

B.C. Forest Product Exports - September 2019

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British Columbia export values are down **-19%** for September 2019 year to date (YTD) compared to the same period in 2018 (\$9.3 billion vs \$11.5 billion)

- **Lumber export** - Value is down **-26%** while volumes are down **-13%**. The value of Other Wood Products is down **-7%** while log exports YTD are also down **(-9%)**.
- **Pulp and paper export** - Pulp value is down **-20%** and the value of paper products is also down **(-6%)**.
- **Value by destination** - United States (**-22%**), China (**-12%**), Japan (**-20%**) and other countries (**-21%**) are all down in September 2019 YTD.

Table 1: Product Value Share (YTD)

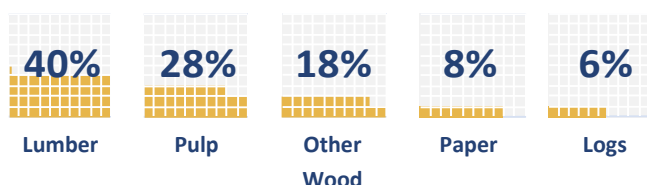


Table 2: Value by Country, YTD September 2019				
	Value (\$m)	Change YoY ¹	Share of Value YTD September 2018	Share of Value YTD September 2019
United States	\$4,184	-22%	47%	45%
China*	\$2,724	-12%	27%	29%
Japan	\$938	-20%	10%	10%
Other	\$1,475	-21%	16%	16%
Grand Total	\$9,320	-19%	100%	100%

Table 3: Value by Product, YTD September 2019			
	2018	2019	Change YoY ¹
Softwood Lumber	\$5,046	\$3,750	-26%
Pulp	\$3,243	\$2,599	-20%
Other Wood	\$1,831	\$1,712	-7%
Paper	\$789	\$738	-6%
Logs	\$569	\$520	-9%
Grand Total	\$11,477	\$9,320	-19%

*China includes exports to Hong Kong.

**Bars denote country share compared to other countries within each product

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2. Includes wood products such as Veneer, OSB, Plywood, Siding, Poles, Chips, Ties, Mouldings, Panels, Furniture, Seats, Pellets, Shake and Shingles, etc.

3. Includes paper products such as Paper, Cards, Cartons, Rolls, Trays, Containers and Sacks & Bags, etc.

4. Panels include OSB, plywood, particleboard, and fibreboard.

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- **Export Softwood Lumber Product Value Share (Table 1)** - YTD September 2019 product value share of softwood lumber was **40%** compared to **44%** the same period last year.
- **Value by Country (Table 2)** - United States YTD share of value is down from **47%** in September 2018 to **45%** in September 2019. China's share of value YTD is up from **27%** last year to **29%** in September 2019.
- **Quantities to China (Table 10)** - Compared to the same period last year, YTD export volumes to China are up. Softwood lumber volumes increased by **+4%**, pulp by **+8%** and logs by **+7%** YTD September 2019. However, overall value of YTD exports to china is down **-12%**.

Table 4: Share of Value, YTD September 2019**						
	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Other Wood ²	Paper ³	Logs	Grand Total
United States	60%	10%	76%	50%	5%	45%
China*	17%	63%	1%	18%	56%	29%
Japan	13%	6%	8%	2%	30%	10%
Other	10%	21%	16%	30%	9%	16%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 5: Share of Quantity, YTD September 2019**					
	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Logs	Panel ⁴	Pellet
United States	64%	10%	7%	83%	1%
China*	22%	65%	60%	3%	0%
Japan	8%	6%	24%	9%	26%
South Korea	1%	5%	8%	1%	1%
Indonesia	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%
United Kingdom	0%	0%	0%	1%	68%
Other	5%	9%	0%	4%	5%
Grand Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 6: Quantity by Product, YTD September 2019			
	2018	2019	Change YoY ¹
Softwood Lumber ('000 m ³)	18,215	15,870	-13%
Pulp ('000 tonnes)	3,116	3,105	0%
Logs ('000 m ³)	3,909	3,732	-5%

Export Values by Product and Destination

Figure 1: Total Export Value

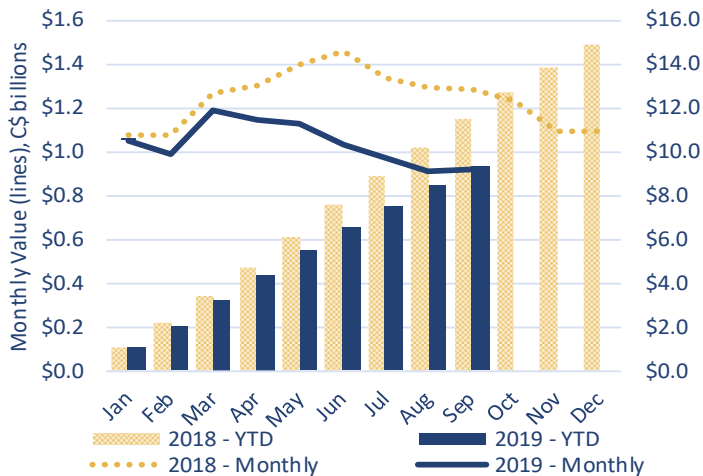


Figure 2: Total Export Value - 12 Month Moving Sum

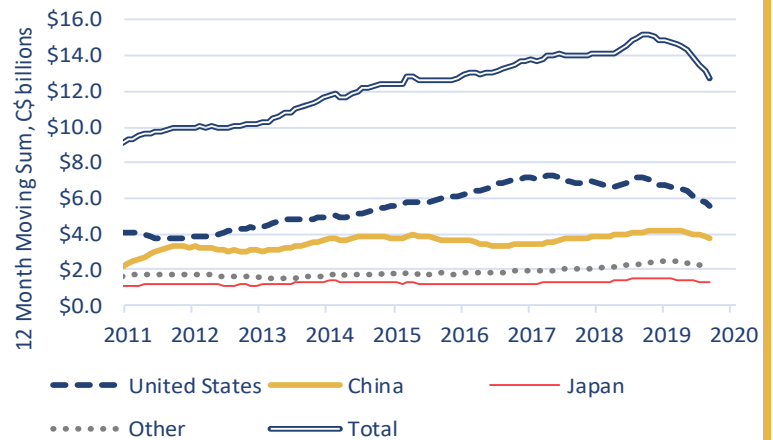


Figure 3: Softwood Lumber Export Value

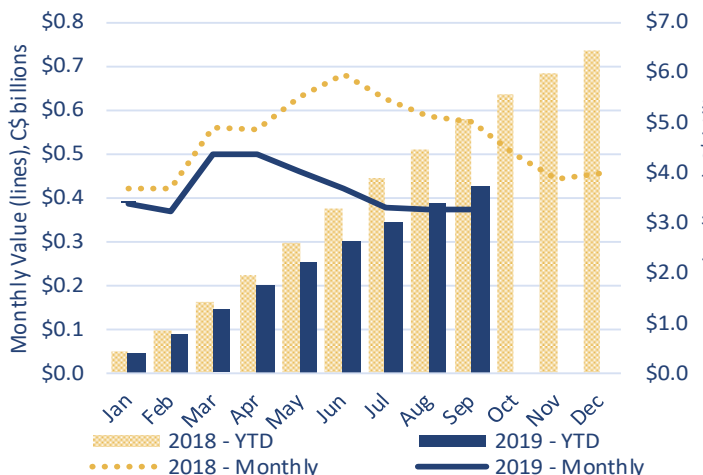


Figure 4: Softwood Lumber Export Value - 12 Month Moving Sum

