



# Construction Sector Indices

*January to March 2015*

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Annual Changes** show that the prices for the Whole Construction Sector (covering material prices, wage rates & equipment hire rates) decreased by 4.3% in the year ending March 2015 compared to the year ending March 2014 as shown in Graph 1. Similarly, for the year ending February 2015 the sector registered a fall in prices by 3.8% compared to February 2014.

The overall annual fall in prices of 4.3% at Whole Sector level in March 2015 was due to:

- A 10.5% decrease in prices of inputs for Residential Buildings.
- A 1.8% decrease in input prices of Non-Residential Buildings.
- A 2.3% fall in input prices for Civil Works was registered for the same period.



**Monthly Changes** show that in March 2015, average prices of inputs for the Whole Construction Sector decreased by 0.7%.

However in February 2015, the input prices in the whole construction sector increased by 0.1% compared to January 2015.

The monthly average price levels over the period March 2014 to March 2015 are shown in Graph 2.



**Basic Headings (Monthly Changes)**

Overall, the prices of Basic Headings items (material inputs, equipment hire and wage rates) decreased in March 2015. Notable decreases were registered in Diesel by 9.4%, Other Iron & Steel by 0.3% and Lime by 0.1%. However Cement registered a 0.3% increase.

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- Notes: 1 This release contains composite input price indices for the construction sector and their "basic heading" components.
- 2 To obtain the percentage change in prices between any two periods, divide the index number in the second period by the index number in the first period, subtract 1 and multiply the result by 100.
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Statistical Release Table A  
Construction sector price indices

Jan-Mar 2006 = 100

	Whole sector		All buildings		Residential buildings					
					Total		Formal		Own-account	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Year	225		220		197		221		172	
Q1	231	222	227	216	213	190	223	221	203	161
Q2	223		217		191		221		162	
Q3	224		218		192		221		163	
Q4	224		218		191		221		162	
Jan	231	222	227	216	212	190	223	220	202	161
Feb	231	223	227	217	213	191	223	221	203	162
Mar	231	221	227	216	212	190	222	220	203	161
Apr	223		218		192		221		163	
May	223		217		191		221		162	
Jun	222		217		190		220		161	
Jul	224		218		192		221		163	
Aug	224		218		192		221		163	
Sep	224		218		192		221		163	
Oct	224		219		192		222		163	
Nov	224		218		191		221		162	
Dec	223		216		190		220		161	

	Non-res buildings		Civil works		Roads paved		Roads gravel		Water projects	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Year	234		248		254		256		229	
Q1	236	232	248	244	253	253	255	248	229	230
Q2	233		247		252		253		228	
Q3	234		248		254		254		228	
Q4	234		251		258		260		229	
Jan	236	232	248	247	253	254	255	251	229	229
Feb	236	233	248	244	253	253	256	247	229	231
Mar	236	232	247	241	252	252	254	245	229	231
Apr	233		247		253		254		229	
May	233		246		252		253		228	
Jun	233		246		253		254		227	
Jul	235		248		254		254		228	
Aug	234		248		255		254		228	
Sep	235		247		254		254		228	
Oct	235		248		255		255		229	
Nov	234		253		261		264		229	
Dec	232		251		258		259		229	

Source: Uganda Bureau of Statistics

Statistical Release Table B

Basic heading price indices, CPI Rescaled and Equipment charge out rates and cement quantities

Jan-Mar 2006=100

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	Timber		Paint		PVC/HDPE pipes		Water tanks		Burnt clay bricks & tiles	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Year	257		174		179		142		260	
Q1	261	213	174	170	178	176	142	136	256	266
Q2	262		175		179		143		257	
Q3	265		178		182		146		260	
Q4	241		170		176		136		266	
Jan	260	223	174	170	178	176	142	136	256	266
Feb	261	213	174	170	178	176	142	136	256	266
Mar	261	202	174	170	178	176	142	136	256	266
Apr	261		174		178		142		256	
May	262		175		179		143		257	
Jun	263		176		180		144		258	
Jul	264		177		181		145		259	
Aug	265		178		182		146		260	
Sep	265		178		183		147		261	
Oct	244		170		176		136		266	
Nov	244		170		176		136		266	
Dec	234		170		176		136		266	

	Cement		Concrete articles		Steel bars		Roofing sheets		Other iron & steel	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Year	183		158		182		163		218	
Q1	183	183	158	158	181	179	166	171	217	213
Q2	183		156		182		156		218	
Q3	186		159		184		159		221	
Q4	181		158		179		171		215	
Jan	184	183	159	158	181	179	172	171	217	213
Feb	183	183	158	158	181	179	166	171	217	213
Mar	183	184	156	158	181	179	161	171	217	212
Apr	182		155		181		155		217	
May	183		156		182		156		218	
Jun	184		157		183		157		219	
Jul	185		158		184		158		220	
Aug	186		159		184		159		221	
Sep	187		160		185		160		222	
Oct	180		158		179		171		215	
Nov	182		158		179		171		215	
Dec	182		158		179		171		214	

