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Construction Sector Index

August 2021

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HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Changes

The Construction Sector Index for the 12 months to August 2021 for inputs of the Construction Sector (covering material prices, wage rates & equipment hire rates) increased to 3.3 percent down from 3.9 percent increase in July 2021, Figure 1.

The main contributors to the annual increase in input prices were;

- An increase of 2.9 percent in prices of inputs for Non-Residential Buildings for the year ending August 2021.
- An increase of 3.7 percent in prices of inputs for Residential buildings for the year ending August 2021.
- An increase of 4.0 percent in prices of inputs for civil works subsector for the year ending August 2021.

Monthly Changes

On a month to month basis, prices of inputs into the Construction Sector decreased by 0.0 percent in the month of August 2021 down from 0.1 percent increase registered for the month of July 2021, Figure 2.

This was mainly due to;

- A 0.2 percent decrease in prices of inputs into the Residential Buildings and 0.1 percent decrease in prices of inputs into non Residential Buildings respectively.

Monthly prices of material inputs and equipment hire that showed a decreasing trend in August 2021 were;

Concrete products prices which decreased by 1.1 percent, Electrical wires & cables prices which decreased by 0.2 percent and Lime prices which decreased by 1.8 percent.

Fig 1: Annual Price Changes at the Whole Construction Sector Index, December 2020 to August 2021

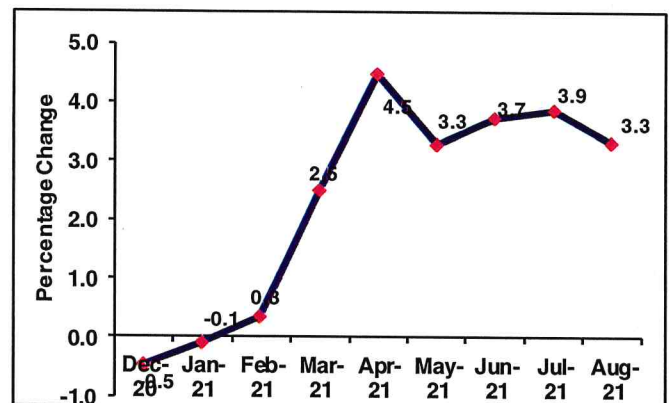
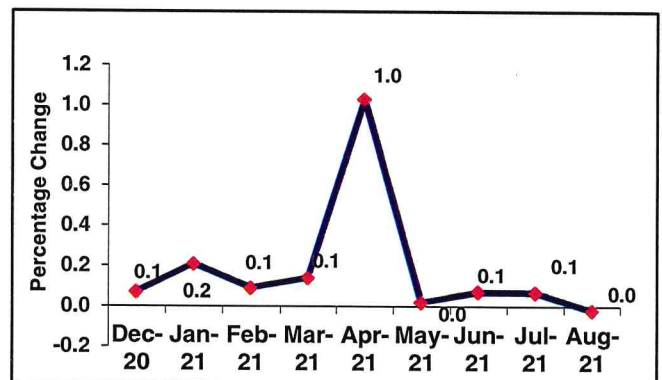


Fig 2: Monthly Price Changes at the Whole Construction Sector Index, December 2020 to August 2021



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Table: 1, Annual and Monthly Percentage Changes for 12 months to August 2021

Annual Percentage Changes

Sector	Weights	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Whole Sector	100	-2.5	-2.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	2.5	4.5	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.3
All buildings Total	0	-1.2	-1.1	0.7	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.4	2.6	4.7	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.2
Residential buildings	30	-1.7	-1.7	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	3.1	5.2	3.8	4.5	4.6	3.7
Formal	15	-2.6	-2.1	-0.1	0.0	0.8	1.1	2.0	3.5	6.1	4.3	4.8	5.2	4.7
Own - account	15	-0.8	-1.2	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4	2.8	4.2	3.4	4.2	3.9	2.6
Non Res buildings	50	-0.9	-0.8	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.5	2.4	4.4	2.9	3.3	3.5	2.9
Civil works	20	-7.6	-7.3	-5.8	-5.9	-5.0	-4.9	-4.0	1.9	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.8	4.0
Roads Paved	10	-6.7	-6.5	-4.9	-5.2	-4.8	-5.2	-5.0	1.5	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.4
Roads gravel	5	-9.9	-9.9	-8.6	-8.5	-8.5	-8.9	-8.7	0.5	2.6	3.3	3.7	3.5	4.0
Water Projects	5	-7.1	-6.1	-4.8	-4.7	-1.9	0.1	3.4	4.2	5.8	4.7	5.1	5.4	5.1
<i>Monthly Percentage Changes</i>														
Sector	Weights	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Whole Sector	100	0.5	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
All buildings Total	0	0.6	0.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Residential buildings	30	0.7	0.1	2.0	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Formal	15	0.4	0.5	1.9	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	1.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Own - account	15	0.9	-0.4	2.1	-0.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Non Res buildings	50	0.5	0.1	1.5	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Civil works	20	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.4
Roads Paved	10	0.1	0.0	1.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3
Roads gravel	5	0.4	-0.4	1.0	0.2	-0.7	-0.2	0.0	0.1	1.2	1.3	0.3	0.4	0.9
Water Projects	5	0.3	1.0	1.3	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Statistical Release Table A
Construction sector price indices