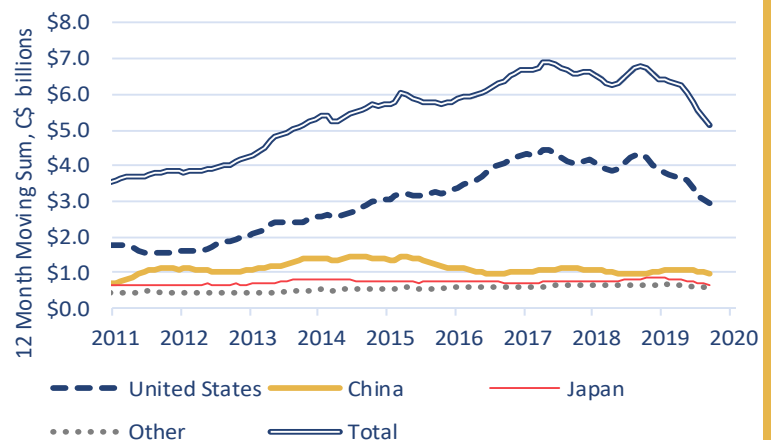


Figure 5: Pulp Export Value

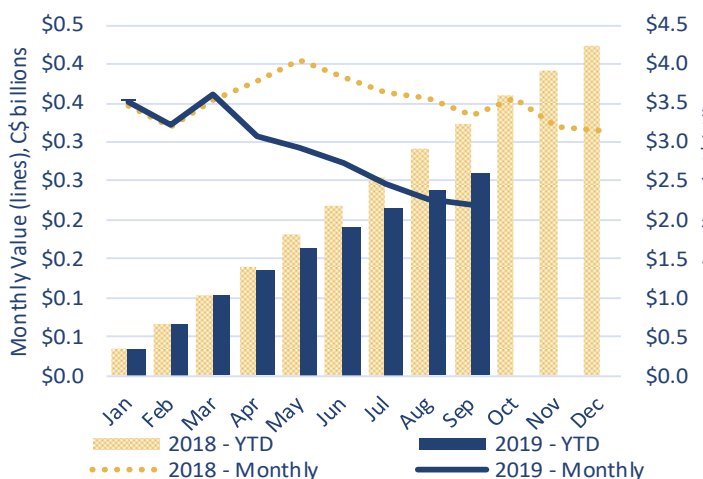
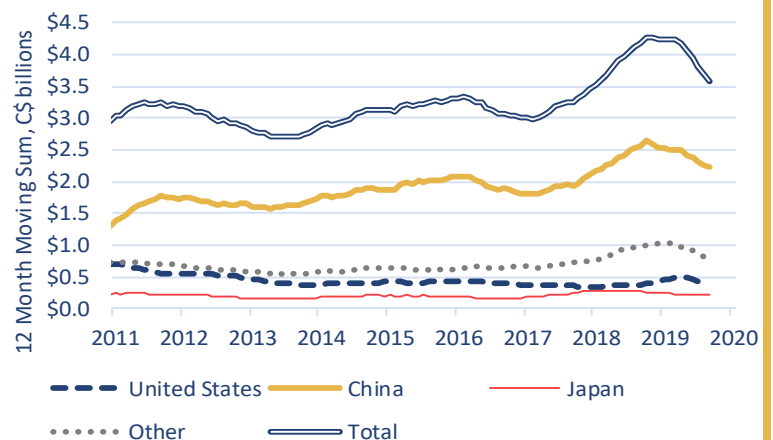


Figure 6: Pulp Export Value - 12 Month Moving Sum



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Export Values by Product and Destination

