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

Sharp decrease in the number of building licenses in Palestine\* in the

 First quarter of 2024 compared with the first quarter of 2023, due to the ongoing Israeli aggression on Palestine

The total number of building licenses issued in the first quarter of 2024 decreased by 20% compared with the fourth quarter of 2023 and decreased by 36% compared with the first quarter of 2023, where the number of new building licenses decreased by 20% compared with the fourth quarter of 2023 and decreased by 45% compared with the first quarter of 2023.

A totalof 1,642 building licenses were issued in the first quarter of 2024, of which 900 are new buildings.

The area of licensed buildings (residential and non-residential) totaled 902 thousand m2, of which new buildings made up 713 thousand m2 and existing buildings comprised 189 thousand m2.

The total number of licensed dwellings was 3,556 with a total area of 612 thousand m2, of which 2,719 were new dwellings with a total area of 473 thousand m2 and 837 were existing dwellings with a total area of 139 thousand m2.

The number of new dwellings in the first quarter of 2024 decreased by 14% compared with the fourth quarter of 2023 and decreased by 29% compared with the first quarter of 2023.

**Number of Building Licenses Issued in Palestine\* during the period, First Quarter 2023 - First Quarter 2024**

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

**Notice:**

In Gaza Strip, there are no licenses issued for this quarter due to the Israeli aggression against it.