2	1.2	0	0	0	0	2	2		
Commercial	4.2	46	0.2	4.8	5.0	0	1	0	9	10	20		
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	15.5	15.5	0	0	0	2	7	9		
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0	0	0	1	0	1		
Others	0.0	0	0.0	6.7	6.7	0	0	0	31	7	38		
Qalqilya													
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Commercial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Educational	0.6	1	0.0	4.6	4.6	0	0	0	2	2	4		
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Others	0.0	0	0.0	1.6	1.6	0	0	0	0	3	3		

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Table 10 (Cont.)`: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate- Third Quarter 2008

	Stores	5	(² Licens) ed Areas ((1000 m ²)	Number of Issued Licenses					
Governorate & Utilization	(² 1000) Area (1000 m²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
Salfit											
Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	0.5	8	0.0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	3	3
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ramallah and Al-Bireh Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial	23.7	56	1.2	28.0	29.2	0	2	0	0	12	14
Educational	0.0	0	0.9	5.6	6.5	0	1	0	0	5	6
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	2.1	2.1	0	0	0	1	2	3
Jericho and Al Aghwar Industrial	0.0	0	0.0	17.7	17.7	0	0	0	1	0	1
Commercial	0.1	2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 10 (Cont.)`: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Non-Residential Buildings by Utilization and Governorate- Third Quarter 2008

	Stores	S	(² Licenso) ed Areas(1000 m ²)			Number of Issue	d Licenses		
Governorate & Utilization	(² 1000) Area (1000 m ²)	No.	Existing Areas	New Areas	Total	Existing Extensions	Existing Buildings	+ New Additions +Existing Parts	Additions to Licensed Buildings	New Buildings	Total
Bethlehem											
Industrial	0.3	0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Commercial	5.2	0	0.7	4.6	5.3	0	1	0	1	6	8
Educational	2.0	0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.8	0.8	0	0	0	0	1	1
Others	0.9	1	0.0	2.7	2.7	0	0	0	0	7	7
Hebron											
Industrial	0.6	1	0.0	0.6	0.6	0	0	0	0	1	1
Commercial	2.6	8	1.7	1.9	3.6	0	3	0	0	4	7
Educational	0.0	0	0.0	3.6	3.6	0	0	0	1	3	4
Health	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0.0	1	1.4	1.5	2.9	0	2	0	0	3	5

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Table 11: Buildings Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for Boundary Walls Only by Governorate— Third Quarter 2008

Covernerate	Existing and Existing Ad	dditions	New and New Ac	Iditions
Governorate	(.)		(.)	
	Total Length (1000 m.r)	Number	Total Length (1000 m.r)	Number
All Governorate	0.0	0	2.5	38
Jenin	0.0	0	0.1	3
Tulkarm	0.0	0	0.6	6
Nablus	0.0	0	1.0	19
Ramallah and Al-Bireh	0.0	0	0.2	2
Bethlehem	0.0	0	0.6	8



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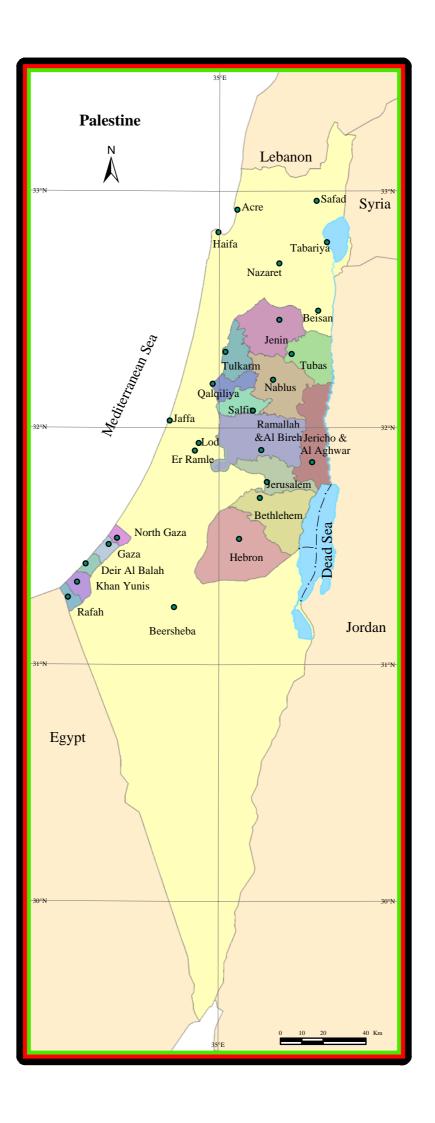
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Preface

Construction is considered one of the important economic activities in the Palestinian economy. It contributes substantially to the Gross Domestic Product, recruits a large share of employees, and directly influences several other economic activities. Building construction in particular represents one of the major construction activities in general.

It has been necessary for the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) to establish statistical database that covers several aspects of construction activities in order to accommodate the different needs of users. The annual economic surveys series conducted by PCBS as of 1994 includes a survey for construction contractors. PCBS had also conducted the annual Existing Buildings Survey starting from the reference year 1996.

PCBS is pleased to present this report of Building Licenses Statistics, which provides statistical data on the size, and characteristics of licensed buildings in Remaining West Bank for the Third Quarter 2008, but Gaza Strip data not available.

Statistical data is currently collected through filling the designated from the administrative records of the different official licenses issuing authorities. This was initiated on quarterly basis since the First Quarter of 1996.

Publication of building licenses statistics will be pursued in the following years. PCBS hopes that the means by which these data are archived in the issuing authorities are developed, in the foreseeable future, in a manner that would reduce cost and time needed for preparing these statistics.

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Executive Summary

This report covers data for the Third Quarter 2008.

The main findings of this quarter are as follow:

- 1. Number of licenses: The number of building licenses issued in the Third Quarter 2008 totaled 1,096 and distributed as follows:
 - 588 licenses for new buildings
 - 254 licenses for new additions to licensed existing buildings
 - 53 licenses for new additions and existing parts
 - 180 licenses for existing buildings
 - 21 licenses for existing extensions
- 2. Licensed areas: The total areas of licensed buildings (residential & non residential) amounted to 458.8 thousand m² distributed as follows:
 - 384.1 thousand m² for new buildings areas, of which 263.1 thousand m² are residential and 121.0 thousand m² non-residential.
 - 74.7 thousand m² for existing buildings areas, of which 68.2 thousand m² are residential and 6.5 thousand m² non-residential.
- 3. Licensed boundary walls: 38 licenses issued for walls with total length of 2.5 thousand meters.
- 4. Number and area of dwellings licensed:
 - New dwellings: 1,174 units with a total area of 234.2 thousand m².
 - Existing dwellings: 223 units with a total area of 62.5 thousand m².

There was an obvious decline in the total number of issued buildings licenses for the third quarter of 2008 compared with the third quarter in the 2006, 2007 years; the decline was 2.6% compared with the third quarter 2006, 3.3% compared with the third quarter 2007.

The results showed that in the third quarter 2008 the number of new dwellings and the number of existing dwellings decreased by 23.5%, 49.4% respectively compared with the same quarter 2006. There was a 43.7% decrease in the number of new dwellings and 55.1% in the number of existing dwellings when the third quarter 2008 was compared with the same quarter 2007.

1. Introduction:

Construction is considered an important economic activity, particularly in countries undergoing economic development. This activity plays a vital role in the Palestinian economy and is significantly interrelated to other economic activities. The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) is committed to compiling statistical data on all aspects of construction activity in order to measure the main related variables.

Administrative record statistics shed light on the size and type of buildings licenses issued by official parties. Building license statistics are compiled by most countries. In addition to its own importance, buildings licenses statistics constitute the sampling frame for other surveys to be launched concerning identification of the actual constructed buildings against licenses, estimating construction costs and obtaining data on the technical characteristics of these buildings.

2. Objectives:

These statistics provide data on the number of building licenses and licensed areas, and number and area of licensed dwellings and stores considering the following variables:

- Issuing authorities.
- Geographic location.
- Status of the buildings to be licensed (new, existing, new or existing additions, etc.).
- Building ownership (private, governmental, local authorities, cooperative, etc.).
- Utilization of the building (residential, non-residential: industrial, commercial, educational, etc.).
- Major external construction material (stone, concrete, block, etc.).

3. Definitions:

1.1 Statistical Unit:

The license issued by any authorized authority. The issuing authorities are the reporting units for this administrative records statistics.

1.2 Building Ownership:

- 1. Private.
- 2. Governmental.
- 3. Local Authority.
- 4. Cooperative Society.
- 5. Charitable Society.
- 6. Other, e.g. religious groups, UNRWA, etc.

1.3 Status of the building to be licensed:

- 1. New, when the building site is entirely vacant.
- 2. Addition to an already existing licensed building either a vertical or horizontal addition.
- 3. Addition to non-licensed existing building (or part of a building) that needs licensing.
- 4. Existing building.
- 5. Existing extension.

1.4 Building Utilization:

- 1. Residential: The building is considered residential if more than half of its total area is prepared for residential purposes. The building could consist of:
 - Complete dwellings.
 - Rooms added to the dwellings.
 - Extension of other facilities, e.g. kitchen, bathroom, cesspool, garage.
- 2. Non-Residential: industrial, commercial, educational, etc.
- 3. The boundary wall: in cases when the boundary wall undergoes separate licensing. If the building license includes the wall, then it is not included here.

3.5 Dwelling:

The housing unit of a single household.

3.6 Remaining West Bank:

The West Bank, except for those parts of Jerusalem Governorate that were annexed after 1967 occupation by Israel.

4. Main Findings

1. Number of licenses: The following table shows comparison between the number of buildings licenses for the Third Quarter 2008 with the same period for the years 2006-2007:

	No. of is	sued Lic	enses*	% Change of Q3	% Change of Q3	
Indicator	Q3 2006	Q3 2007	Q3 2008	2008 from Q3 2006	2008 from Q3 2007	
Licenses for new buildings.	559	684	588	5.2	-14.0	
Licenses for additions to licensed buildings.	258	242	254	-1.6	5.0	
Licenses for additions + existing parts.	48	40	53	10.4	32.5	
Licenses for existing buildings.	233	149	180	-22.7	20.8	
Licenses for existing extensions	27	18	21	-22.2	16.7	
Total	1,125	1,133	1,096	-2.6	-3.3	

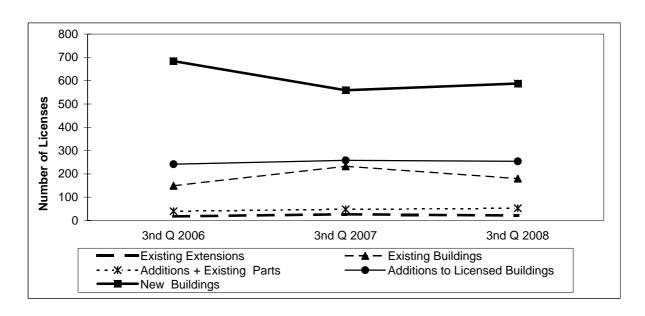
^{*}Excluding boundary wall licenses

The results showed a drop for buildings licenses indicators during the third quarter 2008 compared with the third quarter 2006-2007, despite some vacillation in some indicators, compared with same period or pervious quarters for the same years.

There was a decline in the total number of issued building licenses when the third quarter of 2008 was compared with the third quarter in the two previous years; the decline was 2.6% and 3.3% when compared with the third quarter 2006, and the third quarter 2007 respectively.

The following figure shows the number of building licenses issued in Remaining West Bank – 2006-2008 (Third Quarter):

Figure 1: Number of Building Licenses Issued in Remaining West Bank for the Third Quarter 2006 – 2008



2. Licensed areas: The following table shows comparison between the licensed areas for the Third Quarter 2008 with the same period for the years 2006-2007:

	Li	censed Are	as	% Change of Q3	% Change of Q3	
Indicator	Q3 Q3 Q3 2006 2007 2008		• •	2008 from Q3 2006	2008 from Q3 2007	
Total areas	470.1	440.1	458.8	-2.4	4.3	
New areas	374.5	361.8	384.1	2.6	6.2	
Residential	276.2	281.3	263.1	-4.7	-6.5	
Non-residential	98.3	80.5	121.0	23.1	50.3	
Existing areas	95.6	78.3	74.7	-21.9	-4.5	
Residential	80.5	63.0	68.2	-15.3	8.3	
Non-residential	15.1	15.3	6.5	-57.0	-57.5	

3.Licensed boundary walls: The following table shows comparison between the licenses issued for walls for the Third Quarter 2008 with the same period for the years 2006-2007:

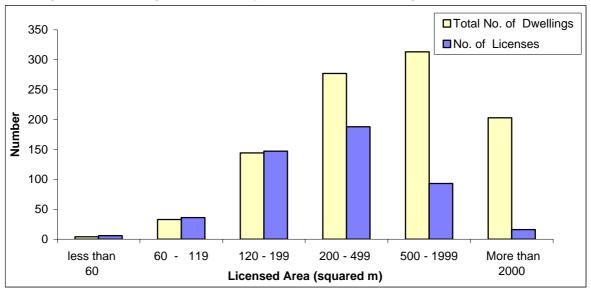
Indicator	Licens	ed bour walls	ndary	% Change of Q3	% Change of Q3
indicator	Q3 2006	Q3 2007	Q3 2008	2008 from Q3 2006	2008 from Q3 2007
Number of Walls licenses	71	38	38	-46.5	0.0
Length of Walls licenses (meters)	5.7	3.1	2.5	-56.1	-19.4

4. Number and area of dwellings licensed: The following table shows comparison between the number and total area for the licensed dwellings for the Third Quarter 2008 and the same period for the years 2006- 2007:

Indicator	Numbe	r of dwellin their area	gs and	% Change of Q3	% Change of Q3
mulcator	Q3 2006	Q3 2007	Q3 2008	2008 from Q3 2006	2008 from Q3 2007
Number of new dwellings	1,535	2,085	1,174	-23.5	-43.7
Area for new dwellings (1000 m ²)	253.7	254.1	234.3	-7.7	-7.8
Number of existing dwellings	441	497	223	-49.4	-55.1
Area for existing dwellings (1000 m ²)	74.5	55.6	62.5	-16.1	12.4

This figure shows the number of licenses and number of dwellings for new residential buildings by licensed area in Remaining West Bank the Third Quarter of 2008:

Figure 2: Number of Building Licenses and Number of Dwellings for New Residential Buildings in Remaining West Bank by Licensed Area During the Third Quarter of 2008



5. Data Quality

5.1 Accuracy of the Data

5.1.1 Statistical Errors

The survey was implemented on the basis of a comprehensive census for all studied statistical units (Licenses); therefore this survey was free of statistical (sampling) errors.

5.1.2 Non-Statistical Errors

Non-statistical errors are probable in all stages of the project, during data collection or processing. In this survey it is mostly referred to data entry errors. To avoid errors and reduce their effects, great efforts were made to train data entry staff. They were trained on the entry program that was examined before starting the data entry process, and preparing data entry program before data collection for checking readiness of the program for data entry. A set of validation rules was applied to the program for checking consistency of data. Periodic data

files were received by project management for checking accuracy and consistency, and notes of correction were provided for data entry management for correction.

5.2 Comparison of the Data

Comparison exercises were done with previous years surveys of Building Licenses for the same quarter, and the results reveal consistency with previous survey data.

5.3 Technical Notes

There are important technical notes which should be taken into consideration when reviewing this report, which are as follows:

- Tables exclude building licenses for those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed illegally by Israel in 1967, while they include licenses for some villages of Jerusalem Governorate.
- It may be noticed that the details of the value of some indicators may not add up to its total, due to rounding calculations.
- Data were not available for Gaza Strip.