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Statistical Release Table B (continued)

Basic heading price indices, CPI Rescaled and Equipment charge out rates and cement quantities

Jan-Mar 2006=100

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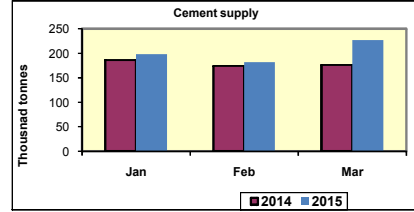
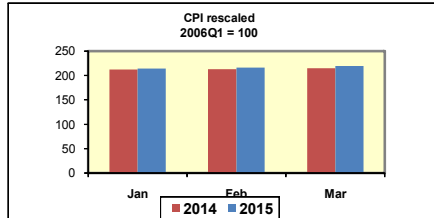
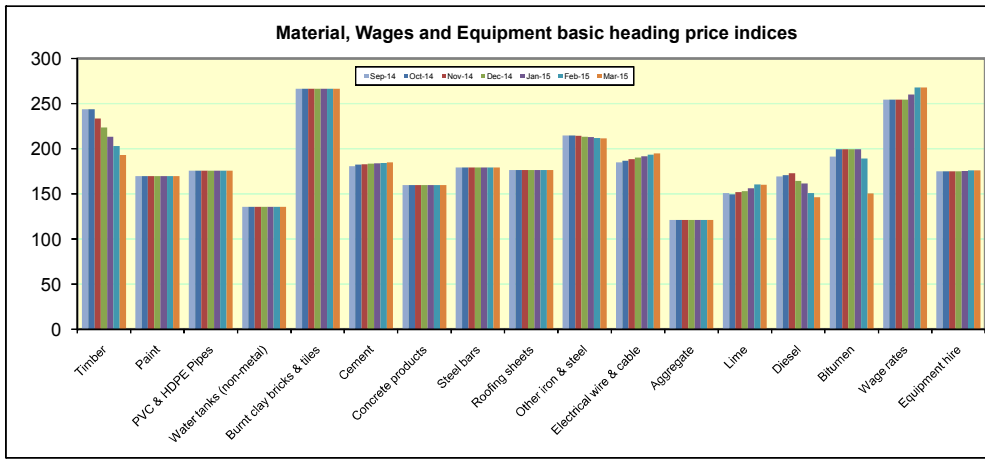
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	Electrical wire & cable		Aggregate		Lime		Diesel		Bitumen	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Year	186		127		149		190		159	
Q1	184	192	127	121	148	159	191	170	158	156
Q2	185		128		148		186		158	
Q3	187		130		151		189		160	
Q4	187		121		152		194		160	
Jan	185	190	126	121	147	156	190	186	158	160
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Apr	184		128		147		187		158	
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Sep	188		131		154		194		160	
Oct	185		121		152		196		160	
Nov	187		121		152		198		160	
Dec	188		121		153		189		160	

	Labour wage rates		Equipment charge out rates		CPI (rescaled) 2006 Q1 = 100		Cement quantities ('000 tonnes)	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Year	298		271		215		2055	
Q1	296	305	271	271	213	217	538	607
Q2	298		271		215		509	
Q3	299		271		215		506	
Q4	299		271		216		503	
Jan	293	305	271	271	212	215	187	198
Feb	298	305	271	271	213	216	175	182
Mar	298	305	271	271	215	219	177	227
Apr	298		271		217		188	
May	299		271		215		170	
Jun	299		271		213		151	
Jul	299		271		213		190	
Aug	299		271		215		175	
Sep	299		271		216		142	
Oct	299		271		217		142	
Nov	299		271		216		182	
Dec	299		271		216		178	

Source: Uganda Bureau of Statistics



**Explanatory Notes on the Statistical Release**

The data presented in this Statistical Release are indices designed to show price changes in each period. On page 1 there is a short commentary highlighting the main changes observed.

The graphs on page 1 are derived from Table A “Construction Sector Price Indices” on page 2 of the statistical release. The first graph shows the price changes for the whole sector for each month for the one year. The second graph shows the monthly average price indices in each month for the whole sector and the major sub-sectors.

The charts on page 5 above show the indices for the latest five months for each basic heading. The Consumer Price Index (CPI, rescaled) and the quantity of cement for the domestic market are also shown. (Rescaling means multiplying or dividing the original series by a constant factor so as to compare with the current trends in say CPI)

If the bars in the charts are at almost the same level, then they indicate very little (if any) change in prices. An increase in the height of the bars indicates an increase in the prices while a reduction in the height implies a decline in prices.