

Sawmills, March 2021

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Lumber production increased 20.9% from February to 5 632.4 thousand cubic metres in March. Production was 12.4% higher than in March 2020.

Sawmills shipped 5 221.5 thousand cubic metres of lumber in March, up 20.0% from February and up 12.4% from March 2020.

Note to readers

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

Data from January to December 2019 in table 16-10-0017-01 have been revised.

Data from January to December 2019 in table 16-10-0046-01 have been revised.

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. As a result, table 16-10-0017-01 has replaced table 16-10-0045-01 from January 2019 onward. 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 and a breakdown of wood chips data 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, except the smallest (i.e., those that, together, comprise the bottom 5% of total revenues per region).

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

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

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 2020. It replaces Table 9 from the monthly publication *Sawmills* ([35-003-X](#)), which was discontinued in October 2017.

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