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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 publication provides the movement of prices of twenty-one groups of building materials in March 2019 compared with February 2019 and March of 2018. The report also contains the average price of the first quarter 2019 compared with the same period in the previous year and fourth quarter 2018. The main results are as follows:

- During March 2019, the average prices of 'Diesel increased by 5.7%, 'Wires for Apartments' by 3.8% and '(uPVC) Pipes' by 3.7% compared with February 2019.
- During March 2019, the average price of '(PVC) Pipes' decreased by 2.9% 'Steel' by 1.5% and 'Waterproofing Products' by 1.0% compared with February 2019.
- During March 2019 the average price of 'Bathroom Set without Accessories' increased by 11.1%, 'Transport Equipment' by 10.1% and 'Tiles and Marble' by 10.0% compared with March 2018.
- During March 2019, the average prices of 'Wires for Apartments' decreased by 14.0%, 'Wires for Small building' by 10.2% and 'Aggregates and Sand' by 9.3% compared with March 2018.
- During the First quarter of 2019 compared with the fourth quarter of 2018, the average price of the 'Pints' group increased by 4.3%, '(PVC) Pipes' by 3.1% and 'Bathroom Set without Accessories' by 2.4%. The average prices of 'Diesel' decreased by 12.4%, 'Aggregates and sand' decreased by 6.0%, and 'Glass' by 4.8% compared with the fourth quarter 2018.

- During the First quarter of 2019 compared with the same period in the previous year, the average prices of 'Tiles and marble' increased by 9.1%, the prices of 'Waterproofing products' increased by 8.8%, and 'Bathroom Set without Accessories' increased by 8.5%. The average prices of 'Wires for Apartments' decreased by 14.9% and 'Wires for Small Building' 11.9%.and 'Aggregates and Sand by 10.1%

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 www.scad.gov.abudhabi.

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 the Building Materials Price Statistics (BMP) and other official statistics, Please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at www.scad.gov.abudhabi.

Revision Policy

The building materials prices is prepared on a monthly basis, in the last week of the next month following the reference month, and the results of the calculations of the Building Material Report are final. Therefore, published building materials price are not subject to future revisions because of new data becoming available. If a mistake is detected, there are procedures that have already been put in place with the Project Management Office to remove/ modify the published error. These procedures are in line with the policy of the Statistics Center - Abu Dhabi.

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