Jan-Mar 2006 = 100

	Whole sector		All buildings		Residential buildings					
					Total		Formal		Own-account	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Year	240.00		236.18		214.88		247.09		182.83	
Q1	241.44	243.63	236.31	240.37	215.50	219.25	247.80	253.24	183.38	185.72
Q2	237.38	246.47	233.89	243.02	212.32	221.86	244.48	256.82	180.42	187.51
Q3	238.42		234.98		213.40		245.14		181.77	
Q4	242.78		239.52		218.27		250.95		185.76	
Jan	243.57	243.37	237.48	240.09	217.15	219.05	249.77	252.50	184.72	185.92
Feb	242.77	243.60	236.99	240.33	216.43	219.10	248.21	253.30	184.64	185.43
Mar	237.97	243.93	234.46	240.67	212.93	219.60	245.41	253.92	180.77	185.82
Apr	235.88	246.44	232.29	243.22	210.83	221.69	242.34	257.06	179.46	187.05
May	238.59	246.41	235.18	242.86	213.59	221.74	246.20	256.70	181.30	187.41
Jun	237.67	246.57	234.19	242.99	212.54	222.13	244.89	256.69	180.48	188.07
Jul	237.53	246.74	234.01	243.11	212.40	222.09	244.08	256.74	180.85	187.96
Aug	238.75	246.70	235.38	242.85	213.84	221.70	245.07	256.60	182.57	187.40
Sep	238.97		235.57		213.96		246.28		181.88	
Oct	242.79		239.54		218.20		250.89		185.68	
Nov	242.70		239.46		217.99		250.84		185.36	
Dec	242.86		239.56		218.63		251.12		186.24	

	Non-res buildings		Civil works		Roads paved		Roads gravel		Water projects	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Year	248.92		261.92		274.98		274.82		229.62	
Q1	248.72	252.96	269.51	262.95	283.48	274.98	288.02	270.99	230.83	236.70
Q2	246.82	255.63	257.67	266.70	270.86	278.62	268.32	276.91	227.06	238.82
Q3	247.92		258.44		271.05		270.47		227.69	
Q4	252.21		262.05		274.55		272.48		232.91	
Jan	249.57	252.64	276.23	262.75	289.95	274.97	297.41	270.88	235.78	236.08
Feb	249.24	253.00	273.95	262.89	289.40	274.86	296.72	270.93	229.01	236.75
Mar	247.36	253.23	258.34	263.21	271.10	275.11	269.93	271.16	227.72	237.26
Apr	245.16	256.07	256.63	265.61	269.91	277.61	267.37	274.34	225.78	238.85
May	248.13	255.44	258.48	267.08	271.63	278.96	268.94	277.82	228.12	238.81
Jun	247.18	255.39	257.89	267.41	271.03	279.29	268.65	278.57	227.28	238.79
Jul	246.97	255.62	257.98	267.79	270.93	279.56	270.11	279.62	226.51	238.80
Aug	248.28	255.46	258.49	268.79	271.09	280.42	271.20	282.10	227.18	238.79
Sep	248.52		258.85		271.13		270.11		229.37	
Oct	252.30		261.97		274.61		272.70		232.32	
Nov	252.29		261.87		274.12		273.34		232.26	
Dec	252.04		262.32		274.91		271.41		234.16	

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

	Timber		Paint		PVC/HDPE pipes		Water tanks		Burnt clay bricks & tiles	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Year	275.34		209.95		161.37		142.52		257.64	
Q1	270.72	283.02	209.95	209.96	163.73	167.71	142.52	142.52	257.63	257.72
Q2	273.80	286.09	209.95	209.96	158.99	167.71	142.52	142.43	257.63	257.72
Q3	276.87		209.95		159.85		142.52		257.63	
Q4	279.95		209.95		162.94		142.52		257.66	
Jan	269.70	282.00	209.95	209.96	173.21	167.71	142.52	142.52	257.63	257.72
Feb	270.72	283.02	209.95	209.96	158.99	167.71	142.52	142.52	257.63	257.72
Mar	271.75	284.05	209.95	209.96	158.99	167.71	142.52	142.52	257.63	257.72
Apr	272.77	285.07	209.95	209.96	158.99	167.71	142.52	142.43	257.63	257.72
May	273.80	286.09	209.95	209.96	158.99	167.71	142.52	142.43	257.63	257.72
Jun	274.82	287.12	209.95	209.96	158.99	167.71	142.52	142.43	257.63	257.72
Jul	275.85	288.14	209.95	209.96	158.99	167.71	142.52	142.43	257.63	257.72
Aug	276.87	289.17	209.95	209.96	158.99	167.71	142.52	142.43	257.63	257.72
Sep	277.90		209.95		161.57		142.52		257.63	
Oct	278.92		209.95		161.57		142.52		257.63	
Nov	279.95		209.95		161.57		142.52		257.63	
Dec	280.97		209.96		165.67		142.52		257.72	

