

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

"Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Fourth Quarter of 2005"

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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released a Statistical Report on Building Licenses for the Fourth Quarter 2005 which indicates that the total number of building licenses issued in the Remaining West Bank and Gaza Strip was 2,200. They were distributed as follows: 1,104 licenses for new buildings, 332 licenses for additions to licensed buildings, 104 licenses for additions and existing parts, 637 licenses for existing buildings and 23 licenses for existing extensions. The results show that the total licensed areas were 829.0 thousand (m²), distributed as 625.3 thousand (m²) for new areas and 203.7 thousand (m²) for existing areas, The total number of licensed dwellings were 4,045 units, 2,881 were new dwelling units and 1,164 were existing dwelling units .

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 7.4% in the Fourth Quarter 2005 compared with the Third Quarter of 2005, also there was an increase by 10.2% in the total number of licensed dwellings, and decreased in the total licensed areas by 4.3% in the Fourth Quarter 2005 compared with the Third Quarter of 2005, also there was decrease by 35.7% in the number of boundary walls licenses compared with the Third Quarter of 2005.

The total number of building licenses issued increased by 75.2% in the Fourth Quarter of 2005 compared with the Fourth Quarter of 2004, also it increased by 63.9%, compared with the Fourth Quarter of 2003, and increase by 68.5% in the Fourth Quarter of 2005 compared with the Fourth Quarter of 2000.

Comparing the licensed new areas in the Fourth Quarter of 2005 with the Fourth Quarter of 2004, the results show an increase of 29.1%, and an increase of 200.4% in the licensed existing areas. Comparing licensed areas in the Fourth Quarter 2005 with the same period in 2000, the results indicate that licenses of new areas increased by 25.7%, and the existing areas increased by 188.5%.

The total number of new dwelling units increased by 31.2% in the Fourth Quarter of 2005 compared with the same Quarter of 2004, whereas the existing dwelling units increased by 179.8% Compared with the same period, whereas the total number of new and existing dwelling units increased by 57.6%, 196.9 compared with the same Quarter of 2000.

Also the results show that the number of boundary walls licenses increased by 7.1% in the Fourth Quarter of 2005 compared with the Fourth Quarter of 2004, and decreased by 40.0% compared with the same period of 2000.