Figure 7: Other Wood Export Value

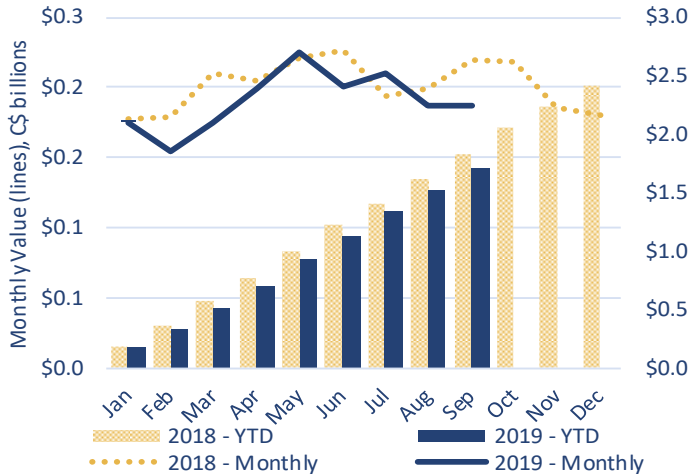


Figure 8: Other Wood Export Value - 12 Month Moving Sum

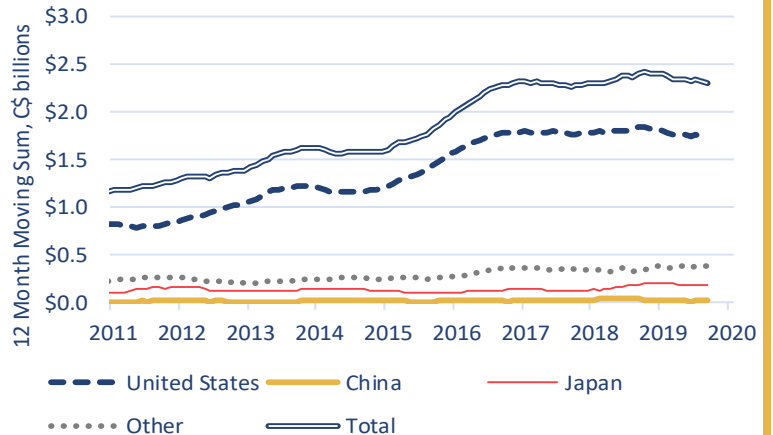


Figure 9: Paper Export Value

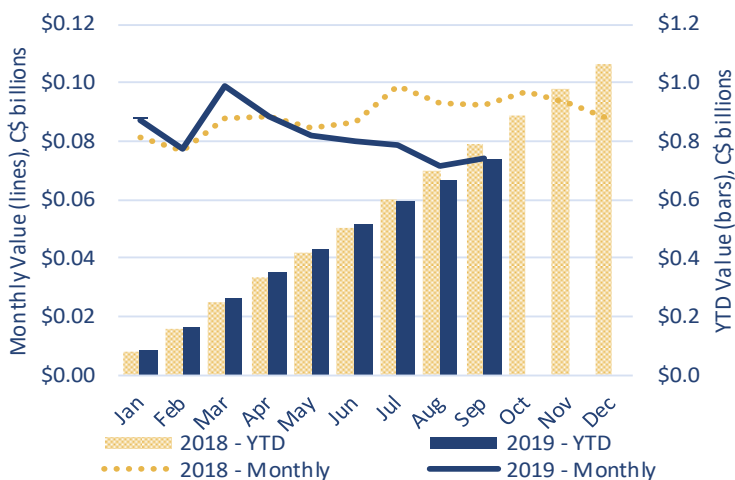


Figure 10: Paper Export Value - 12 Month Moving Sum

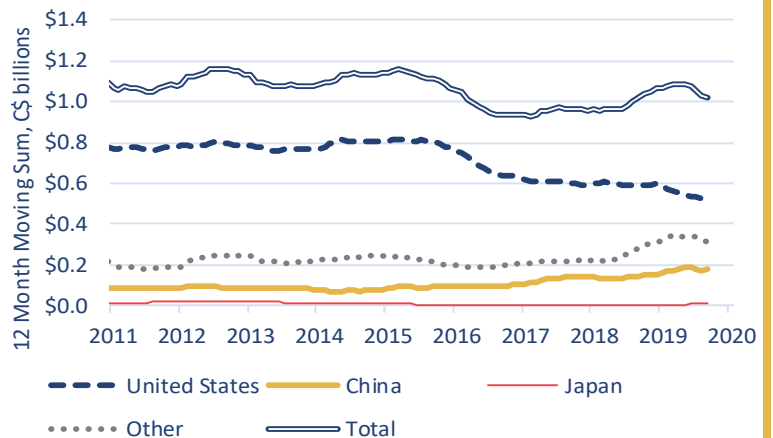


Figure 11: Logs Export Value

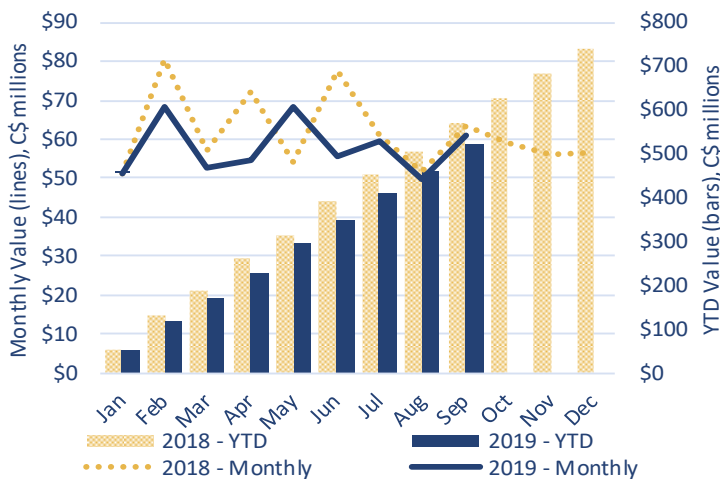
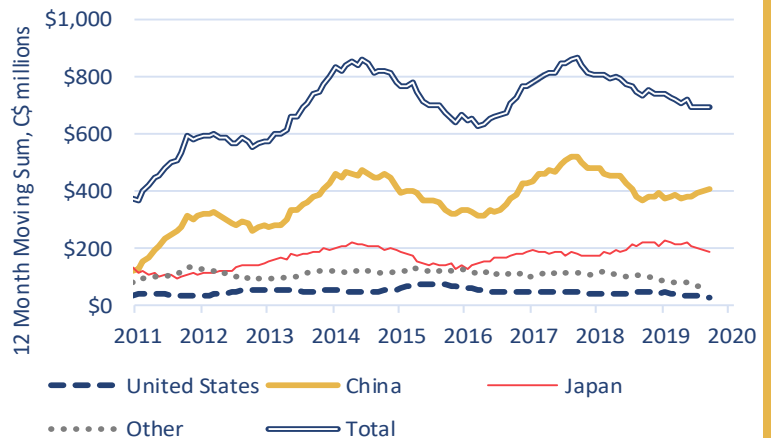


