



Building Materials Price Statistics

June Quarter 2011

1. Building Materials Prices for June 2011 compared with May 2011

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

During June 2011, prices for "Aggregates & Sand" increased by 26 per cent as all items in this group registered price increases of between 11 per cent and 50 per cent. Prices of "Steel" rose by 4 per cent mainly as a result of a 9 per cent increase in the price of "Steel / Bars, 6 - 8 mm / Ton / Turkia" and an 8 per cent increase in the price of "B.R.C. Mesh / 8m.m (252) / Piece /U.A.E.". The "Paints" group rose by 3.6 per cent mainly as a result of a 14 per cent increase in the price of "Paints / Durosan matt emulsion /Gallon /U.A.E".

The strongest price decreases were recorded in "Sink Stainless Steel with Mixer-Single" and "Bathroom Set without Accessories" which fell by 10.1 per cent and 9.9 per cent respectively.

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

Prices for "Power cable" increased by 44.1 per cent from June 2010 to June 2011, as all items in this group registered price increases of between 33 per cent and 67 per cent. Prices of "Transport equipment" rose by 37 per cent as a result of an increase in the price of "Truck capacity of 20 m³" by 52 per cent. In addition, prices of "Aggregates & Sand" rose by 29.8 per cent and "Wires\ Apartments" rose by 26 per cent.

Building material prices for the "Glass" group fell by 33.1 per cent as a result of a decrease in the price of "Tinted Glass / 6m.m / m² / S.Arabia" by 43 per cent and " Mirror Glass / 4 mm / m² / S.Arabia" fell by 39 per cent .

3. Building Materials Prices for Q2 2011 compared with Q1 2011.

Most of the commodity groups of building materials recorded higher average prices during Q2 2011 compared with Q1 2011. Increases ranged between 0.5 per cent for "(PVC) Pipes" and 18.2 per cent for the "Paints" group.

The average prices for "Diesel" and "Natural stone" stabilized during the second quarter 2011, compared with the first quarter 2011.

A number of commodity group prices declined between Q2 2011 and Q1 2011. The average prices of "Glass" decreased by 14.8 per cent, Block by

3.4 per cent, "Power cable" by 3 per cent, "Concrete" by 2.8 per cent, "Cement" by 2.1 per cent and "Steel" by 1.7 per cent.

4. Building Materials Prices for Q2 2011 compared with Q2 2010

The average prices of fifteen commodity groups increased during Q2 2011 compared with Q2 2010. Increases ranged between 1.5 per cent for "False ceiling" and 39.1 per cent for "Transport equipment". Among these commodities "Power cable" increased by 38.5 per cent, "Electric wires/Small Building" by 32.6 per cent, "Wires for residential towers" by 16.8 per cent, "Tiles and Marble" by 16.8 per cent and "Diesel" by 14.5 per cent.

The average price for "Natural stone" stabilized during Q2 2011, compared with Q2 2010.

Some other commodity groups showed a decline in average prices during Q2 2011, compared with Q2 2010. Prices of "Glass" fell by 20.3 per cent, "Block" by 8.5 per cent, and "Concrete" by 7.3 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, July 2011 will be released on 21 August 2011. For more information, please visit the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

Table (1): Relative changes in the monthly and quarterly average prices of building materials for June 2011, compared with May 2011 and June 2010, and for Q2 2011, compared with Q1 2011 and Q2 2010

Serial No.	Commodity groups	Percentage change June 2011 on May 2011	Percentage change June 2011 on June 2010	Percentage change Q2 2011 on Q1 2011	Percentage change Q2 2011 on Q2 2010
1	Cement	1.0	-0.6	-2.1	-1.8
2	Aggregates and Sand	26.0	29.8	4.5	4.5
3	Concrete	0.0	-7.3	-2.8	-7.3
4	Steel	4.0	19.7	-1.7	6.2
5	Wood	2.0	6.4	2.0	4.1
6	Block	1.3	-4.4	-3.4	-8.5
7	Roofing Materials	-0.9	5.7	5.6	4.0
8	Waterproofing Products	-0.1	11.5	7.1	10.9
9	Waterproofing Bituminous Membrane	na	na	na	na
10	Natural Stone	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	Tiles and Marble	0.0	20.7	12.6	16.8
12	Sanitary Ware				
12.1	Bathroom Set without Accessories	-9.9	-8.0	0.8	-1.0
12.2	Bathroom Set with Accessories	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.0
12.3	Sink Stainless Steel With Mixer-Single	-10.1	-8.8	-1.8	-1.1
13	False ceiling	-1.6	2.0	1.4	1.5
14	Paints	3.6	14.5	18.2	13.5
15	Glass	0.0	-33.1	-14.8	-20.3
16	Pipes				
16.1	(PVC) Pipes	-0.5	-4.2	0.5	-1.1
16.2	(UPVC) Pipes	4.5	3.9	4.2	-0.4
17	Wires				
17.1	Small Building	-2.6	10.8	1.7	32.6
17.2	Apartments	-1.2	26.0	2.1	11.6
17.3	Residential Towers	0.3	17.2	3.5	16.8
18	Power cable	0.9	44.1	-3.0	38.5
19	Transport equipment	0.6	37.0	11.2	39.1
20	Employment / with all services	-4.2	-0.8	8.5	2.9
21	Diesel	0.0	11.9	0.0	14.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi