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### **SCAD Building Materials Price Report**

## **Construction Labour Costs and Diesel Price Record the Largest Annual and Monthly Falls in April 2020**

The Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi (SCAD), a Department of Government Support entity, has issued its monthly Building Materials Price Statistics (BMPS) report for April 2020. The report covers price movements across key building materials in April 2020 compared with March 2020 and April 2019.

### **April 2020 vs March 2020**

In April 2020, the average prices of cement group increased by 0.9%, concrete by 0.1% compared with March 2020. During April 2020, the average cost of construction labour dropped by 20.5%. Diesel price dropped by 8.4%, and steel by 2.7% compared with March 2020.

### **April 2020 vs April 2019**

In April 2020, the average prices of natural stone increased by 6.4%, wires for small building rose by 3% and stainless steel sinks with single mixer by 2.6% compared with April 2019. The average cost of construction labour fell by 28.9%, diesel by 17.3%, and power cables by 12.2% in April 2020 compared with April 2019.



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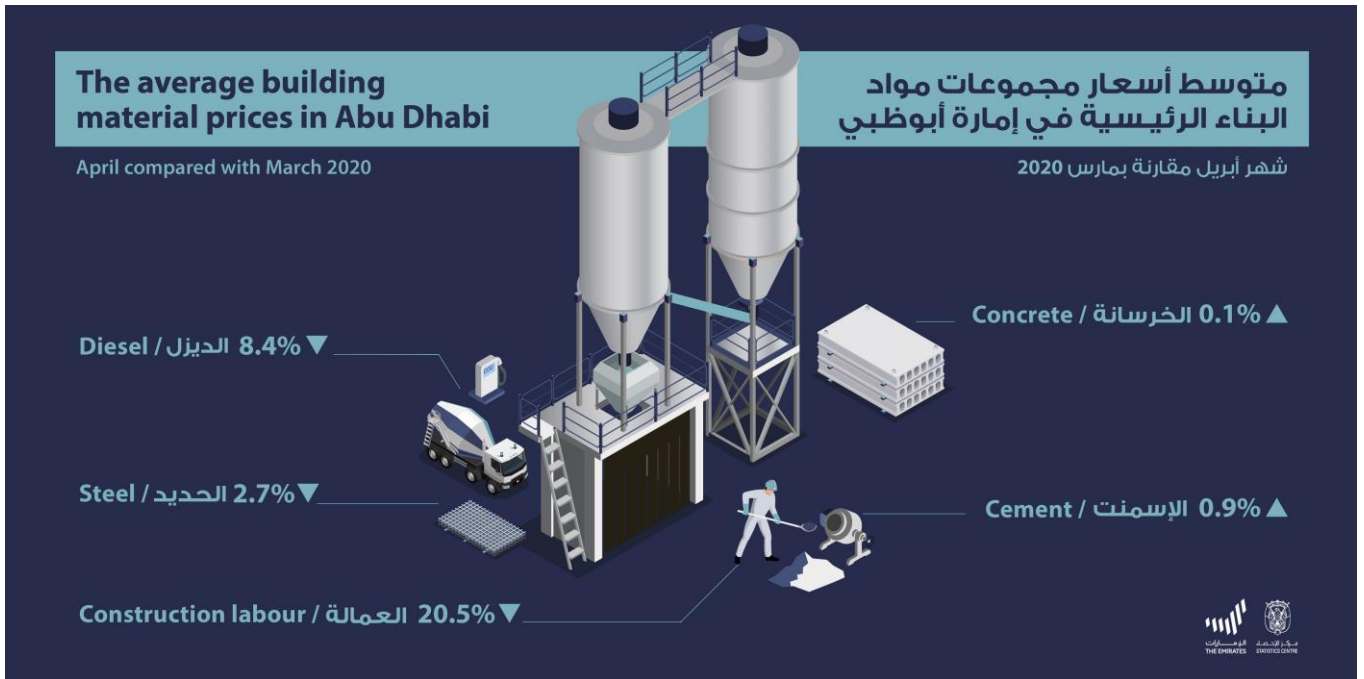




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Building material prices statistics are important economic indicators for planning and research across sectors. They are also used to compile indices of the construction activity and in real GDP calculations.

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Being the official statistical data collection agency in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the centre assumes the functions of preparing the statistical plans and programs that serve the emirate's wider development programs, conducting statistical surveys across the emirate. SCAD is also responsible for the collection, classification, storage, analysis and dissemination of official statistics and the release of the results of social, demographic, economic, environmental and cultural surveys.

The activities of the centre encompass all areas relating to social conditions in accordance with relevant international standards and ethics, such as independence, professionalism, impartiality, objectivity, confidentiality, cost effectiveness and quality of statistics.

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