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# Building Materials

## 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 centers 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 August 2019 compared with July 2019 and August of 2018. The main results are as follows:

- During August 2019, the average prices of 'Natural stone' increased by 5.3%, 'Diesel' increased by 3.0% and 'Wires/ Residential Towers' increased by 2.8% compared with July 2019.
- During August 2019, the average price of 'Roofing materials' decreased by 3.4%, 'Concrete' decreased by 0.9% and 'Employment with all services' decreased by 0.8% compared with July 2019.
- During August 2019, the average price of 'Transport equipment' increased by 12.8%, 'Tiles and marble' increased by 12.2% and 'Paints' increased by 8.4% compared with August 2018.
- During August 2019, the average prices of 'Glass' decreased by 21.3%, 'Aggregates and Sand' decreased by 9.4% and 'Roofing materials' decreased by 9.3% compared with August 2018.

## 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](http://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](http://www.scad.gov.abudhabi).

### Revision Policy

The building materials prices statistics are 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 Publication are final. Therefore, published building materials price statistics 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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