Figure 12: Log Export Value - 12 Month Moving Sum



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Table 7: Value in C\$ Millions, Month of September 2019

Month of September 2019								Change Total YoY	Month of September 2018							
	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Other Wood ¹	Paper ²	Logs	Country Total	Country Share			Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Other Wood ¹	Paper ²	Logs	Country Total	Country Share
United States	\$249	\$17	\$138	\$40	\$3	\$447	49%	-25%	United States	\$338	\$42	\$162	\$47	\$3	\$592	46%
China*	\$44	\$150	\$3	\$12	\$37	\$246	27%	-23%	China*	\$94	\$187	\$1	\$9	\$30	\$321	25%
Japan	\$50	\$21	\$11	\$1	\$19	\$102	11%	-34%	Japan	\$81	\$28	\$21	\$0	\$26	\$155	12%
Other	\$31	\$31	\$34	\$20	\$2	\$120	13%	-44%	Other	\$60	\$77	\$36	\$36	\$5	\$214	17%
Grand Total	\$374	\$219	\$187	\$74	\$61	\$915	100%	-29%	Grand Total	\$573	\$334	\$219	\$92	\$64	\$1,283	100%
Product Share	41%	24%	20%	8%	7%	100%			Product Share	45%	26%	17%	7%	5%	100%	
Change YoY	-35%	-34%	-15%	-20%	-4%	-29%										

Table 8: Value in C\$ Millions, YTD September 2019

YTD September 2019								Change Total YoY	YTD September 2018							
	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Other Wood ¹	Paper ²	Logs	Country Total	Country Share			Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Other Wood ¹	Paper ²	Logs	Country Total	Country Share
United States	\$2,233	\$266	\$1,292	\$366	\$27	\$4,184	45%	-22%	United States	\$3,163	\$301	\$1,391	\$449	\$40	\$5,344	47%
China*	\$642	\$1,641	\$17	\$134	\$291	\$2,724	29%	-12%	China*	\$721	\$1,953	\$24	\$110	\$274	\$3,083	27%
Japan	\$487	\$151	\$130	\$16	\$154	\$938	10%	-20%	Japan	\$652	\$201	\$145	\$1	\$178	\$1,179	10%
Other	\$388	\$542	\$272	\$223	\$49	\$1,475	16%	-21%	Other	\$509	\$788	\$271	\$228	\$76	\$1,872	16%
Grand Total	\$3,750	\$2,599	\$1,712	\$738	\$520	\$9,320	100%	-19%	Grand Total	\$5,046	\$3,243	\$1,831	\$789	\$569	\$11,477	100%
Product Share	40%	28%	18%	8%	6%	100%			Product Share	44%	28%	16%	7%	5%	100%	
Change YoY	-26%	-20%	-7%	-6%	-9%	-19%										

Table 9: Quantity in Thousands, Month of September 2019

Month of September 2019				Change YoY			Month of September 2018			
	Softwood Lumber (m³)	Pulp (tonnes)	Logs (m³)	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Logs		Softwood Lumber (m³)	Pulp (tonnes)	Logs (m³)
United States	1,156	22	37	-20%	-51%	48%	United States	1,449	46	25
China*	277	206	302	-35%	14%	34%	China*	424	182	225
Japan	143	29	116	-20%	2%	-20%	Japan	178	28	145
Other	72	44	15	-45%	-39%	-55%	Other	130	72	34
Grand Total	1,648	301	471	-24%	-8%	10%	Grand Total	2,182	327	429

