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## Austria

### Solid Wood Products

## Austria's Wood Products Sector Continues Growth 2005

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**Report Highlights:**

In 2004, the value of Austria's wood products production reached a record high with production increasing by 10% compared to the previous year and amounting to \$7.41 billion. During the last seven years, the value of production rose by 41% in total. Almost 70% of Austria's wood products production is exported. In 2004, total exports amounted to \$5.57 billion, a 4.3% increase compared to 2003. In 2004, wood product imports increased and amounted to \$3.16 billion, a 7% increase compared to 2003. The European Union supplies about 86%.

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## **Austrian Wood Products Sector Continues Positive Growth**

In 2004, the value of Austria's wood products production reached a record high with production increasing by 10% compared to the previous year and amounting to \$ 741 billion (Euro 5.96 billion). During the last seven years, the value of production rose by 41%. Export oriented sectors grew the fastest while other sectors suffered from the weak Western European market.

The wood industry is one of the most important sectors for Austrian employment. In 2004, 29,420 people were employed in 1,744 enterprises. The number of employees has been fairly stable over the past few years.

## **Exports/Imports**

Almost 70% of Austria's wood products are exported including softwood lumber, wooden materials (plates), skis, and wooden building materials. Total wood product exports amounted to \$5.57 billion (Euro 4.48 billion) in 2004. This was a 4.3% increase compared to 2003.

In 2004, the European Union was the major buyer of Austrian wood products accounting for 76% of all exports that amounted to \$4.25 billion (Euro 3.42 billion). Exports go mainly to Germany and Italy. Other important markets are the United States, Japan, Eastern European countries, and developing countries.

In 2004, wood product imports increased to \$3.16 billion (Euro 2.54 billion), a 7% increase compared to 2003. The European Union supplies 86% of imports.