	Cement		Concrete articles		Steel bars		Roofing sheets		Other iron & steel	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Year	167.07		216.21		269.97		226.92		219.26	
Q1	167.07	167.08	216.21	216.21	269.83	271.36	226.21	229.13	217.23	244.63
Q2	167.07	167.94	216.21	216.21	269.83	272.39	229.46	240.64	219.44	250.98
Q3	167.07		216.21		269.82		226.10		212.70	
Q4	167.07		216.21		270.41		225.89		227.65	
Jan	167.07	167.08	216.21	216.21	269.83	271.24	223.67	227.06	216.52	237.36
Feb	167.07	167.08	216.21	216.21	269.83	271.38	223.61	228.78	216.40	245.25
Mar	167.07	167.08	216.21	216.21	269.83	271.46	231.36	231.56	218.78	251.27
Apr	167.07	170.06	216.21	216.21	269.83	271.96	230.27	239.71	218.03	249.84
May	167.07	166.89	216.21	216.21	269.83	272.06	229.75	239.97	221.40	251.78
Jun	167.07	166.89	216.21	216.21	269.83	273.16	228.38	242.24	218.88	251.31
Jul	167.07	166.89	216.21	216.21	269.83	273.16	226.16	240.05	207.61	251.37
Aug	167.07	166.89	216.21	213.89	269.80	273.16	225.93	243.19	207.61	251.83
Sep	167.07		216.21		269.83		226.21		222.89	
Oct	167.07		216.21		269.74		225.22		228.26	
Nov	167.07		216.21		270.77		226.45		227.35	
Dec	167.08		216.21		270.74		226.00		227.35	

Source: Uganda Bureau of Statistics

Statistical Release Table B (continued)

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

Jan-Mar 2006 = 100

	Electrical wire & cable		Aggregate		Lime		Diesel		Bitumen	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Year	187.09		142.83		230.45		221.32		160.62	
Q1	185.19	186.80	137.26	152.09	225.12	235.89	249.14	208.65	179.61	154.10
Q2	187.71	188.50	137.26	152.09	234.19	235.94	210.32	217.52	154.62	153.68
Q3	187.71		144.70		227.46		213.63		154.12	
Q4	187.74		152.09		235.04		212.17		154.13	
Jan	184.95	186.71	137.26	152.09	225.92	241.44	268.02	208.41	192.01	154.10
Feb	184.85	186.91	137.26	152.09	226.54	234.25	267.63	208.52	192.01	154.11
Mar	185.78	186.77	137.26	152.09	222.92	231.97	211.77	209.02	154.81	154.09
Apr	187.71	190.02	137.26	152.09	234.93	236.13	211.05	212.02	154.82	154.07
May	187.71	187.92	137.26	152.09	233.00	235.27	209.47	219.48	154.90	153.62
Jun	187.71	187.55	137.26	152.09	234.64	236.41	210.45	221.07	154.15	153.34
Jul	187.71	188.90	137.26	152.09	232.19	234.10	213.10	223.34	154.13	153.29
Aug	187.71	188.55	148.42	152.09	226.30	231.36	214.70	228.66	154.11	153.29
Sep	187.71		148.42		223.90		213.10		154.13	
Oct	188.28		152.09		234.31		212.63		154.12	
Nov	188.28		152.09		225.18		214.01		154.14	
Dec	186.67		152.09		245.62		209.88		154.13	

	Labour wage rates		Equipment charge out rates		CPI (rescaled) 2006 Q1 = 100		Cement quantities ('000 tonnes)	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Year	331.28		280.02		277.97		3556.29	
Q1	337.28	342.93	278.25	280.55	272.78	283.24	857.93	986.31
Q2	320.77	354.08	280.73	280.55	276.84	285.71	744.46	984.72
Q3	325.08		280.55		280.46		1007.94	
Q4	341.98		280.55		281.81		945.96	
Jan	343.16	342.93	277.39	280.55	272.32	282.28	298.33	295.67
Feb	343.16	342.93	276.20	280.55	272.91	283.24	265.65	317.31
Mar	325.53	342.93	281.15	280.55	273.09	284.20	293.95	373.33
Apr	311.56	354.08	281.15	280.55	275.93	285.01	194.01	337.19
May	327.72	354.08	280.52	280.55	275.66	285.45	264.03	335.61
Jun	323.02	354.08	280.52	280.55	278.94	286.66	286.42	311.91
Jul	324.36	354.08	280.55	280.55	279.35	286.54	335.35	358.16
Aug	326.53	354.08	280.55	280.52	280.12	286.44	345.05	343.63
Sep	324.36		280.55		281.93		327.54	
Oct	341.98		280.55		282.47		326.00	
Nov	341.98		280.55		281.11		299.28	
Dec	341.98		280.55		281.84		320.68	

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 percentage price changes for the whole sector for each month for a period of 9 months. The second graph shows the monthly average percentage price changes in each month for the whole sector.

The charts on page 6 above show the indices for the latest Six 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.