

Table 856. Lumber Consumption by Species Group and End Use: 1995 to 2008

[In billion board feet (59.3 represents 59,300,000,000), except per capita in board feet. Per capita consumption based on estimated resident population as of July 1]

Item	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Consumption, total	59.3	68.3	66.1	64.6	67.5	67.0	73.1	75.6	71.3	62.7	49.7
Per capita	225	250	240	227	235	230	249	255	238	208	163
SPECIES GROUP											
Softwoods	47.6	54.5	54.0	53.7	56.4	56.5	62.0	64.4	60.4	52.6	40.7
Hardwoods	11.7	13.8	12.2	11.0	11.1	10.5	11.1	11.2	10.9	10.2	9.0
END USE											
New housing	18.1	22.6	21.1	21.6	22.5	24.0	25.4	27.7	23.8	17.5	11.2
Residential upkeep and improvements	15.0	14.7	15.3	15.3	16.4	16.2	17.6	18.3	18.6	17.8	16.1
New nonresidential construction ¹	4.7	5.4	5.5	5.3	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.7	5.2	4.9	5.2
Manufacturing	7.7	8.2	7.9	6.9	6.4	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.3	4.9	4.2
Shipping	6.9	7.4	7.6	6.9	7.1	7.0	7.7	8.1	8.6	7.9	6.8
Other ²	7.2	8.5	8.7	8.9	9.9	9.8	13.2	11.3	9.8	10.0	6.0

¹ In addition to new construction, includes railroad ties laid as replacements in existing track and lumber used by railroads for railcar repair. ² Includes upkeep and improvement of nonresidential buildings and structures; made-at-home projects, such as furniture, boats, and picnic tables; made-on-the-job items such as advertising and display structures; and miscellaneous products and uses.

Source: U.S. Forest Service, *U.S. Timber Production, Trade, Consumption, and Price Statistics, 1965–2005*, Research Paper RP-FPL-637 and unpublished data. See also <<http://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/28972>>.