



2020 BC Forest Sector - Statistics Summary

B.C.'s forests are a major source of economic, social and environmental benefits. In 2020, about 43,000¹ British Columbians were employed in the forest sector which made up 29% of B.C.'s total commodity export value, equal to \$11.5 billion. Overall, the forest sector contributed \$5.6 billion² to the provincial GDP in 2020 and \$1.27 billion to the provincial government revenue for 2019/20.



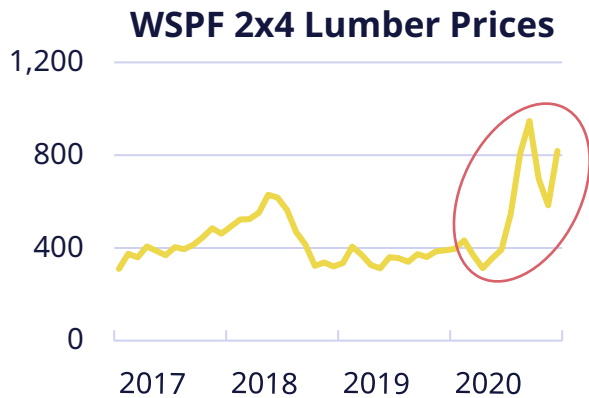
42,885 jobs¹
across B.C.



\$5.6 billion²
to the provincial GDP



\$1.27 billion
to the provincial government revenue

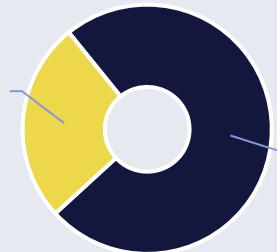


The economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns, followed by escalated wood product demand and soaring lumber prices, were driving trends in 2020.

See the [2020 Economic State of the B.C. Forest Sector](#) report for more forest industry economics.

Timber harvest³ in B.C. totalled 51.6 million m³ in 2020. The Interior accounted for 74% of the harvest, and the Coast for 26%.

Coast
13.4
million m³



Interior
38.2
million m³

¹ System of National Accounts *preliminary* estimate. See [Multiple Employment Estimates](#) to learn more about the different forest sector employment estimates.

² Gross domestic product (GDP) in 2012 chained dollars

³ [Harvest Billing System \(HBS\)](#) data run on June 1, 2021. Excludes waste, reject and Christmas trees