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# Building Materials

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## Price Statistics

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## Briefing

The monthly publication of Building Materials Price Statistics is of great significance as building material prices are deemed to be important economic indicators for planning and research in various fields. They are also used in the compilation of indices of the construction activity and for the calculation of GDP at constant prices.

Statistical centres all over the world collect prices of building materials used by a large segment of people. As a result of the urban development and the constant growth in the construction sector in the Emirate, Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi collects price data for these materials on a regular basis.

The movements of prices of 21 groups from the key building materials are included in this publication. This information helps decision and policy makers and researchers in planning and making sound decisions in support of the building materials sector and other sectors associated with it.

## Key Points

This report provides the movement of prices of twenty-one groups of building material in March 2018 compared to February of the same year and March of 2017. The main results of this report are as follows:

- During March 2018, the average prices of 'Roofing Materials' increased by 9.9%, '(PVC) Pipes' by 4.4% and the 'Steel' group increased by 0.6%, compared with February 2018.
- During March 2018 the average price of 'Diesel' decreased by 2.4%, 'Employment / with all services' and Concrete by 1.8% compared with February 2018.
- During March 2018 the average price of the 'Wires for Apartments' increased by 27.0%, 'Diesel' by 20.3% and 'Wires for Small Building' by 16.9% compared with March 2017.
- During March 2018, the average prices of 'Paints' decreased by 1.0% and 'Concrete' decreased by 0.7% compared with March 2017.
- During the first quarter of 2018 compared with the fourth quarter of 2017, the average price of the 'Wires for Apartments' group increased by 14.2%, 'Diesel' by 13.1% and 'Wires for Small Building' by 9.2%. The average prices of 'Bathroom Set without Accessories' and 'Concrete' decreased by 3.7%, 0.1%, respectively.
- During the first quarter of 2018 compared with the same period in the previous year, the average prices of 'Diesel' increased by 21.6%, the prices of 'Wires for Apartments' increased by 20.5%, and 'Wires for Small Building' increased by 16.0%. The average prices of 'Natural stone', and 'Paints' fell by 2.7% and, 0.2% respectively.

## 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 Statistics 2015 publication, 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

Building Materials Price Statistics, for April 2018 will be released on May 2018. For more information about prices and other official statistics, please visit the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>.

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