Table 10: Quantity in Thousands, YTD September 2019

YTD September 2019				Change YoY			YTD September 2018			
	Softwood Lumber (m³)	Pulp (tonnes)	Logs (m³)	Softwood Lumber	Pulp	Logs		Softwood Lumber (m³)	Pulp (tonnes)	Logs (m³)
United States	10,145	299	273	-16%	-5%	-8%	United States	12,039	316	295
China*	3,558	2,007	2,246	4%	8%	7%	China*	3,434	1,857	2,094
Japan	1,270	184	911	-18%	-3%	-16%	Japan	1,554	190	1,080
Other	897	615	301	-25%	-18%	-32%	Other	1,188	753	440
Grand Total	15,870	3,105	3,732	-13%	0%	-5%	Grand Total	18,215	3,116	3,909

*China includes exports to Hong Kong.

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Table 11: B.C. Forest Product Export Value in C\$ by Market, 2009 to YTD September 2019

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
United States	\$4,017	\$4,125	\$3,825	\$4,344	\$4,973	\$5,533	\$6,132	\$7,141	\$6,927	\$6,764	\$4,184
China*	\$1,253	\$2,205	\$3,252	\$3,107	\$3,662	\$3,769	\$3,673	\$3,411	\$3,852	\$4,144	\$2,724
Japan	\$933	\$1,136	\$1,178	\$1,135	\$1,343	\$1,278	\$1,193	\$1,230	\$1,307	\$1,507	\$938
Other	\$1,400	\$1,677	\$1,729	\$1,574	\$1,676	\$1,788	\$1,774	\$1,919	\$2,074	\$2,479	\$1,475
Grand Total	\$7,602	\$9,143	\$9,985	\$10,159	\$11,654	\$12,367	\$12,772	\$13,701	\$14,160	\$14,894	\$9,320

Table 12: B.C. Forest Product Export Value in C\$ by Product, 2009 to YTD September 2019

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Softwood Lumber	\$2,749	\$3,558	\$3,833	\$4,204	\$5,311	\$5,723	\$5,792	\$6,669	\$6,623	\$6,439	\$3,750
Pulp	\$2,056	\$2,939	\$3,200	\$2,852	\$2,831	\$3,121	\$3,301	\$2,998	\$3,466	\$4,232	\$2,599
Paper	\$1,419	\$1,098	\$1,079	\$1,132	\$1,077	\$1,144	\$1,066	\$937	\$958	\$1,066	\$738
Logs	\$249	\$373	\$588	\$577	\$802	\$784	\$665	\$771	\$810	\$741	\$520
Other Wood	\$1,129	\$1,175	\$1,284	\$1,394	\$1,633	\$1,594	\$1,948	\$2,325	\$2,304	\$2,416	\$1,712
Grand Total	\$7,602	\$9,143	\$9,985	\$10,159	\$11,654	\$12,367	\$12,772	\$13,701	\$14,160	\$14,894	\$9,320

Table 13: B.C. Forest Product Export Quantity in Millions by Product, 2009 to YTD September 2019

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Softwood Lumber (m ³)	17.82	20.85	22.84	24.16	25.88	25.84	26.20	27.67	25.28	24.01	15.87
Pulp (tonnes)	3.29	3.79	4.10	4.45	4.15	4.14	4.27	4.07	4.33	4.08	3.11
Logs (m ³)	2.46	3.74	5.45	5.71	6.67	6.27	5.57	6.28	6.02	5.12	3.73
Panel ⁴ (m ³)	1.22	1.05	1.56	1.54	1.63	1.48	1.74	2.05	2.16	2.14	1.38
Pellet (tonnes)	0.76	1.06	1.22	1.17	1.28	1.29	1.26	1.93	1.78	2.27	1.57

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Figure 13: Exchange Rate US\$/C\$

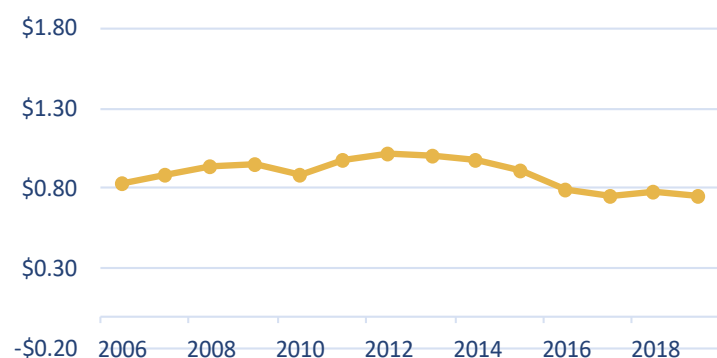
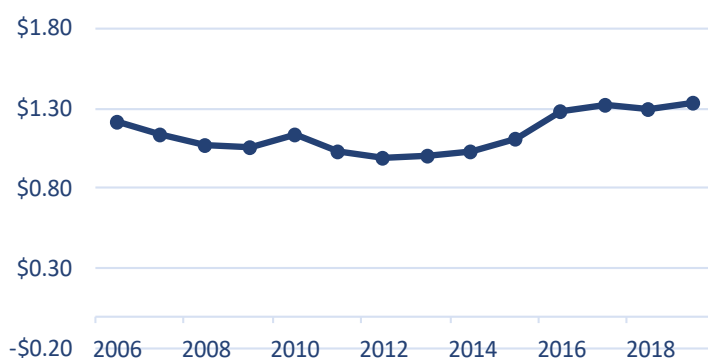


Figure 14: Exchange Rate C\$/US\$



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Export Quantities by Product and Destination

Figure 15: Softwood Lumber Export Quantity

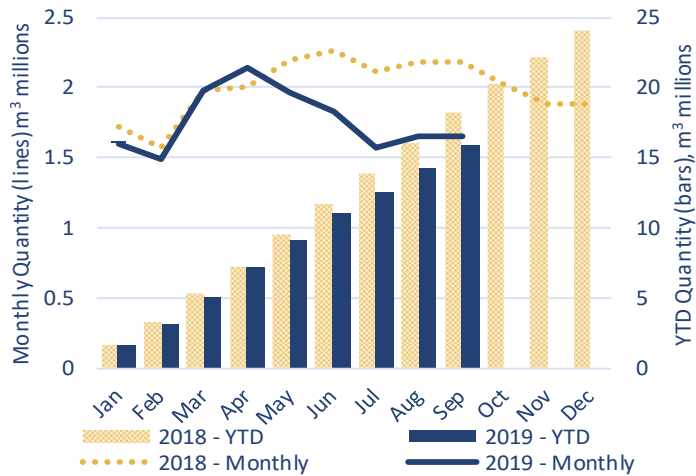


Figure 16: Softwood Lumber Export Quantity - 12 Month Moving Sum

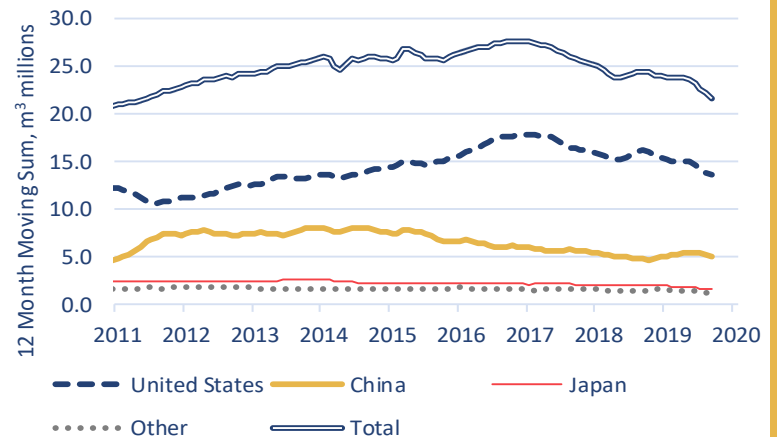


Figure 17: Pulp Export Quantity

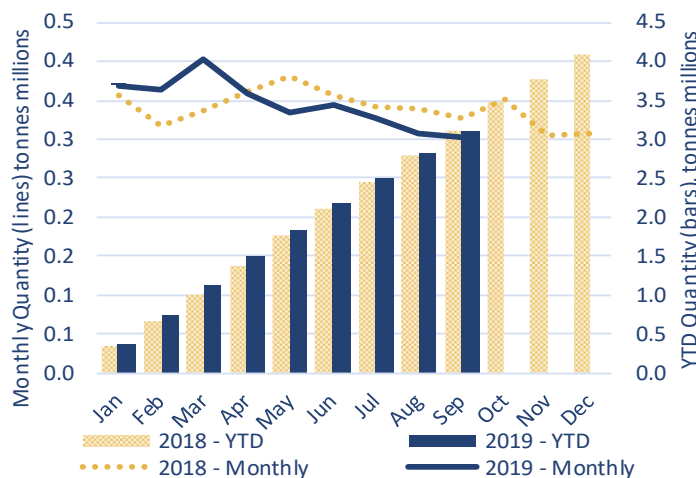


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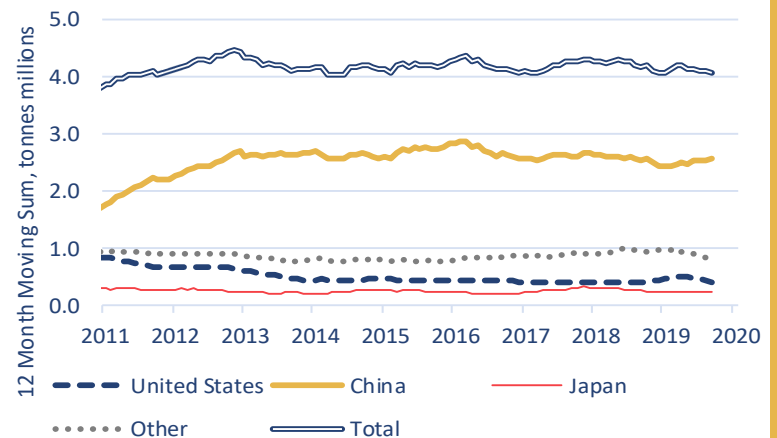


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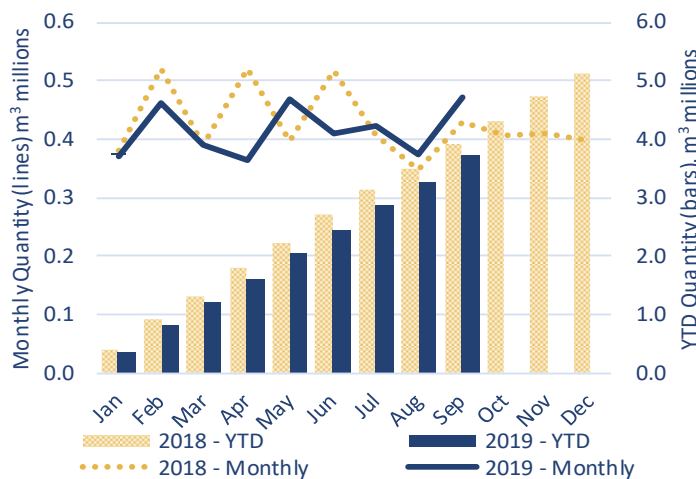
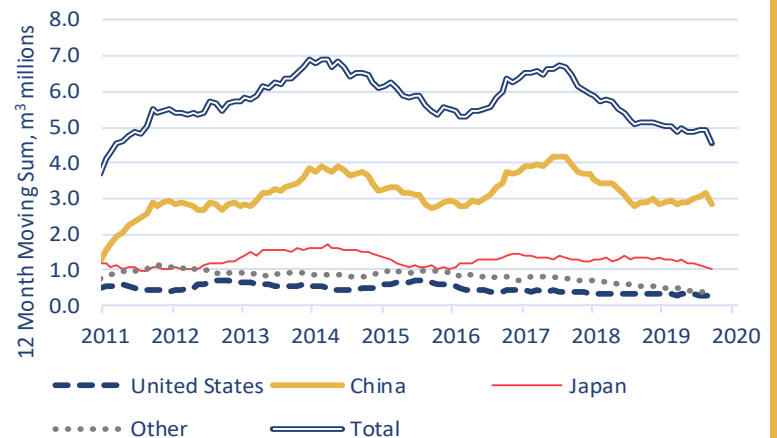


Figure 20: Log Export Quantity - 12 Month Moving Sum



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