



Building Materials Price Statistics

November 2011

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

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

Prices for “Employment” decreased by 8.6 per cent as all items in this group registered price decreases of between 5.0 per cent and 13.3 per cent. The “(PVC) Pipes” group fell by 3.8 per cent. In addition, prices of “Block” fell by 3.4 per cent and “(UPVC) Pipes” fell by 2.8 per cent.

Prices for “Sink Stainless Steel with Mixer-Single” increased by 7.3 per cent with prices for the commodities of this group increasing by between 3.8 per cent and 10.0 per cent. Prices for “Wires for Apartments” increased by 2.1 per cent, “False ceiling” by 1.9 per cent and “Tiles and Marble” by 1.8 per cent.

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

During November 2011 compared with November 2010, the strongest increase at 25.5 per cent was in prices for “Transport equipment”. Prices of “Aggregates and Sand” rose by 19.7 per cent as all items in this group registered price increases of between 3.6 per cent and 44.4 per cent. In addition, prices of “Steel” rose by 14.9 per cent and “Wires for Residential Towers” rose by 13.8 per cent.

Some other commodity groups showed a decline in average prices during November 2011, compared with November 2010. Prices of “(PVC) Pipes” fell by 9.8 per cent, “Block” by 8.0 per cent, “Glass” by 6.8 per cent and “(UPVC) Pipes” by 6.3 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, December 2011 will be released on 10 January 2012.

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

Serial No.	Commodity groups	Percentage change November 2011 on October 2011	Percentage change November 2011 on November 2010
1	Cement	-1.1	1.4
2	Aggregates and Sand	-2.1	19.7
3	Concrete	-2.2	-1.9
4	Steel	-0.8	14.9
5	Wood	0.5	5.5
6	Block	-3.4	-8.0
7	Roofing Materials	0.0	6.6
8	Waterproofing Products	1.6	12.8
9	Waterproofing Bituminous Membrane	na	na
10	Natural Stone	0.0	-5.9
11	Tiles and Marble	1.8	12.9
12	Sanitary Ware		
12.1	Bathroom Set without Accessories	-1.8	3.7
12.2	Bathroom Set with Accessories	0.0	-0.8
12.3	Sink Stainless Steel With Mixer-Single	7.3	-2.8
13	False ceiling	1.9	-1.2
14	Paints	0.4	6.8
15	Glass	-2.0	-6.8
16	Pipes		
16.1	(PVC) Pipes	-3.8	-9.8
16.2	(UPVC) Pipes	-2.8	-6.3
17	Wires		
17.1	Small Building	-0.8	3.3
17.2	Apartments	2.1	2.3
17.3	Residential Towers	-1.5	13.8
18	Power cable	-2.5	-3.3
19	Transport equipment	-1.3	25.5
20	Employment / with all services	-8.6	4.9
21	Diesel	0.0	0.0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi