

Sawmills, December 2019

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Lumber production decreased 14.2% from November to 4 046.3 thousand cubic metres in December. Production was 6.4% lower than in December 2018.

Sawmills shipped 4 096.9 thousand cubic metres of lumber in December, down 3.3% from November and down 3.0% from December 2018.

Note to readers

These data are subject to revision and are not seasonally adjusted.

Data from June 2016 to December 2018 in table 16-10-0045-01 have been revised.

The monthly survey Sawmills measures the quantities of lumber produced and shipped by Canadian manufacturers.

In January 2019, a number of changes were made to the questionnaire and to the sampling and estimation methods for the monthly survey Sawmills. As a result, table 16-10-0017-01 has replaced table 16-10-0045-01 from January 2019 onwards. Wood chips data are still published in table 16-10-0046-01. Statistically modelled data from January 2014 to December 2018 are available in tables 16-10-0017-01 and 16-10-0046-01.

The main changes to this survey include modifications to the questionnaire to obtain data on shipments of lumber for each species of wood, as well as a breakdown of data on wood chips into hardwood and softwood. The number of sawmills surveyed has been increased: all sawmills in Canada classified to North American Industry Classification System code 321111 are now surveyed, excluding the smallest, that is, those that together comprise the bottom 5% of total revenues per region.

Available tables: [16-10-0017-01](#) and [16-10-0046-01](#).

Table 16-10-0018-01, "Canadian lumber exports by mode of transportation," is available. This table contains annual data by province and territory from 1999 to 2018. It replaces Table 9 from the monthly publication *Sawmills* ([35-003-X](#)), which was discontinued in October 2017.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2134](#).

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