

KEY ECONOMIC FACTS – CANADA'S FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (2009)

General Facts

- Forest sector revenues: \$54.2 billion
- Forest sector gross domestic product (GDP): \$20.3 billion
- Share of Canadian GDP: 1.7%
- Wood products and pulp and paper GDP: \$16.7 billion
- Share of Canadian manufacturing GDP: 11.1%

Total Exports by Product

- Pulp: \$5.2 billion
- Paper: \$10.9 billion
- Lumber: \$4.1 billion
- Panels: \$1.5 billion
- Other wood products: \$1.9 billion
- Total exports: \$23.6 billion
- Trade surplus: \$14.4 billion (second only to oil and gas)

Research and Development

- Wood products manufacturing: \$87 million
- Pulp and paper (2008): \$257 million
- Forestry and logging (2006): \$20 million

Total Direct and Indirect Employment

- Direct employment in forestry and logging: 26,400 jobs
- Direct employment in support activities for forestry and logging: 19,800 jobs
- Direct employment in wood products manufacturing: 117,600 jobs
- Direct employment in pulp and paper: 74,300 jobs
- Total direct employment: 238,200 jobs (total may not add up because of rounding)
- Total direct and indirect employment: 604,300 jobs
- Canadian forest-dependent communities: 192
- Average wages per employee: \$46,822 (9% above the national average)
- Job losses since 2006: 85,400

Note: All data is for the year 2009 unless otherwise indicated and is the most up-to-date annual information currently available from Statistics Canada.