



Building Materials Price Statistics

August 2011

1. Building Materials Prices for August 2011 compared with July 2011

Prices for a number of commodity groups of building materials showed changes during August 2011 compared with July 2011.

Prices for “Aggregates & Sand” decreased by 16.2 per cent as all items in this group registered price decreases between 11.1 per cent and 20.8 per cent. The “Paints” group fell by 10.1 per cent mainly as a result of a 27 per cent decrease in the price of “Paints / Durosan matt emulsion /Gallon /U.A.E”.

The strongest price increases were recorded in “Bathroom Set without Accessories” and “Employment / with all services” which rose by 12.1 per cent and 6 per cent respectively.

2. Building Materials Prices for August 2011 compared with August 2010

During August 2011 compared with August 2010, the strongest increase at 37.7 per cent was in prices for “Transport equipment”. Prices of “Power cable” rose by 31.8 per cent as a result of an increase in the price of “CU 132kv/ 1*800 mm²” by 52.2 per cent. In addition, prices of “Wires / Residential Towers” rose by 27 per cent and “Wires / Small Building” rose by 25.9 per cent.

Prices for the “Glass” group fell by 20.1 per cent as a result of a decrease in the price of “Tinted Glass / 6 mm / m²/ S. Arabia” by 28.9 per cent and “Mirror Glass / 6 mm / m² / S. Arabia” fell by 23.5 per cent.

Methodology of Building Materials Statistics

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 is described in the Annual BMP report, 2010 which is available on the SCAD website at: <http://www.scad.ae>.

Building Materials Price Statistics September 2011 will be released on 21 October 2011. For more information, please visit the SCAD website at: <http://www.scad.ae>

Table (1): Relative changes in the monthly average prices of building materials for August 2011, compared with July 2011 and August 2010.

Serial No.	Commodity groups	Percentage change August 2011 on July 2011	Percentage change August 2011 on August 2010
1	Cement	-1.3	4.8
2	Aggregates and Sand	-16.2	20.2
3	Concrete	0.0	-5.6
4	Steel	0.2	24.0
5	Wood	0.9	5.5
6	Block	1.8	-3.9
7	Roofing Materials	0.0	3.5
8	Waterproofing Products	0.6	13.7
9	Waterproofing Bituminous Membrane	na	na
10	Natural Stone	0.0	0.0
11	Tiles and Marble	0.0	12.1
12	Sanitary Ware		
12.1	Bathroom Set without Accessories	12.1	3.0
12.2	Bathroom Set with Accessories	0.0	0.0
12.3	Sink Stainless Steel With Mixer-Single	0.3	-16.1
13	False ceiling	-1.3	-0.3
14	Paints	-10.1	-2.7
15	Glass	0.0	-20.1
16	Pipes		
16.1	(PVC) Pipes	3.7	0.0
16.2	(UPVC) Pipes	-3.9	-2.7
17	Wires		
17.1	Apartments	4.1	15.8
17.2	Small Building	0.7	25.9
17.3	Residential Towers	-0.3	27.0
18	Power cable	-3.9	31.8
19	Transport equipment	0.1	37.7
20	Employment / with all services	6.0	7.9
21	Diesel	0.0	0.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi