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Briefing

Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi (SCAD) is pleased to present the 'Building Materials Price Statistics 2016 publication' in response to the directives of our wise leadership for the development of economic sectors and the provision of support to policy makers and researchers in the Emirate.

Building materials prices are key economic indicators that play an instrumental role in planning and research in various fields. They can be used in calculating the price index of construction activity, and thus used in producing the GDP at current prices. In response to the urban development and continuous growth taking place in the construction sector, SCAD collects building materials price data on a regular basis. The bulletin includes the prices of 21 key building materials groups, which will assist decision and policy makers and researchers in planning and meeting sound decisions to support the building materials sector and other related sectors.

SCAD extends sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the collection of prices and the production of this publication. SCAD welcomes any suggestions that might help to improve the future statistical outputs it products in order to meet the needs of data users and enhance the statistical work in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Key Points

- The annual average prices for 9 groups of building materials have increased during 2016 compared with 2015. The increases ranged between 8.2% for 'Block' and 0.4% for '(PVC) Pipes', the average prices for 'False ceiling' group increased by 6.3%, 'Sanitary ware-bathroom set without accessories' by 3.4%, 'Wires for small building' by 3.2% and "Glass' group increased by 2.3%.
- The annual average prices for 15 groups of building materials have decreased during 2016 compared with 2015. The decreases ranged between 0.2% for 'Sanitary ware- Bathroom Set with Accessories' and decreased by 21.1% for 'Diesel', the average prices for 'Waterproofing products' group decreased by 14.5%, 'Employment' and '(uPVC) Pipes' decreased by 8.1% for each and "Paints' group decreased by 7.1%.

Percentage change in annual average prices of building materials during 2016, compared with 2015

Serial No.	Commodity groups	Percentage change 2016 / 2015
1	Cement	-1.5
2	Aggregates and sand	-3.3
3	Concrete	-0.7
4	Steel	0.7
5	Wood	-3.8
6	Block	8.2
7	Roofing materials	-1.0
8	Waterproofing products	-14.5
9	Waterproofing bituminous membrane	n.a.
10	Natural stone	-0.4
11	Tiles and marble	2.2
12	Sanitary ware	
12.1	Bathroom set without accessories	3.4
12.2	Bathroom set with accessories	-0.2
12.3	Sink stainless steel with mixer-single	0.0
13	False ceiling	6.3
14	Paints	-7.1
15	Glass	2.3
16	Pipes	
16.1	(PVC) pipes	0.4
16.2	(uPVC) pipes	-8.1
17	Wires	
17.1	Small building	3.2
17.2	Apartments	0.8
17.3	Residential towers	-0.4
18	Power cable	-5.2
19	Transport equipment	-0.3
20	Employment	-8.1
21	Diesel	-21.1

(n.a.): means not available

Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Notes

Technical notes

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 Building Materials Price methodology, which is available on SCAD's website at <http://www.scad.ae>.

Data sources

Data are obtained from the monthly survey of Building Materials Prices; the data are collected, processed and passed to Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing and compilation.

More information and detailed release

For more information about prices and other official statistics, please visit the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>.

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