



Building Materials Price Statistics

April 2011

Building materials prices for April 2011 compared with March 2011

Prices for a number of commodity groups of building materials showed changes during April 2011 compared with March 2011. The strongest increase was recorded in "Paints" (up 15.4%) as a result of the increase in prices of "Paints/Jollofex normal emulsion/dram/U.A.E." and "Paints/ Durosan matt emulsion/Gallon/U.A.E." in addition to "Memorex Paints" with relative changes between 11.8% and 25%. Prices for "Tile and Marble" increased by 13.1% as a result of the increase in prices of "Porcelain color tiles" by between 9.1% and 32.5%. At the same time, prices for "Employment" rose by 10.2%.

Prices for "Steel" fell by 4.1% with prices for the commodities of this group decreasing by between 1.9% and 11.2%. Prices for "Aggregate and sand" decreased by 3.3% as a result of decreasing prices of "Sand/Black" by 11.1% and "Aggregate/Crush" by 7.1%.

Building materials prices for April 2011 compared with April 2010

The prices for most commodity groups changed from April 2010 to April 2011. The largest increase was in "Power cables" (up 40.4%), followed by "Transport equipments" (up 40.3%). This was mainly owing to higher prices for "Excavator capacity of 330-290 cubic meters" and "Lauder 966". Wires for apartments also increased significantly (up 39.8%), over this period.

The strongest decrease in prices was recorded for "Block" (down 15.2%) as a result of the decrease in the price of Hollow/4" 10x20x40 cm, 15x20x40 cm and 20x20x40 cm/Thousand/U.A.E. by 24%, 23.5% and 22.6% respectively.

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, May 2011 will be released on 27 June 2011. For more information, please visit the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

Table 1: The relative changes in the monthly average of prices of building materials for April 2011 compared with March 2011 and April 2010

Serial No.	Commodity groups	Relative change April 2011 on March 2011 (per cent)	Relative change April 2011 on April 2010 (per cent)
1	Cement	-0.5	-2.8
2	Aggregates & Sand	-3.3	-14.8
3	Concrete	0.0	-7.3
4	Steel	-4.1	-2.9
5	Wood	4.2	5.6
6	Block	0.0	-15.2
7	Roofing Materials	6.8	4.4
8	Waterproofing Products	5.8	10.3
9	Waterproofing Bituminous	na	na
10	Natural Stone	0.0	0.0
11	Tiles and Marble	13.1	9.4
12	Sanitary Ware		
12.1	Bathroom Set without Accessories	-0.2	3.7
12.2	Bathroom Set with Accessories	3.1	-3.0
12.3	Sink Stainless Steel With Mixer-Single	1.6	-3.3
13	False ceiling	2.0	-0.9
14	Paints	15.4	15.4
15	Glass	1.6	-0.7
16	Pipes		
16.1	(PVC) Pipes	1.0	1.0
16.2	(UPVC) Pipes	-1.7	-4.3
17	Wires		
17.1	Small Building	0.5	17.5
17.2	Apartments	0.2	39.8
17.3	Residential Towers	1.2	16.3
18	Power cable	-0.1	40.4
19	Transport equipment	1.9	40.3
20	Employment / with all services	10.2	0.0
21	Diesel	0.0	20.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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