



Construction Cost Index



Fourth Quarter 2017

(Base Year 2013)

Detailed by:

Main building materials and services groups

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## **Briefing**

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) is an important statistical indicator for the purposes of planning and research in various disciplines. Statistics centers and agencies in different countries consistently compile these indices, based on the prices of a group of building materials and construction services commonly used during the construction process. The figures thus calculated constitute a time series that provides a measure of changes in the cost of construction over time.

Therefore, Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi has always taken interest in collecting the prices of those materials and services on a regular basis and publishes the indicators derived from this data, following the methodologies adopted internationally in this field. The Price Indices Section at the Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi compile the CCI according to the ten main groups of the construction cost index basket with a base year of 2013.

The selected sample of items included in the Construction Cost Index basket uses actual data collected from the Contractors' Association in Abu Dhabi. The sample of sources (building materials and construction service providers) were selected in such a way to represent the market condition across the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

It is worth mentioning that this publication covers only the relative importance of each one of the main construction groups for towers. Further development of the index will add the rest of the construction sectors, according to the construction classification used in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.



# **Key Points**

- 1. The CCI increased by 3.6% in the fourth quarter of 2017 compared with the fourth quarter of 2016. The index increased from 94.6% in the fourth quarter of 2016 to 98.0% in the fourth quarter of 2017.
- 2. The CCI increased by 1.1% in the fourth quarter of 2017 compared with the third quarter of 2017. The index increased from 96.9% in the third quarter of 2017 to 98.0% in the fourth quarter of 2017.
- 3. The most important groups contributing to the rise in the prices of construction costs index during the fourth quarter of 2017 compared with the third quarter in 2017 was 'Manpower' for which prices increased by 3.2%, contributing 72.2% to the overall change.

Index Number 100.0 98.7 99.0 99.0 97.1 98.0 98.0 97.0 96.9 96.5 96.0 96.1 95.3 94.6 95.0 94.2 94.0 93.0 92.4 92.0 91.0 90.0 Q1 Q2 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q2 Q4 Q1 Q3 Q4 03

2016

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Figure 1: Construction Cost Index, quarterly for 2015, 2016 and 2017

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

2015

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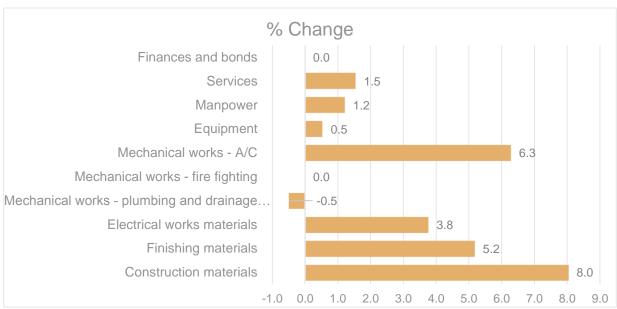
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Figure 2: Relative change in CCI for the main groups during the fourth quarter of 2017 compared with the fourth quarter of 2016



Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi



### **Notes**

#### **Technical notes**

For better understanding of the statistical indicators mentioned in this summary, please refer to the accompanied technical notes in the website.

#### **Data sources**

Data are obtained from the quarterly survey of building materials and services related to the construction cost index. The data are processed and passed to Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing and compilation.

#### More information and detailed release

The CCI for Q1 2018 will be released during June 2018. For more information about the CCI and other official statistics, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at <a href="http://www.scad.ae">http://www.scad.ae</a>

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