



QUICK FACTS:

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S FOREST INDUSTRY

2008: Forest products industry direct employment – 64,900.

2008: Forest sector share of employment – 2.8%.

2008: Forest products exports totaled \$10.1 billion.

2008: Forest products positive trade balance of \$8.4 billion.

2008: The industry accounts for approximately 5% of GDP.

2008: Over 11.9 billion board feet (28.2 million cubic metres) of lumber produced.

(source: Statistics Canada)

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- 2008 British Columbia forest product exports were \$10.1 billion Cdn or 31% of total British Columbia exports, with wood product exports of \$5.4 billion Cdn and pulp and paper exports of \$4.7 billion Cdnⁱ
 - Annual harvest of about 61 million m³ⁱⁱⁱ in 2008 of which:
 - 28.2 million m³ⁱⁱⁱ converted into softwood lumber and other commodity wood products (plywood, OSB, MDF, particleboard)
 - Remainder used for value-added products, pulp and paper production, and log exports
 - More than 80% of British Columbia forestry output is exported outside Canada^{iv}
 - British Columbia makes up 59% of Canadian wood product exports and 63% of softwood lumber exports^v
 - B.C. is the world's largest supplier of softwood lumber, shipping to markets around the world – Asia-Pacific region, Middle East, Europe and across North America
 - What does this mean in local terms?
 - B.C. is the number one supplier to the United States; about one in five new homes are built from B.C. wood products (wood-frame homes)
 - B.C. is the number one supplier to Japan; about one in six new homes are built from B.C. wood products (wood-frame homes); B.C. supplies many of the fir and cedar timbers used in temples and other heritage buildings
 - B.C. is the number two supplier to China, after Russia

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- About half of all softwood lumber used in South Korea comes from B.C. (note that this applies to all lumber use, not just imported wood).
- About half of all softwood lumber used in Taiwan comes from B.C. (note that this applies to all lumber use, not just imported wood)

British Columbia, Canada, is home to over 40 native wood species and innovative structural and finishing products that offer a wide range of building and design solutions. Over 100 years of wood product manufacturing experience is backed by leading-edge building and product development expertise for a variety of climates, construction and finishing applications, including solutions for affordable housing that are being shared with developing countries around the world. New technologies in manufacturing have helped the pulp and paper sector reduce its reliance on fossil fuels, lessen its impact on the climate, and deliver innovative products such as lighter-weight and carbon-neutral papers.

British Columbia also has responsible producers who harvest legally; regenerate promptly; reduce waste and support recovery and recycling; reduce greenhouse gases and help fight climate change; and welcome independent scrutiny of how forests are managed.

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ⁱ Statistics Canada

ⁱⁱ BC Statistics

ⁱⁱⁱ BC Wood Products Trend Analysis 2008

^{iv} BC Statistics

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