



Building Materials Price Statistics

September Quarter 2011

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

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

Prices for "Employment" increased by 13.5 per cent as all items in this group registered price increases of between 7.1 per cent and 25.0 per cent. The "Paints" group rose by 4.2 per cent mainly as a result of a 27.3 per cent increase in the price of "Paints / Durosan matt emulsion /Gallon /U.A.E". In addition, prices of "Aggregates and Sand" rose by 1.0 per cent and "Bathroom Set with Accessories" rose by 0.8 per cent.

Prices for "Concrete" decreased by 11.9 per cent with prices for the commodities of this group decreasing by between 11.8 per cent and 12.0 per cent. Prices for "Wires for Residential Towers" decreased by 7.2 per cent, "Wires for Small Building" by 5.9 per cent and "Power cable" by 5.4 per cent.

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

During September 2011 compared with September 2010, the strongest increase at 37.7 per cent was in prices for "Transport equipment". Prices of "Wires for Apartments" rose by 27.1 per cent as a result of an increase in the price of "Electrical wire / Sinjil Corps / 4 mm lap / Ducab /U.A.E." by 29.4 per cent. In addition, prices of "Tiles and Marble" rose by 21.5 per cent and "Aggregates and Sand" rose by 21.4 per cent.

Some other commodity groups showed a decline in average prices during September 2011, compared with September 2010. Prices of "Glass" fell by 21.3 per cent, "Sink Stainless Steel with Mixer-Single" by 11.7 per cent and "False ceiling" by 4.5 per cent.

3. Building Materials Prices for Q3 2011 compared with Q2 2011

Most of the commodity groups of building materials recorded higher average prices during Q3 2011 compared with Q2 2011. Increases ranged between 0.4 per cent for “Bathroom Set without Accessories” and 15.6 per cent for the “Aggregates & Sand” group. The average price for “Steel” increased by 10.2 per cent, while “Cement” rose by 8.6 per cent.

The average prices for “Diesel”, “False ceiling”, “ Tiles and Marble”, “ Waterproofing Products” and “Natural Stone” stabilized during the third quarter 2011, compared with the second quarter 2011.

A number of commodity group prices declined between Q3 2011 and Q2 2011. The average prices of “Paints” decreased by 16.7 per cent, “(PVC) Pipes” by 10.2 per cent, “Wires for Small Building” by 7.5 per cent, “Sink Stainless Steel with Mixer-Single” by 6.0 per cent and “(UPVC) Pipes” by 5.2 per cent.

4. Building Materials Prices for Q3 2011 compared with Q3 2010

The average prices of sixteen commodity groups increased during Q3 2011 compared with Q3 2010. Increases ranged between 1.9 per cent for “Diesel” and 37.7 per cent for “Transport equipment”. Among these commodities “Power cable” increased by 30.6 per cent, “Aggregates & Sand” by 30.6 per cent, “Wires for Small Building” by 24.8 per cent and “Steel” by 22.8 per cent.

The average price for “Natural Stone” stabilized during Q3 2011, compared with Q3 2010. Some other commodity groups showed a decline in average prices during Q3 2011, compared with Q3 2010. Prices of “Glass” fell by 25.1 per cent, “Sink Stainless Steel with Mixer-Single” by 14.7 per cent, and “Block” by 4.5 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 are described in the Annual BMP report, 2010 which is available on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

Building Materials Price Statistics, October 2011 will be released on 10 November 2011. For more information, 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 September 2011, compared with August 2011 and September 2010, and for Q3 2011, compared with Q2 2011 and Q3 2010

Serial No.	Commodity groups	Percentage change September 2011 on August 2011	Percentage change September 2011 on September 2010	Percentage change Q3 2011 on Q2 2011	Percentage change Q3 2011 on Q3 2010
1	Cement	-2.5	0.9	8.6	4.4
2	Aggregates and Sand	1.0	21.4	15.6	30.6
3	Concrete	-11.9	0.3	-4.2	-3.7
4	Steel	0.2	20.0	10.2	22.8
5	Wood	-0.9	5.2	-2.6	5.3
6	Block	0.0	-3.9	-1.8	-4.5
7	Roofing Materials	0.0	7.1	-0.5	4.4
8	Waterproofing Products	-0.4	11.5	0.0	13.0
9	Waterproofing Bituminous Membrane	na	na	na	na
10	Natural Stone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	Tiles and Marble	0.0	21.5	0.0	16.9
12	Sanitary Ware				
12.1	Bathroom Set without Accessories	-0.3	3.9	0.4	-0.6
12.2	Bathroom Set with Accessories	0.8	5.9	0.5	1.9
12.3	Sink Stainless Steel With Mixer-Single	-0.3	-11.7	-6.0	-14.7
13	False ceiling	0.0	-4.5	0.0	-1.0
14	Paints	4.2	-1.6	-16.7	0.8
15	Glass	-1.5	-21.3	-5.2	-25.1
16	Pipes				
16.1	(PVC) Pipes	-3.1	-3.1	-10.2	-2.4
16.2	(UPVC) Pipes	0.0	-1.8	-5.2	-1.9
17	Wires				
17.1	Small Building	-5.9	18.2	-7.5	24.8
17.2	Apartments	-1.2	27.1	-2.5	14.3
17.3	Residential Towers	-7.2	13.4	4.0	21.7
18	Power cable	-5.4	16.8	-1.3	30.6
19	Transport equipment	0.0	37.7	0.0	37.7
20	Employment / with all services	13.5	8.2	-0.1	4.1
21	Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi