The escalation of hostilities between 7 July and 26 August 2014 destroyed or severely damaged around 18,000 housing units, rendering an estimated 5 per cent of the housing stock uninhabitable and leaving approximately 100,000 people homeless. This is in addition to the pre-crisis housing deficit of 71,000 housing units, due to people living in overcrowded or inadequate conditions. The provision of temporary housing solutions to these people is one of the major challenges facing the local authorities and the humanitarian community in the coming period.

**Breakdown of Extent of Damage**

61,800 damaged houses

- Minor: 38,000
- Severe: 8,000
- Major: 5,800
- Destroyed: 10,080

**Volume of Destruction by Locality**

Includes houses destroyed or with severe or major damage

- 2,500 - 6,000 /houses
- 500 - 2,500 /houses
- 50 - 500 /houses

**Breakdown of Damage by Governorate**

18,000 destroyed and severely damaged houses

- North Gaza: 2,545 houses, 2,665 houses
- Gaza: 3,190 houses, 2,620 houses
- Middle: 1,430 houses, 690 houses
- Khan Yunis: 1,925 houses, 1,365 houses
- Rafah: 990 houses, 660 houses

Source: Shelter cluster, as of 28 Aug. 2014