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Building Materials Price Statistics

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Briefing

The monthly publication of Building Materials Price Statistics is of great significance as building material prices are deemed important economic indicators for planning and research in various fields. They are also used in the compilation of indices of the construction activity and for the calculation of GDP at constant prices.

Statistical centers all over the world collect prices of building materials used by a large segment of people. As a result of the urban development and the constant growth in the construction sector in the Emirate, Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi collects price data for these materials on a regular basis.

The movements of prices of 21 groups from the key building materials are included in this publication. This information helps decision and policy makers and researchers in planning and making sound decisions in support of the building materials sector and other sectors associated with it.

Key Points

This publication provides the movement of prices of twenty-one groups of building materials in May 2018 compared with April of the same year and May of 2017. The main results of this publication are as follows:

- During May 2018, the average prices of 'Diesel' increased by 6.7%, 'Tiles and marble' by 2.2% while the 'Wires for small building' group increased by 1.2%, compared with April 2018.
- During May 2018, the average prices of 'Roofing materials' decreased by 5.4%, 'wood' by 0.2%, and 'power cable' by 0.1% compared with April 2018.
- During May 2018 the average price of 'Diesel' increased by 29.9%, 'Wires for apartments' by 27.4% and 'Wires for small buildings' by 17.7% compared with May 2017.
- During May 2018, the average prices of 'Paints' decreased by 10.3% while 'Cement' decreased by 0.9% and 'Concrete' by 0.5% compared with May 2017.

Notes

Technical notes

The current methodology for Building Materials Price Statistics including conceptual basis, construction of the basket, data collection, validation, processing procedures, averaging and treatment of missing values, and potential sources of error are described in the Building Materials Price Statistics 2015 publication, which is available on SCAD's website at <http://www.scad.ae>.

Data sources

Data are obtained from the monthly survey of Building Materials Prices; the data are collected, processed and provided to Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing and compilation.

More information and detailed release

Building Materials Price Statistics, for June 2018 will be released in July 2018. For more information about prices and other official statistics, please visit the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>.

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