



Building Materials Price Statistics

December Quarter 2011

1. Building Materials Prices for December 2011 compared with November 2011

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

Prices for "Transport equipment" increased by 11.3 per cent as all items in this group registered price increases of between 1.3 per cent and 43.5 per cent. The "Glass" group rose by 6.4 per cent. In addition, prices of "Concrete" rose by 6.0 per cent and "Wood" rose by 2.2 per cent.

Prices for "Employment" decreased by 5.7 per cent with prices for the commodities of this group decreasing by between 3.6 per cent and 8.0 per cent. Prices for "Wires for Apartments" decreased by 3.6 per cent, "Sink Stainless Steel With Mixer-Single" by 2.4 per cent and "Steel" by 1.6 per cent.

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

During December 2011 compared with December 2010, the strongest increase at 39.8 per cent was in prices for "Transport equipment". Prices of "Aggregates and Sand" rose by 18.1 per cent as all items in this group registered price increases of between 3.6 per cent and 41.7 per cent. In addition, prices of "Tiles and Marble" rose by 12.1 per cent and "Waterproofing Products" rose by 10.7 per cent.

Some other commodity groups showed a decline in average prices during December 2011, compared with December 2010. Prices of "Power cable" fell by 10.4 per cent, "(PVC) Pipes" by 8.0 per cent, "Concrete" by 6.6 per cent and "Block" by 6.4 per cent.

3. Building Materials Prices for Q4 2011 compared with Q3 2011

Most of the commodity groups of building materials recorded higher average prices during Q4 2011 compared with Q3 2011. Increases ranged between 0.8 per cent for "False ceiling" and 15.9 per cent for the "Glass" group.

The average prices for “Diesel” and “Roofing Materials” stabilized during the Q4 2011, compared with Q3 2011.

A number of commodity group prices declined between Q4 2011 and Q3 2011. The average prices of “Sink Stainless Steel with Mixer-Single” decreased by 41.9 per cent, “Power cable” by 9.3 per cent, “Concrete” by 7.7 per cent, “Wires for Apartments” by 7.1 per cent and “Aggregates and Sand” by 6.3 per cent.

4. Building Materials Prices for Q4 2011 compared with Q4 2010

The average prices of fifteen commodity groups increased during Q4 2011 compared with Q4 2010. Increases ranged between 0.8 per cent for “Cement” and 30.7 per cent for “Transport equipment”. Among these commodities “Aggregates & Sand” increased by 19.9 per cent, “Tiles and Marble” by 13.5 per cent, “Wires for Residential Towers” by 13.4 per cent and “Waterproofing Products” by 11.8 per cent.

The average price for “Diesel” stabilized during Q4 2011, compared with Q4 2010. Some other commodity groups showed a decline in average prices during Q4 2011, compared with Q4 2010. Prices of “(PVC) Pipes” fell by 8.0 per cent, “Block” by 6.4 per cent, and “Natural Stone” by 5.9 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 are described in the Annual BMP report, 2010 which is available on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>.

Building Materials Price Statistics, January 2012 will be released on 12 February 2012. For more information on prices and other official statistics, please visit the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

Table (1): Relative changes in the monthly and quarterly average prices of building materials for December 2011, compared with November 2011 and December 2010, and for Q4 2011, compared with Q3 2011 and Q4 2010

Serial No.	Commodity groups	Percentage change December 2011 on November 2011	Percentage change December 2011 on December 2010	Percentage change Q4 2011 on Q3 2011	Percentage change Q4 2011 on Q4 2010
1	Cement	-1.2	-0.9	-3.2	0.8
2	Aggregates and Sand	-1.3	18.1	-6.3	19.9
3	Concrete	6.0	-6.6	-7.7	-2.8
4	Steel	-1.6	2.2	-4.2	11.0
5	Wood	2.2	4.4	-0.7	4.8
6	Block	1.8	-6.4	-2.0	-6.4
7	Roofing Materials	0.0	7.6	0.0	6.6
8	Waterproofing Products	1.1	10.7	1.8	11.8
9	Waterproofing Bituminous Membrane	na	na	na	na
10	Natural Stone	0.0	-5.9	-5.9	-5.9
11	Tiles and Marble	-0.7	12.1	-0.9	13.5
12	Sanitary Ware				
12.1	Bathroom Set without Accessories	1.7	5.5	5.9	4.9
12.2	Bathroom Set with Accessories	0.0	3.3	-0.3	0.8
12.3	Sink Stainless Steel With Mixer-Single	-2.4	-5.1	-41.9	-5.8
13	False ceiling	0.0	-1.2	0.8	-0.9
14	Paints	1.3	6.6	4.9	6.1
15	Glass	6.4	-0.8	15.9	-4.2
16	Pipes				
16.1	(PVC) Pipes	2.0	-8.0	-5.9	-8.0
16.2	(UPVC) Pipes	-0.4	-4.1	-4.0	-4.1
17	Wires				
17.1	Small Building	-1.4	2.2	-5.5	3.7
17.2	Apartments	-3.6	-2.5	-7.1	2.8
17.3	Residential Towers	-1.3	9.7	-5.4	13.4
18	Power cable	0.2	-10.4	-9.3	-3.3
19	Transport equipment	11.3	39.8	2.7	30.7
20	Employment / with all services	-5.7	3.7	8.4	7.7
21	Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi