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Introduction

Forestry Statistics is a compendium of statistical information about woodland, forestry and primary wood processing in the UK. Traditionally forestry statistics have focused on forests as a source of timber, and on the use of timber by wood processing industries. However, in recent years, it has been increasingly recognised that a wider range of environmental and social aspects of woodland should be reflected in the statistical information that is collected and published. This publication includes some information about environment and recreation, but it is still weighted towards the traditional topics that have the best quality data. A more balanced set of information is provided by the UK Indicators of Sustainable Forestry, which were published in October 2002 and updated on the website www.forestry.gov.uk/sfindicators

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Where possible, statistical information in this publication covers the whole of the United Kingdom, and is broken down to give figures for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of Northern Ireland's Forest Service in providing a wide range of statistics for this publication, which has made it possible to have a more comprehensive coverage of the UK. However, there are some topics for which data are currently only available for Great Britain (excluding Northern Ireland), and these tables are labelled as being GB only.

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Woodland Areas and Planting

This section contains information about the extent of woodland in the United Kingdom and compares the United Kingdom with other countries.

Area of woodland: 2006

The area of woodland in the UK at 31 March 2006 is 2.8 million hectares. Of this total, 1.3 million hectares (47%) is in Scotland, 1.1 million hectares (40%) is in England, 0.3 million hectares (10%) is in Wales and 0.1 million hectares (3%) is in Northern Ireland.

Table 1.1 Area of woodland by ownership and forest type at 31 March 2006

thousands of hectares

		Conifers	Broadleaves[1]	Total
United Kingdom	FC/FS woodland	735	97	832
	Non-FC/FS woodland	907	1 090	1 997
	Total	**1 642**	**1 187**	**2 829**
England	FC woodland	151	53	204
	Non-FC woodland[2]	217	701	918
	Total	**368**	**754**	**1 121**
Scotland	FC woodland	433	27	460
	Non-FC woodland[2]	615	261	876
	Total	**1 049**	**288**	**1 337**
Wales	FC woodland	95	12	108
	Non-FC woodland[2]	64	113	178
	Total	**160**	**126**	**285**
Northern Ireland	FS woodland	56	5	61
	Non-FS woodland	10	15	25
	Total	**66**	**20**	**86**

Source: Forestry Commission, Forest Service and the 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees.

1. Broadleaves include coppice and coppice with standards.
2. Non-FC woodland figures for England, Scotland and Wales are based on the 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (NIWT) and adjusted for new planting and sales of FC woodland, but at present no adjustment is made for woodland converted to another land-use. They include non-FC publicly owned woodland. The NIWT did not include Northern Ireland.

Area of woodland: changes over time

The information for Great Britain in Table 1.2 is taken from woodland censuses from 1905 onwards (not National Statistics). Most censuses, however, used slightly different definitions of woodland, so some of the changes in area are due to changing definitions. The principal differences are:

- **1905** Felled areas and scrub were not included.
- **1924** Undertaken by questionnaire; woods smaller than 2 acres (0.8 hectares) were not included.
- **1947** Woodlands with an area of less than 5 acres (2 hectares) were not included.
- **1965** Woodlands with an area of less than 1 acre (0.4 hectares) were not included.
- **1980** Woodlands with an area of less than 0.25 hectares were not included.
- **1995-99** Woodlands with an area of 0.1-2 hectares were included on a sample basis; some woodland missing from earlier surveys was included.

The information for Northern Ireland comes from a variety of sources.

The 2.8 million hectares of woodland in the UK represents 11.6% of the total land area; this percentage ranges from 6.3% in Northern Ireland to 17.1% in Scotland.

Table 1.2 Woodland area in the United Kingdom

Year	UK		England		Scotland[3]		Wales		N Ireland[4]	
	Area 000ha	%[1]	Area 000ha	%[1]	Area 000ha	%[1]	Area 000ha	%[1]	Area 000ha	%[1]
1086[2]				~15						
c1350				~10		~4				
17thC				~8		~4				~1.5
1905	1 140	4.7	681	5.2	351	4.5	88	4.2	15	1.1
1924	1 211	5.0	660	5.1	435	5.6	103	5.0	13	1.0
1947	1 419	5.8	755	5.8	513	6.6	128	6.2	23	1.8
1965	1 784	7.3	886	6.8	656	8.4	201	9.7	42	3.1
1980	2 175	9.0	948	7.3	920	11.8	241	11.6	67	4.9
1995-99	2 746	11.3	1 097	8.4	1 281	16.4	287	13.8	81	6.0
2006[5]	2 829	11.6	1 121	8.6	1 337	17.1	285	13.7	86	6.3

Source: Forestry Commission and Forest Service.

1. Percentage of the total surface area including inland water. The total surface areas, including inland water, taken from the Annual Abstract of Statistics 2002 (published by the Office for National Statistics) are:

United Kingdom	24 291 000 hectares
England	13 042 000 hectares
Scotland	7 813 000 hectares
Wales	2 078 000 hectares
Northern Ireland	1 358 000 hectares

2. Estimated from information in the Domesday Survey of England.
3. For Scotland, estimate for end of the Middle Ages from "Scottish Woodland History" (TC Smout ed, 1997), and estimate from Roy maps c1750.
4. For Northern Ireland, 17th century figure is estimate for all Ireland, 1905 figure is estimate for Ulster 1908, 1947 figure assumes no change from 1939-40 Census
5. Non-FC woodland figures for 2006 for England, Scotland and Wales are based on the 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (NIWT) and adjusted for new planting and sales of FC woodland, but at present no adjustment is made for woodland converted to another land-use.

The Forestry Commission/Forest Service owned or managed 29% of the total woodland area in the UK in 2006. This proportion ranged from 18% of the woodland area in England to 71% in Northern Ireland.

Table 1.3 Area of woodland in the United Kingdom by ownership

					thousands of hectares
Year	**UK**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**	**N Ireland**
Forestry Commission/Forest Service					
2002	855	206	475	113	61
2003	848	207	470	110	61
2004	842	205	465	110	62
2005	838	205	463	109	61
2006	832	204	460	108	61
Non-FC/FS woodland					
2002	1 945	898	849	175	23
2003	1 960	904	857	176	24
2004	1 976	910	865	176	24
2005	1 987	914	871	177	25
2006	1 997	918	876	178	25
Total woodland					
2002	2 800	1 104	1 324	288	84
2003	2 807	1 110	1 327	285	85
2004	2 817	1 115	1 330	286	86
2005	2 825	1 119	1 334	286	85
2006	2 829	1 121	1 337	285	86

Source: Forestry Commission, Forest Service and 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees.

Land-use

Woodland accounted for 74% of all Forestry Commission/Forest Service land in the UK in 2005-06. This proportion was highest in Wales (87%) and lowest in Scotland (69%).

Table 1.4 Land-use of the Forestry Commission and Forest Service

					thousands of hectares
Year (ending 31/3)	**UK**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**	**N Ireland**
Woodland[1]					
2002	855	206	475	113	61
2003	848	207	470	110	61
2004	842	205	465	110	62
2005	838	205	463	109	61
2006	832	204	460	108	61
Other land[1,2]					
2002	273	51	192	16	14
2003	273	52	190	16	14
2004	274	53	191	16	14
2005	291	54	205	17	15
2006	296	55	208	17	15
Total FC/FS land area					
2002	1 129	257	667	129	76
2003	1 121	259	660	126	76
2004	1 116	259	656	125	76
2005	1 129	259	668	126	76
2006	1 128	259	668	125	76

Source: Forestry Commission and Forest Service.

1. The definitions used by Forestry Commission and Forest Service have varied over time, so there are some small inconsistencies in the comparisons in Table 1.4.
2. 'Other land' includes agricultural land and areas of moorland and mountain.

National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (GB)

The following tables and charts present information for Great Britain, obtained from the 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (not National Statistics).

Table 1.5 shows that 44% of the GB woodland area in 1995-99 was personally owned. A further 35% was owned or managed by the Forestry Commission.

Table 1.5 Area of woodland[1] in GB by ownership type

				thousands of hectares
Ownership type	**GB**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**
Forestry Commission	882	223	539	120
Other public body (not FC)	45	27	13	5
Local authority	80	61	11	8
Private forestry or timber business	41	7	28	6
Other private business	273	147	101	26
Personal	1 110	481	533	96
Charity	90	68	14	8
Community ownership or common land	5	4	0	1
Unclassified	18	4	13	1
Total	**2 545**	**1 022**	**1 253**	**270**

Source: 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (not National Statistics).

1. Excludes woods of less than 2 hectares

Over one half (53%) of the total woodland area in Great Britain is made up of conifers although this proportion ranges from 31% in England to 72% in Scotland.

Sitka spruce accounted for almost one half (49%) of the conifer area, followed by Scots pine (16%) and Lodgepole pine (10%). Amongst broadleaf species, Oak covered 23% of the broadleaf area, followed by Birch (16%) and Ash (13%).

Table 1.6 Area of woodland in GB by main tree species

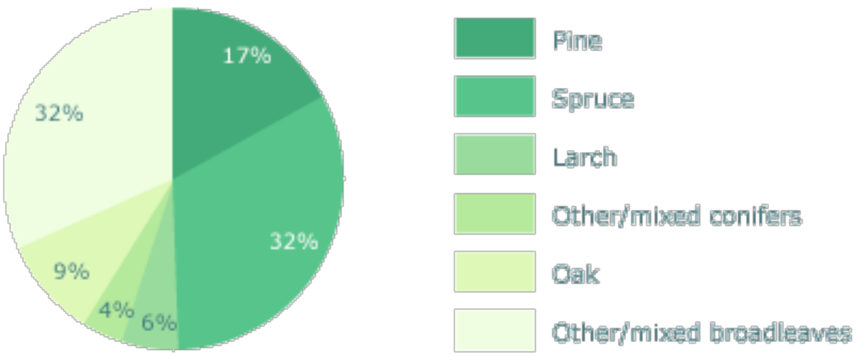
thousands of hectares

Species	GB	England	Scotland	Wales
Scots pine	227	82	140	5
Corsican pine	47	41	2	3
Lodgepole pine	135	7	122	6
Sitka spruce	692	80	528	84
Norway spruce	79	32	35	11
European larch	23	14	9	1
Japanese/hybrid larch	111	33	56	22
Douglas fir	45	24	10	11
Other conifer	30	19	5	6
Mixed conifer	18	9	8	0
Total Conifers	**1 406**	**340**	**916**	**149**
Oak	223	159	21	43
Beech	83	64	10	9
Sycamore	67	49	11	7
Ash	129	105	5	19
Birch	160	70	78	13
Poplar	12	11	0	1
Sweet chestnut	12	12	0	1
Elm	5	4	1	0
Other broadleaves	120	84	18	18
Mixed broadleaves	160	91	62	8
Total broadleaves	**971**	**648**	**206**	**118**
Total - all species	**2 377**	**988**	**1 123**	**266**
Felled	47	15	23	9
Coppice[1]	24	22	1	0
Open space[2]	217	72	134	11
Total woodland	**2 665**	**1 097**	**1 281**	**287**

Source: 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (not National Statistics).

1. Coppice includes coppice with standards.
2. Areas of integral open space, each less than 1 hectare.

Figure 1.1 Main tree species in GB



Source: 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (not National Statistics).

Two thirds of woodland area in Great Britain consists of trees planted after 1950. Conifers tend to have a shorter rotation, with 87% of conifers but just 39% of broadleaves planted after 1950.

Table 1.7 Area of woodland[1] in GB by planting year classes[2]

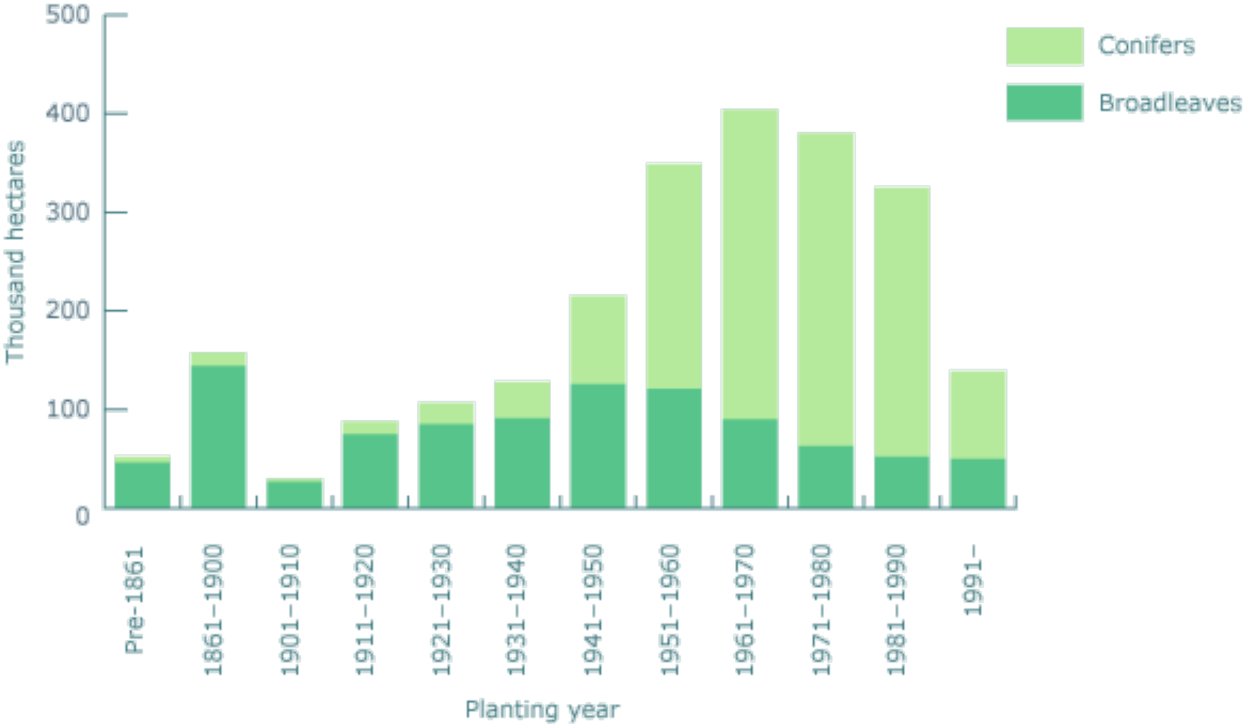
thousands of hectares

Planting year	GB	England	Scotland	Wales
Conifers				
Pre-1861	6	2	4	0
1861-1900	14	5	9	0
1901-1910	3	1	1	0
1911-1920	13	6	7	0
1921-1930	22	7	13	1
1931-1940	37	16	17	4
1941-1950	89	36	43	10
1951-1960	228	67	129	33
1961-1970	314	74	203	38
1971-1980	317	59	234	24
1981-1990	273	36	215	21
1991-	89	32	41	17
Total	**1 406**	**340**	**916**	**149**
Broadleaves				
Pre-1861	46	34	12	1
1861-1900	144	89	31	24
1901-1910	27	19	5	4
1911-1920	75	55	11	9
1921-1930	85	60	16	9
1931-1940	91	56	15	20
1941-1950	126	85	25	16
1951-1960	121	80	27	15
1961-1970	90	59	22	8
1971-1980	63	42	17	4
1981-1990	52	33	15	4
1991-	50	36	11	3
Total	**971**	**648**	**206**	**118**
Total				
Pre-1861	52	35	16	1
1861-1900	157	94	40	24
1901-1910	30	21	6	4
1911-1920	88	61	18	9
1921-1930	107	67	29	10
1931-1940	128	72	31	25
1941-1950	215	121	69	26
1951-1960	350	146	156	47
1961-1970	404	133	225	46
1971-1980	380	101	251	28
1981-1990	325	70	230	26
1991-	140	68	52	20
Total	**2 377**	**988**	**1 123**	**266**

Source: 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (not National Statistics).

1. Excluding felled, coppice and open space.
2. Age is determined from records where these are available. Where records were not available or were clearly inaccurate, age-class was assigned by reference to similar crops of known age in the locality.

Figure 1.2 Age profile of woodland in GB



Source: 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (not National Statistics).

There are estimated to be around 3814 million trees in Great Britain. The majority of these (56%) are in Scotland, with a further 34% in England and the remainder in Wales.

Table 1.8 Number of trees in GB

				millions of trees
	GB	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**
Conifers (woods over 2 ha)	2 667	523	1 892	252
Broadleaves (woods over 2 ha)	857	577	188	92
Small woods and other	290	179	73	38
All trees	**3 814**	**1 279**	**2 154**	**382**

Source: 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees (not National Statistics).

Area of farm woodland

Agricultural Censuses run by Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and the devolved administrations collect annual information on the land-use of farms. The table below shows the area of woodland on farms.

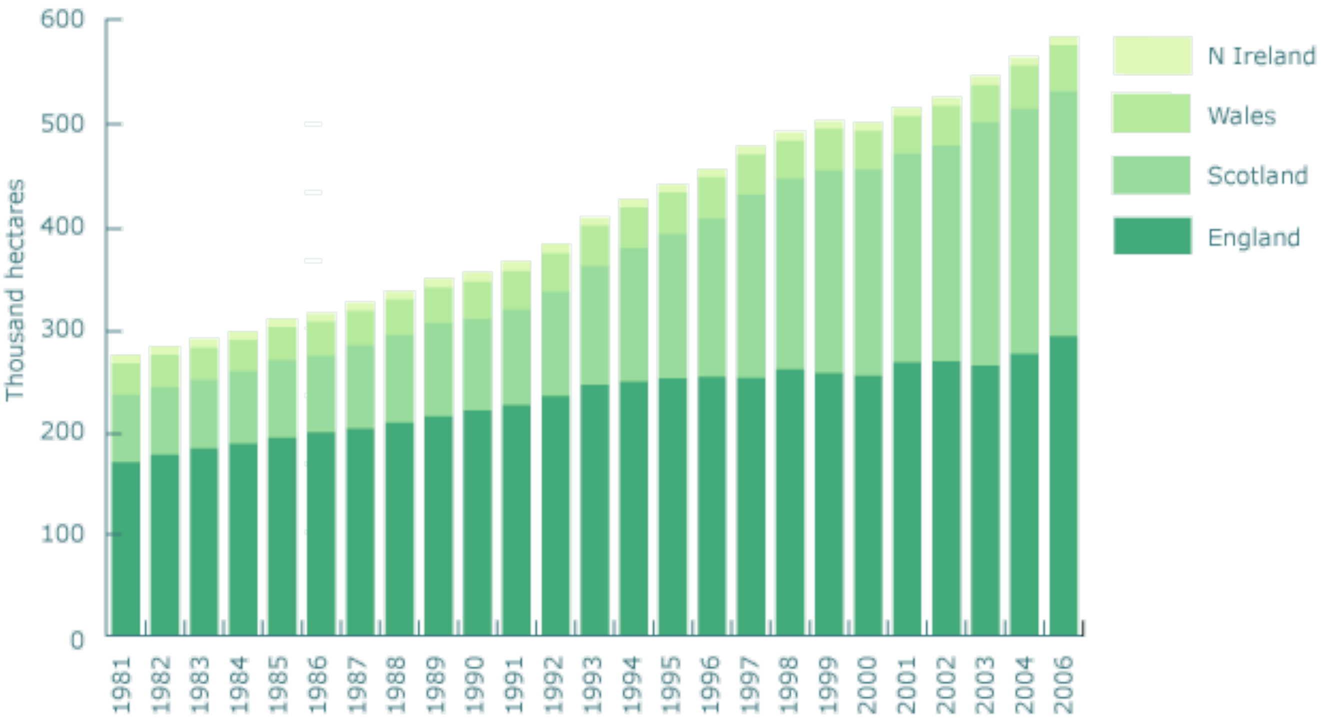
The area of farm woodland in the UK has increased, from 454 thousand hectares in 1996 to 583 thousand hectares in 2005. Around one half (50%) of all farm woodland is in England, with a further 41% in Scotland, 8% in Wales and 1% in Northern Ireland.

Table 1.9 Area of farm woodland, 1996 to 2005

					thousands of hectares
Year	**UK**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**	**N Ireland**
1996	454.4	251.8	154.3	40.1	8.2
1997	476.4	251.2	178.1	38.9	8.2
1998	490.0	259.1	185.5	37.2	8.2
1999	501.2	255.4	197.2	40.4	8.2
2000	499.5	253.2	200.6	37.1	8.6
2001	513.9	266.2	202.9	36.7	8.2
2002	523.6	267.0	209.9	38.8	7.9
2003	544.3	262.9	236.6	36.5	8.4
2004	563.0	274.1	239.0	41.7	8.2
2005	583.2	291.7	238.0	44.9	8.6

Source: June Agricultural Census - Defra, SEERAD, WAG, DARDNI.

Figure 1.3 Area of farm woodland, 1981-2005



Source: June Agricultural Census - Defra, SEERAD, WAG, DARDNI.

Area of woodland: international comparisons

The forest areas in Table 1.10 are from the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2005, compiled by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) (not a National Statistics publication).

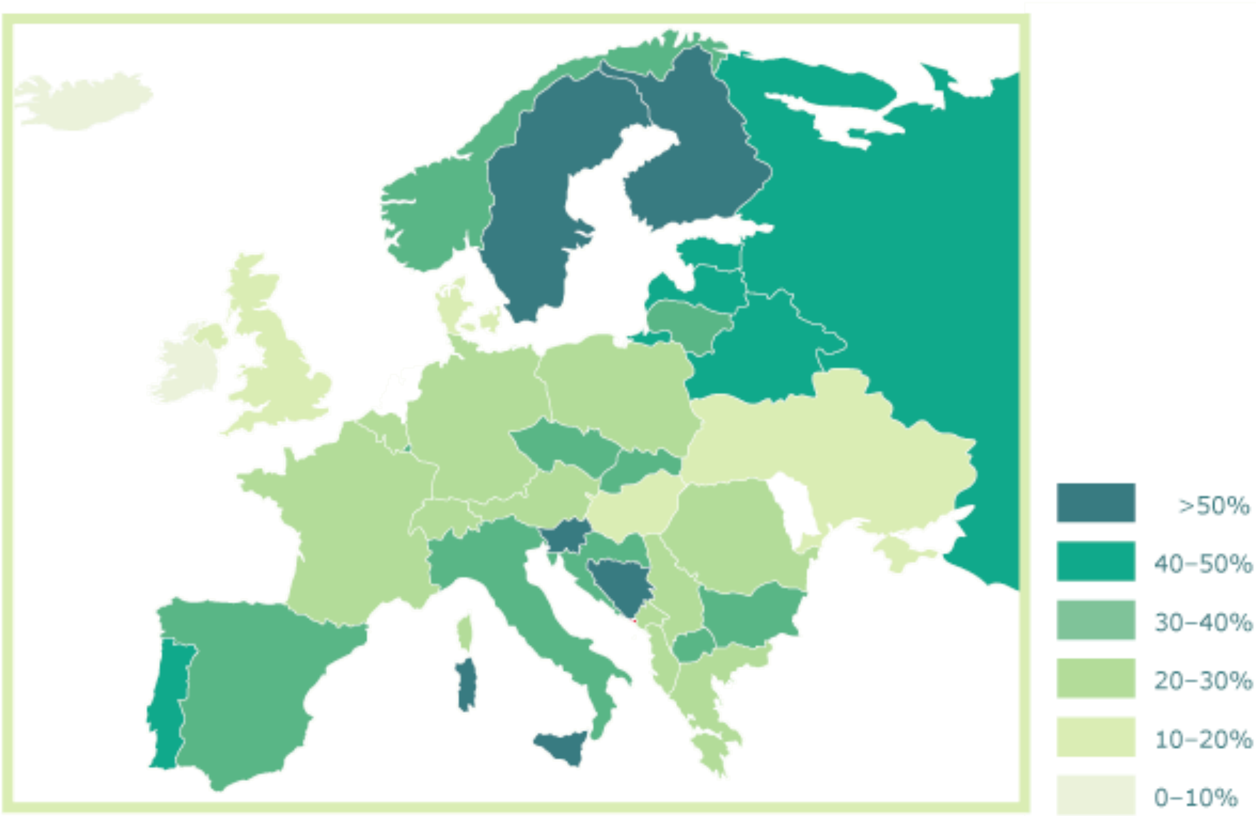
At under 12% forest cover, the UK is one of the least densely forested countries in Europe.

Table 1.10 Forest cover: international comparisons - 2005

Country	Forest area (thousand ha)	Total land area (thousand ha)	Forest as % of land area
United Kingdom	2 845	24 088	11.8%
Finland	22 500	30 447	73.9%
France	15 554	55 010	28.3%
Germany	11 076	34 895	31.7%
Italy	9 979	29 411	33.9%
Spain	17 915	49 944	35.9%
Sweden	27 528	41 162	66.9%
Other EU	38 192	120 178	31.8%
Total EU-25	**145 589**	**385 135**	**37.8%**
Non-EU	47 189	187 046	25.2%
Russian Federation	808 790	1 688 850	47.9%
Total Europe	**1 001 568**	**2 261 032**	**44.3%**
Total Asia	**571 402**	**3 087 112**	**18.5%**
Total North and Central America	**705 849**	**2 143 909**	**32.9%**
Total South America	**831 540**	**1 743 232**	**47.7%**
Total Africa	**635 412**	**2 968 458**	**21.4%**
Total Oceania	**206 254**	**849 111**	**24.3%**
World	**3 952 025**	**13 052 852**	**30.3%**

The FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) is a collation of forest data undertaken by the UN FAO at the global level. The information in Table 1.10 uses forest area from FRA 2005, excluding 'other wooded land'; for the UK, this is very similar to the definition of 'woodland' used in previous tables.

Figure 1.4 Per cent woodland cover by country in Europe



Global Forest Resources Assessment 2005 (not National Statistics)

New planting and restocking

New planting is the creation of new areas of woodland. Restocking is the replanting of areas of woodland that have been felled. New planting can use planting/seeding or natural colonisation. Restocking can also use planting/seeding or natural regeneration. The figures in this section are for all types of woodland.

Information about Forestry Commission and Forest Service new planting and restocking comes from administrative systems. Information about other woodland has come principally from the Woodland Grant Scheme (WGS) and the successor grant schemes recently introduced in Scotland, England and Wales. For natural colonisation and regeneration, the areas are those for which the second instalment of grant has been paid. Areas receiving grant are allocated to years by date of payment.

Local estimates for areas of planting and restocking which are not FC and which are not grant-aided are included for England, Scotland and Wales. These estimates are relatively small (around 700 hectares in total in 2005-06), and it has been assumed that all of this area is broadleaves. It is assumed that there is no non-FS non-grant aided planting and restocking in Northern Ireland.

The total area of new planting and restocking in the UK was 23.5 thousand hectares in 2005-2006. Restocking accounted for almost two-thirds of this total. Broadleaved species accounted for the majority (87%) of new planting but just 22% of the restocking area in 2005-06.

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Table 1.11 New planting and restocking: breakdown between broadleaves and conifers[1]

thousands of hectares

Year (ending 31/3)	New planting			Restocking			Total		
	Broadleaf	Conifer	Total	Broadleaf	Conifer	Total	Broadleaf	Conifer	Total
UK total									
2001-02	10.5	3.9	14.4	2.4	11.4	13.8	12.9	15.3	28.2
2002-03	9.5	4.0	13.5	2.5	12.0	14.5	12.0	16.0	28.0
2003-04	9.5	2.9	12.4	2.8	12.1	14.9	12.3	15.1	27.3
2004-05	9.8	2.1	11.9	2.9	12.0	14.8	12.7	14.1	26.7
2005-06	7.6	1.1	8.7	3.3	11.6	14.8	10.8	12.7	23.5
England									
2001-02	4.7	0.7	5.4	0.8	2.6	3.4	5.5	3.2	8.7
2002-03	5.4	0.5	5.9	0.9	2.4	3.4	6.3	3.0	9.2
2003-04	4.4	0.2	4.6	0.9	2.3	3.2	5.3	2.5	7.8
2004-05	5.1	0.2	5.3	0.9	1.9	2.8	6.0	2.1	8.1
2005-06	3.6	0.1	3.7	1.1	2.1	3.2	4.6	2.2	6.8
Scotland									
2001-02	5.0	3.0	8.0	1.2	6.6	7.8	6.2	9.6	15.8
2002-03	3.7	3.0	6.7	1.1	7.4	8.5	4.9	10.3	15.2
2003-04	4.2	2.6	6.8	1.3	7.6	8.9	5.5	10.2	15.7
2004-05	3.8	1.9	5.7	1.5	8.0	9.5	5.3	9.9	15.2
2005-06	3.0	1.0	4.0	1.1	7.1	8.2	4.1	8.1	12.2
Wales									
2001-02	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.6	1.9	0.5	1.6	2.2
2002-03	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.6	1.9	0.6	1.6	2.2
2003-04	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.4	1.8	0.9	1.4	2.3
2004-05	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.4	1.2	1.6	1.0	1.2	2.1
2005-06	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.9	1.6	2.5	1.4	1.6	2.9
Northern Ireland									
2001-02	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.5
2002-03	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.2	1.1	1.3
2003-04	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.9	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.6
2004-05	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.9	1.3
2005-06	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.5

Source: Forestry Commission, Forest Service and grant schemes.

1. Figures for England in 2004-05 have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005.

Almost all new planting (97% in 2005-06) takes place on non-FC/FS land. In contrast, most restocking occurs on FC/FS land (63%).

Table 1.12 New planting and restocking: breakdown between Forestry Commission / Forest Service and other woodland[1]

thousands of hectares

Year (ending 31/3)	New planting			Restocking			Total		
	FC/FS	Non-FC/FS	Total	FC/FS	Non-FC/FS	Total	FC/FS	Non-FC/FS	Total
UK total									
2001-02	0.8	13.6	14.4	9.1	4.7	13.8	9.9	18.3	28.2
2002-03	0.9	12.6	13.5	9.1	5.3	14.5	10.0	17.9	28.0
2003-04	0.2	12.1	12.4	9.9	5.0	14.9	10.2	17.2	27.3
2004-05	0.1	11.8	11.9	9.4	5.5	14.8	9.5	17.3	26.7
2005-06	0.3	8.4	8.7	9.3	5.5	14.8	9.6	13.9	23.5
England									
2001-02	0.6	4.7	5.4	2.3	1.1	3.4	2.9	5.8	8.7
2002-03	0.7	5.2	5.9	2.3	1.1	3.4	3.0	6.3	9.2
2003-04	0.1	4.6	4.6	2.2	0.9	3.2	2.3	5.5	7.8
2004-05	0.1	5.3	5.3	1.8	0.9	2.8	1.9	6.2	8.1
2005-06	0.2	3.5	3.7	2.4	0.8	3.2	2.6	4.3	6.8
Scotland									
2001-02	0.1	7.9	8.0	4.9	2.9	7.8	5.0	10.8	15.8
2002-03	0.1	6.6	6.7	5.0	3.5	8.5	5.1	10.1	15.2
2003-04	0.1	6.7	6.8	5.3	3.6	8.9	5.4	10.3	15.7
2004-05	0.0	5.6	5.7	5.3	4.2	9.5	5.3	9.8	15.2
2005-06	0.1	3.9	4.0	4.4	3.8	8.2	4.5	7.7	12.2
Wales									
2001-02	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.1	1.0	2.2
2002-03	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.2	0.7	1.9	1.2	1.0	2.2
2003-04	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.4	1.8	1.4	0.9	2.3
2004-05	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.3	0.3	1.6	1.3	0.8	2.1
2005-06	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.7	0.8	2.5	1.7	1.3	2.9
Northern Ireland									
2001-02	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.5
2002-03	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.5	1.3
2003-04	0.1	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.1	0.5	1.6
2004-05	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.4	1.3
2005-06	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.5

Source:Forestry Commission, Forest Service and grant schemes.

1. Figures for England in 2004-05 have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005.

Figure 1.5 New planting in the UK, 1976-2006

Source: Forestry Commission, Forest Service and grant schemes.

Figure 1.6 Restocking in the UK, 1976-2006

Source: Forestry Commission, Forest Service and grant schemes.

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UK grown timber and wood products

This section covers the production of timber from woodland, and the primary processing of harvested wood to give basic wood products.

Timber originating from conifers is known as softwood and that from broadleaves is known as hardwood.

Information in Tables 2.1-2.9 and 2.11-2.12 is taken from the National Statistics publication *UK Timber Statistics 2006.*

Information on employment within the forestry and primary wood processors sectors is given in section 6.

Wood production

Figures for production are expressed in green tonnes (i.e. weight when freshly felled). See conversion factors for information on converting between cubic metres and green tonnes.

A total of 9.4 million green tonnes was produced in the UK in 2005. This represented an increase of 2.1% from the 2004 total of 9.2 million green tonnes.

Table 2.1 Wood production[1]

thousand green tonnes					
Calendar year	**Softwood**			**Hardwood[2]**	**UK Total**
	FC/FS woodland	Non-FC/FS woodland	Total softwood		
1996	3 720	2 760	6 480	800	7 280
1997	3 950	2 850	6 790	820	7 610
1998	4 190	2 640	6 830	720	7 540
1999	4 730	2 550	7 280	680	7 960
2000	4 850	2 580	7 430	660	8 090
2001	4 600	2 900	7 500	640	8 150
2002	4 650	3 030	7 680	620	8 300
2003	4 820	3 590	8 410	560	8 970
2004	4 890	3 800	8 700	510	9 210
2005	4 580	4 220	8 800	600	9 400

Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 thousand green tonnes.
2. Most hardwood production in the UK comes from non-FC/FS woodland; the figures are estimates based on reported deliveries to wood processing industries.

Softwood availability forecasts (not National Statistics) are taken from a forecast published in September 2006. They are forecasts of availability rather than production, as they do not take account of financial factors or the state of markets, which may cause production to be delayed or brought forward. More information and detailed breakdowns are available in a report on the Forestry Commission website and in the November 2006 edition of

Forestry & British Timber.

Softwood production in the UK is projected to peak at an annual average of almost 15 million m^3 overbark standing over the five year period 2017 to 2021. The majority of this softwood is projected to come from non-FC/FS woodland.

Table 2.2 Softwood availability forecasts

			thousand m^3 overbark standing
Annual average in the five years:	**FC/FS woodland**	**Non-FC/FS woodland**	**Total softwood**
2007-2011	5 840	6 210	12 050
2012-2016	6 660	7 150	13 810
2017-2021	6 870	7 780	14 650
2022-2026	6 170	7 970	14 140

Source: UK: New forecast of softwood availability (2006).

Longer term softwood forecasts are expected to be published in 2007. No forecasts are published for hardwood.

Timber deliveries

Most figures for timber deliveries (inputs to wood processing) are expressed in green tonnes. See Conversion factors for information on converting from green tonnes to underbark volumes.

A total of 8.2 million green tonnes of UK grown softwood and 0.6 million green tonnes of UK grown hardwood were delivered to wood processing industries in the UK in 2005. Sawmills accounted for the majority of softwood deliveries (61%) but just 12% of hardwood deliveries. A further 18% of softwood was delivered to woodbased panel mills and 6% to integrated pulp and paper mills. Roundwood exports in 2005 accounted for 9% of all softwood deliveries.

Table 2.3 Deliveries of UK grown roundwood to the wood processing industries[1]

thousand green tonnes

Year	Sawmills	Pulp mills	Woodbased panel mills	Miscellaneous[2]	Exports[3]	Total
Softwood						
1996	4 006	853	1 500	520	0	6 879
1997	4 081	940	1 690	505	0	7 216
1998	4 156	844	1 527	535	0	7 063
1999	4 454	660	1 613	557	24	7 309
2000	4 473	695	1 685	510	16	7 379
2001	4 590	668	1 680	508	61	7 507
2002	4 661	696	1 456	453	133	7 399
2003	4 788	704	1 486	445	307	7 730
2004	4 894	483	1 525	462	610	7 974
2005	4 982	500	1 502	527	705	8 216
Hardwood						
1996	304	202	91	206	0	803
1997	297	198	118	206	0	819
1998	255	180	77	206	0	718
1999	228	191	52	206	0	677
2000	200	200	50	206	0	656
2001	192	209	35	206	0	642
2002	163	210	43	206	0	622
2003	139	215	4	206	0	564
2004	93	214	2	206	0	515
2005	73	214	2	306	0	595
Total						
1996	4 310	1 055	1 591	726	0	7 682
1997	4 378	1 138	1 808	711	0	8 035
1998	4 412	1 024	1 604	741	0	7 781
1999	4 682	851	1 665	763	24	7 986
2000	4 673	895	1 735	716	16	8 034
2001	4 782	877	1 715	714	61	8 150
2002	4 824	906	1 499	659	133	8 021
2003	4 927	919	1 490	651	307	8 294
2004	4 987	697	1 527	668	610	8 489
2005	5 055	714	1 504	833	705	8 811

Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

1. Figures have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 in light of additional information received.
2. These figures were estimated by, or partly composed of estimates made by, the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics.
3. Exports here are the quantities of wood exported without going to a wood processing industry in the UK. Data for exports from Northern Ireland before 2004 are not available.

Sawmills

Data are collected by the Forestry Commission in an annual Sawmill Survey. For more details, see UK Timber Statistics 2006.

Consumption units are given in green tonnes. For production, the units used are m^3 sawnwood - see Conversion factors.

In 2005 UK sawmills consumed a total of 5.3 million green tonnes of softwood, producing 2.8 million m^3 sawnwood. A further 107 thousand green tonnes of hardwood was consumed, producing 54 thousand m^3 sawnwood.

Table 2.4 Consumption and production of UK timber by sawmills

	Consumption of roundwood (thousand green tonnes)		Production of sawn timber (thousand m^3)	
	Softwood	Hardwood	Softwood	Hardwood
1996	4 269	344	2 323	176
1997	4 335	303	2 388	147
1998	4 403	263	2 394	128
1999	4 681	235	2 538	120
2000	4 708	211	2 521	108
2001	4 829	263	2 598	130
2002	4 896	181	2 640	91
2003	5 014	158	2 687	81
2004	5 120	121	2 722	61
2005	5 254	107	2 808	54

Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

A total of 228 sawmills processed UK roundwood in 2005. The majority of these sawmills (120) were in England, 73 were in Scotland, 20 in Wales and 15 in Northern Ireland. 70% of sawmills produced less than five thousand m^3 sawnwood (softwood and hardwood).

Table 2.5 Number of sawmills in the United Kingdom

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of active mills	280	259	251	235	228
Production[1]					
<1 000m^3	104	96	96	92	93
1 000-4 999m^3	96	87	82	73	67
5 000-9 999m^3	28	26	22	20	20
10 000-24 999m^3	24	24	23	22	19
25 000-49 999m^3	13	10	12	10	9
≥50 000m^3	15	16	16	18	20
Country					
Scotland	86	82	80	76	73
England	152	139	134	123	120
Wales	27	23	22	21	20
N Ireland	15	15	15	15	15

Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

1. Categories are based on m^3 total (softwood and hardwood) sawnwood production.

Pulp and paper mills

The information in Tables 2.6 and 2.7 relates only to mills that use UK grown roundwood in the production of paper (integrated pulp and paper mills). These mills also use recycled paper and recycled cardboard, and in the past have used some imported roundwood/chips.

In 2005 integrated pulp and paper mills in the UK consumed 0.7 million green tonnes of UK roundwood (mainly softwood) and 0.1 million green tonnes of sawmill products.

Table 2.6 Inputs to integrated pulp and paper mills[1]

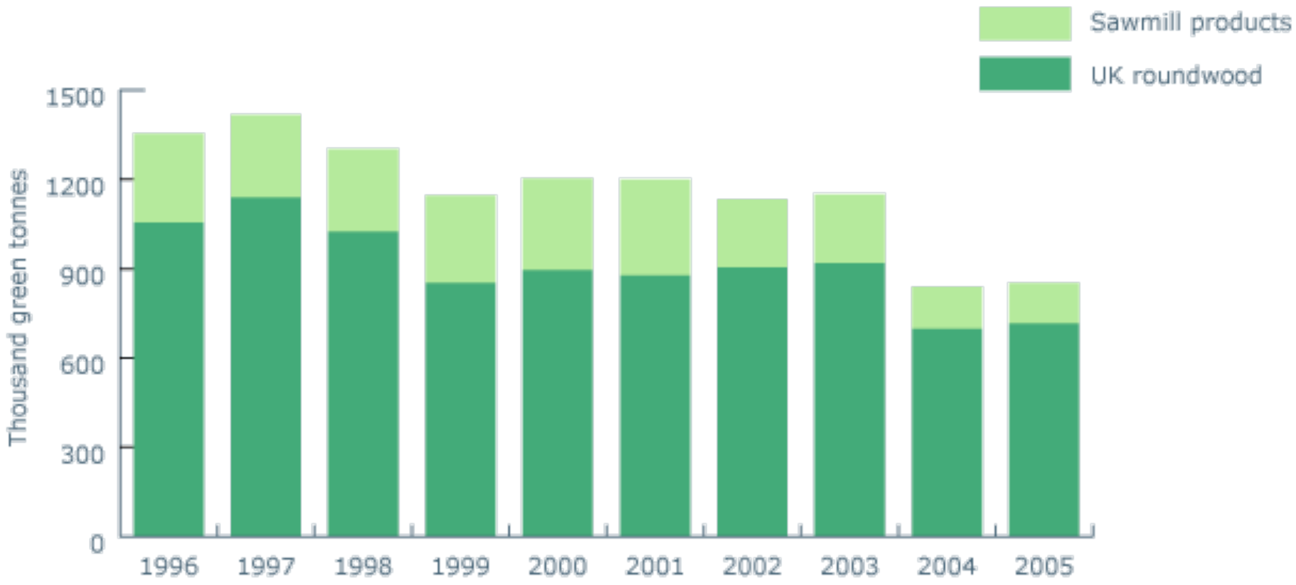
						thousand green tonnes
Year	**UK roundwood[2]**		**Sawmill products[3]**		**Total[4]**	
	Softwood	Hardwood	Softwood	Hardwood	Softwood	Hardwood
1996	853	202	305	0	1 158	202
1997	940	198	279	0	1 239	198
1998	844	180	277	0	1 136	180
1999	660	191	295	0	964	191
2000	695	200	308	0	1 004	218
2001	668	209	323	0	991	209
2002	696	210	307	0	1 003	210
2003	704	215	234	0	938	215
2004	483	214	143	0	626	214
2005	500	214	138	0	638	214

Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

1. This table excludes inputs of recycled paper and cardboard.

2. UK roundwood includes all materials from forest operations.
3. Sawmill products include peeled and unpeeled chips, sawdust, slabwood, shavings, postplant chips and peelings.
4. Includes inputs from imported roundwood and chips.

Figure 2.1 Inputs to integrated pulp and paper mills



1. This chart excludes inputs of recycled paper and cardboard, and also excludes any imported roundwood/chips.

Table 2.7 gives information on the country of origin of the UK grown roundwood for all integrated pulp and paper mills in the UK. Figures are not available for the quantity broken down by the country in which the mill is located, which could disclose data for individual mills.

Over one half (59%) of UK grown roundwood used in integrated pulp and paper mills in 2005 was obtained from Scotland, 39% was obtained from England and 2% from Wales.

Table 2.7 UK grown roundwood used in integrated pulp and paper mills

thousand green tonnes

Year	UK		England		Scotland		Wales		N Ireland	
	Hardwood (HW)	Softwood (SW)	HW	SW	HW	SW	HW	SW	HW	SW
1996	202	853	194	175	0	478	8	200	0	0
1997	198	940	190	161	0	598	8	181	0	0
1998	180	844	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	0
1999	191	660	177	107	0	383	14	170	0	0
2000	200	695	188	86	0	479	12	130	0	0
2001	209	668	200	86	0	454	9	128	0	0
2002	210	696	200	98	0	448	10	150	0	0
2003	215	704	196	87	0	466	19	151	0	0
2004	214	483	200	67	0	416	14	0	0	0
2005	214	500	200	77	0	423	14	0	0	0

Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

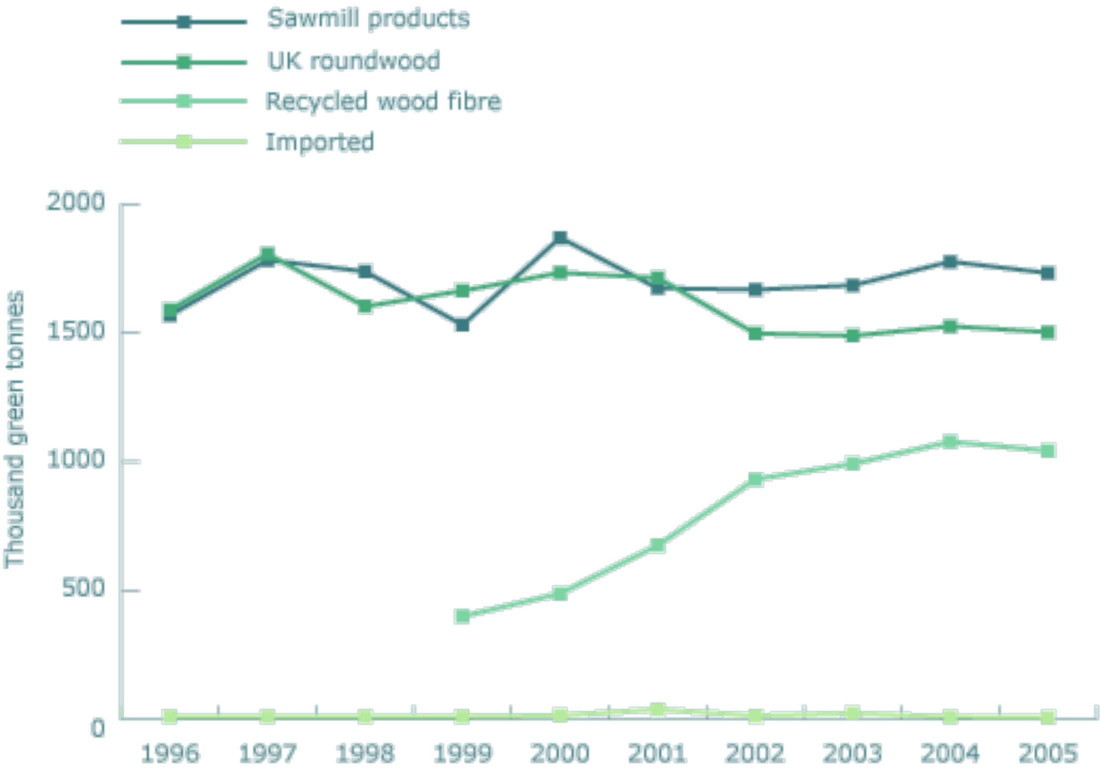
.. denotes data not available

Woodbased panel products

Woodbased panels are oriented strand board (OSB), wood chipboard and cement bonded particleboard (which are all types of particleboard), and medium density fibreboard (MDF) and other fibreboard (which are both types of fibreboard).

Sawmill products accounted for 40% of all inputs to woodbased panel mills in 2005. A further 35% was obtained from UK roundwood and 24% from recycled wood fibre.

Figure 2.2 Inputs to woodbased panel mills



Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

Table 2.8 shows the inputs used in the production of all types of woodbased panels in the United Kingdom.

Table 2.8 Inputs to woodbased panel production

Year	UK roundwood[1]		Sawmill products[2]		Imported[3]		Total		
									thousand green tonnes
	Hardwood (HW)	Softwood (SW)	HW	SW	HW	SW	HW	SW	Recycled wood fibre[4]
1996	91	1 500	28	1 542	0	10	119	3 052	..
1997	118	1 690	40	1 744	0	10	158	3 444	..
1998	77	1 527	29	1 711	0	10	106	3 248	..
1999	52	1 613	10	1 522	0	10	62	3 145	400
2000	50	1 685	0	1 871	0	14	50	3 570	488
2001	35	1 680	0	1 675	25	13	60	3 368	675
2002	43	1 456	0	1 669	0	13	43	3 138	932
2003	4	1 486	4	1 682	0	22	8	3 190	993
2004	2	1 525	0	1 778	0	9	2	3 312	1 078
2005	2	1 502	2	1 732	0	6	4	3 240	1 043

Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

1. UK roundwood includes all material from forest operations.
2. Sawmill products include peeled and unpeeled chips, sawdust, slabwood, shavings, postplant chips and peelings.
3. Imports include roundwood, wood products and products from imported wood.
4. Recycled wood fibre is wood fibre recovered from both pre- and post-consumer wood waste for use in woodbased panel production.

.. denotes data not available

Miscellaneous uses of UK wood

Data for softwood fencing are collected by the Forestry Commission in an annual survey of round fencing manufacturers. Many of the other uses are not covered by survey or administrative sources, and the values are estimates made by representatives of the wood processing industries.

A total of 342 thousand green tonnes of UK softwood and an estimated 30 thousand green tonnes of UK hardwood were consumed by round fencing manufactures in 2005. Other miscellaneous uses accounted for a further 461 thousand green tonnes of roundwood (softwood and hardwood).

Table 2.9 Miscellaneous uses of UK roundwood[1]

thousand green tonnes

Year	Fencing		Other[2,3]		Total	
	Hardwood (HW)	Softwood (SW)	HW	SW	HW	SW
1996	30	385	176	135	206	520
1997	30	371	176	134	206	505
1998	30	401	176	134	206	535
1999	30	424	176	133	206	557
2000	30	357	176	153	206	510
2001	30	354	176	154	206	508
2002	30	298	176	155	206	453
2003	30	275	176	170	206	445
2004	30	282	176	180	206	462
2005	30	342	276	185	306	527

Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

1. Figures have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 in light of additional information received.
2. Includes fuelwood, shavings, poles and woodwool.
3. These figures are estimated by, or partly composed of estimates made by, the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics.

Certification

Forest certification assesses forest management practices against an agreed standard and awards a label to those forest products that meet the standard. In order for products to achieve certification, both forest management practices and the Chain of Custody, which tracks timber from forest to retail outlet, must be assessed.

1.2 million hectares of woodland in the UK were certified in March 2006, mostly under the Forest Stewardship Council. This represented 44% of the total UK woodland area, varying from 31% in England to 75% in Northern Ireland.

Table 2.10 Woodland area certified in March 2006

thousand hectares

	UK	England	Scotland	Wales	N Ireland
Total woodland area	2 829	1 121	1 337	285	86
Total certified area	**1 233**	**348**	**699**	**123**	**65**
Forestry Commission / Forest Service	832	204	460	108	61
Non-FC/FS certified area	401	144	238	16	3

Source: Forest Stewardship Council, Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), Forestry Commission.

1. Where possible, Table 2.10 uses the total woodland certified, rather than the total land certified. The Forestry Commission areas included in the totals are the latest areas, as shown in Table 1.1, rather than the areas shown on certificates.

Respondents to Forestry Commission surveys were asked to report on volumes certified. Almost three quarters of non-FC/FS softwood removals in 2005 were from certified sources. Over three quarters of sawmills' roundwood consumption and almost three quarters of sawnwood production by sawmills in 2005 was certified. For round fencing manufacturers, under one half of total softwood consumption in 2005 was certified.

Table 2.11 Percentage of volume certified[1]

				% certified volume
	2002	**2003**	**2004**	**2005**
Removals[2]				
Softwood from non-FC/FS woodland	40	54	70	73
Sawmills				
Consumption (softwood and hardwood)	67	68	83	78
Production (softwood and hardwood)	66	52	66	74
Round fencing manufacturers				
Consumption (softwood)	14	36	58	44

Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

1. Figures have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 in light of additional information received.
2. For all removals from FC/FS woodland, the source is certified.

Sawmills and round fencing manufacturers were also asked whether they held a Chain of Custody certificate. Around 40% of sawmills who provided data in 2005 reported that they held a Chain of Custody certificate. This proportion varied with size of mill, from 25% of mills producing less than 5 thousand m^3 sawnwood to 95% of those producing 25 thousand m^3 sawnwood or more. Around one quarter of round fencing manufacturers reported holding a Chain of Custody certificate.

Table 2.12 Chain of Custody certificates[1] - 2005

	Mill holding certificate	**Mills without certficate**	**Certification status not reported**	**Total**
Sawmills				
Production[2]				
<5 000m^3	19	52	5	76
5 000-24 999 m^3	11	14	0	25
≥25 000 m^3	20	1	0	21
All mills	50	67	5	122
Round fencing manufacturers				
All mills	12	31	2	45

Source: UK Timber Statistics 2006.

1. Mills responding for 2005. Accounts for around three quarters of total production for sawmills and almost 60% of total consumption by round fencing manufacturers.
2. Production categories are based on total sawnwood production.

Certification was also a topic in the 2005 Public Opinion of Forestry, a survey of 4000 adults across Great Britain (see chapter 5 for further details on this survey). Respondents were first asked if they had been shopping for wood products in the last few years. Those who had (44%), were then asked if they recognised either the FSC or PEFC symbols. Over one third (38%) of those who had been shopping for wood products in the last few years said that they recognised the FSC symbol and 8% said that they recognised the PEFC symbol. 56% of respondents did not recollect seeing either symbol.

Table 2.13 Public Opinion of Forestry: Respondents who had seen the FSC or PEFC logos on wood products

		percent of base
	2003	**2005**
FSC logo	31	38
PEFC logo	8	8
None	61	56
Don't know	4	3

Base: Respondents who had been shopping for wood products: 1930 in 2003 (UK), 1752 in 2005 (GB).

Source: UK Public Opinion of Forestry 2003, GB Public Opinion of Forestry 2005 (not National Statistics).

1. Includes multiple responses.

Number of establishments in the primary wood processing industries

Table 2.14 shows the number of primary wood processors, according to the sampling frames used for Forestry Commission surveys of establishments using UK timber. The figures in Table 2.14 do not correspond with the VAT registration information given in Figures 2.3-2.6. They count establishments (sites) rather than businesses and include those that do not need to register for VAT. They also have a different basis for classification, so some businesses which are excluded from Figs 2.3-2.6 because of their VAT classification are included in this table (typically businesses where primary wood processing is a small part of their total activity), and some businesses included in Figs 2.3-2.6 are excluded here (usually because they do not use UK-grown timber).

Table 2.14 Number of establishments in the primary wood processing industries using UK grown roundwood[1]

Year	Sawmills	Pulp and paper mills	Woodbased panel mills	Round fencing manufacturers	UK total[2]
1996	409	4	11	128	552
1997	381	4	11	112	508
1998	348	4	11	108	471
1999	326	4	10	100	440
2000	304	4	10	95	413
2001	280	4	10	90	384
2002	259	4	10	77	350
2003	251	3	8	72	334
2004	235	3	8	72	318
2005	228	3	8	73	312

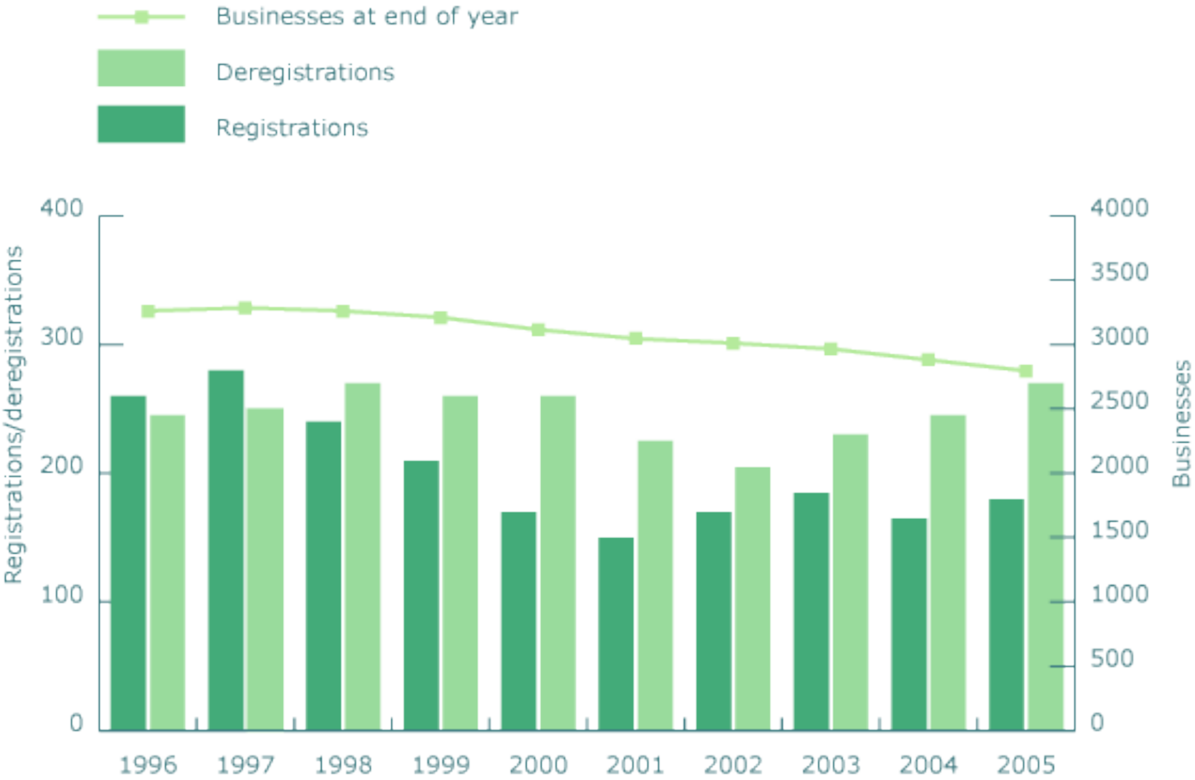
1. Figures have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 in light of additional information received.
2. A single mill may be recorded twice, as a sawmill and a round fencing manufacturer.

VAT-registered businesses involved in forestry and primary wood processing

The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) is the United Kingdom's classification of business activities. The main heading including forestry businesses is 020: Forestry, logging and related services. The main headings for primary wood processing are 201: Sawmilling and planing of wood, impregnation of wood; 202: Manufacture of veneer sheets; manufacture of plywood, laminboard, particleboard, fibreboard and other panels and boards; and part of 211: Manufacture of pulp, paper and paperboard. All these headings potentially include businesses not traditionally regarded as forestry or primary wood processing, and some businesses which are traditionally included in forestry or primary wood processing are excluded as they are classified to other headings of the SIC.

Figures 2.3-2.6 (using data from Business start-ups and closures: VAT registrations and deregistrations 1994-2005 published by the Small Business Service of the Department for Trade and Industry) show start-ups and closures and the size of the business population in these classifications. Because businesses with turnover below the VAT threshold are not required to register, many of the smallest businesses are not included in these figures. The figures are also not restricted to businesses using domestically produced timber but include businesses wholly using imports.

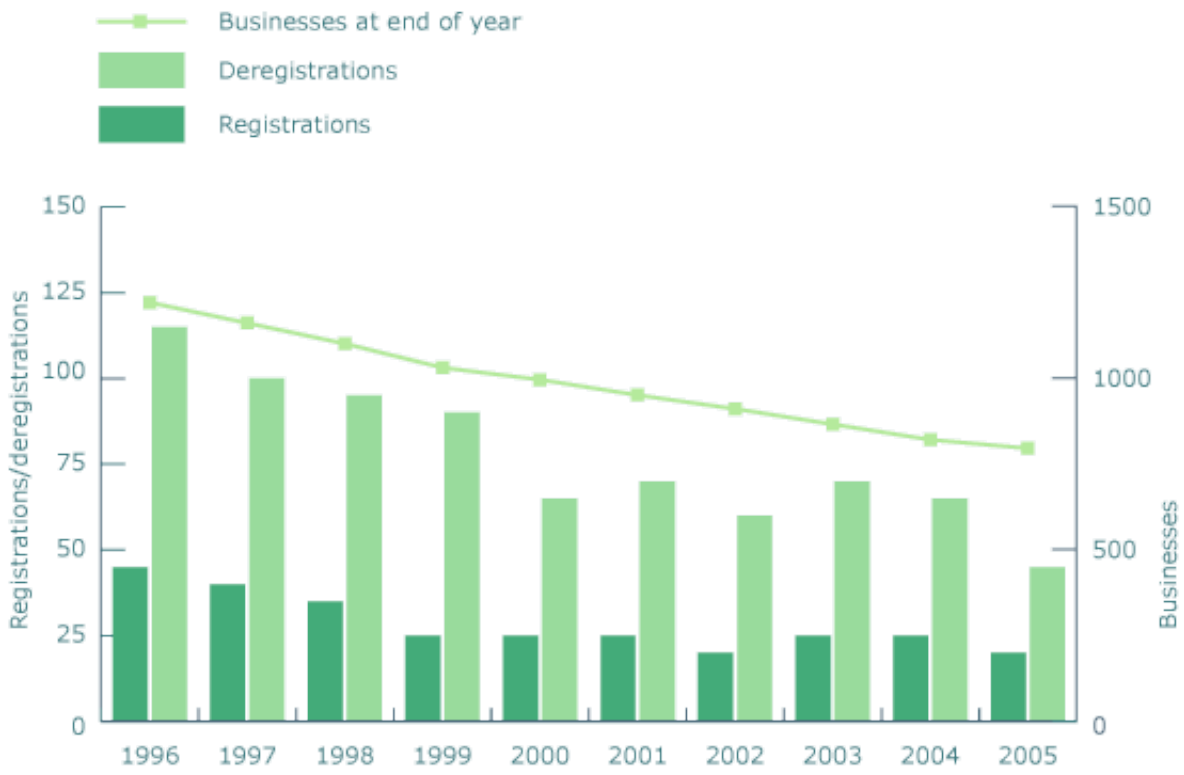
Figure 2.3 Total number of businesses and VAT registrations and deregistrations of businesses classified to SIC 020: Forestry, logging and related services



Source: Business start-ups and closures: VAT registrations and deregistrations 1994-2005.

1. All figures are rounded by DTI to the nearest multiple of 5.
2. Figures have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 to reflect revised data published by DTI.

Figure 2.4 Total number of businesses and VAT registrations and deregistrations of businesses classified to SIC 201: Sawmilling and planing of wood, impregnation of wood



Source: Business start-ups and closures: VAT registrations and deregistrations 1994-2005.

1. All figures are rounded by DTI to the nearest multiple of 5.
2. Figures have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 to reflect revised data published by DTI.

Figure 2.5 Total number of businesses and VAT registrations and deregistrations of businesses classified to SIC 202: Manufacture of veneer sheets; manufacture of plywood, laminboard, particleboard, fibreboard and other panels and boards

Source: Business start-ups and closures: VAT registrations and deregistrations 1994-2005.

1. All figures are rounded by DTI to the nearest multiple of 5.
2. Figures have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 to reflect revised data published by DTI.

Figure 2.6 Total number of businesses and VAT registrations and deregistrations of businesses classified to SIC 211: Manufacture of pulp, paper and paperboard

Source: Business start-ups and closures: VAT registrations and deregistrations 1994-2005.

1. All figures are rounded by DTI to the nearest multiple of 5.
2. Figures have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 to reflect revised data published by DTI.

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Imports, exports & apparent consumption of wood products

This section contains information about international trade in wood products, and about the level of apparent consumption estimated from data for trade and UK production.

A large proportion of the wood and wood products consumed in the United Kingdom are imported from a range of different countries.

Information on imports and exports comes from the Overseas Trade Statistics compiled by HM Revenue & Customs. The two sources are surveys of European Union (EU) internal trade (Intrastat) and customs data for trade with non-EU countries.

Quantities are given as wood raw material equivalent underbark, that is the amount of timber (underbark) required to produce these products. The factors used for this chapter differ from those in the section on Conversion factors.

Apparent consumption is the amount of timber (measured as raw wood material equivalent underbark) used as wood and wood products by people and industries in the United Kingdom. It is calculated as total United Kingdom production plus imports, minus exports. This total does not include any allowance for recycled wood and paper that is recovered for use within the United Kingdom, but is reduced by the substantial net exports of recovered paper (see Table 3.3). Apparent consumption also differs from actual consumption by the extent of changes in the level of stocks. It is not practical to collect information on actual consumption.

UK production of roundwood totalled 8.6 million m^3 WRME underbark in 2005. A further 52.5 million m^3 WRME underbark of wood and wood products were imported to the UK and 16.5 million m^3 WRME underbark were exported, giving apparent consumption of 44.7 million m^3 WRME underbark.

Table 3.1 Apparent consumption of wood in the UK

				million m^3 WRME underbark
Year	**UK production[1]**	**Imports**	**Exports**	**Apparent Consumption**
1996	7.5	45.1	5.4	47.2
1997	7.8	47.7	6.8	48.8
1998	7.6	46.8	7.0	47.4
1999	7.8	45.8	7.3	46.3
2000	7.8	47.8	7.4	48.2
2001	7.9	49.4	7.9	49.5
2002	7.8	48.8	9.3	47.3
2003	8.1	49.5	12.7	44.9
2004	8.3	52.0	15.6	44.7
2005	8.6	52.5	16.5	44.7

Source: UK Overseas Trade Statistics and conversion factors to WRME.

1. UK production of roundwood is estimated from deliveries to wood processing industries, as in Table 2.3

UK production accounted for around one quarter of the UK sawnwood market, and around one half of the UK woodbased panel and paper markets.

Table 3.2 Apparent consumption of wood products[1,2] in the UK - 2005

Product	Unit	UK production	Imports	Exports	Apparent Consumption
Sawnwood	1000 m^3	**2 862**	**8 227**	**434**	**10 655**
Coniferous		2 808	7 559	412	9 955
Non-coniferous		54	668	21	700
Woodbased panels	1000 m^3	**3 398**	**3 531**	**520**	**6 409**
Veneer sheets		0	33	5	29
Plywood		0	1 417	115	1 302
Particleboard		2 557	1 138	183	3 513
Fibreboard		841	942	217	1 566
Paper & paperboard	1000 mt	**6 033**	**7 265**	**1 495**	**11 803**
Newsprint		1 136	1 427	165	2 399
Other graphic papers		1 518	3 705	541	4 681
Sanitary and household papers		795	168	35	928
Packaging materials		1 989	1 900	724	3 164
Other paper & paperboard		595	66	30	631

Source: UK Overseas Trade Statistics and UK Timber Statistics 2006.

1. Excludes other wood products, e.g. wood fuel and round fencing.
2. Excludes roundwood and intermediate products (e.g. pulp and sawmill products), to avoid double counting.

'Wood and wood products' in Table 3.3 make up most of the following divisions of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).

- 24 (cork and wood)
- 25 (pulp and waste paper)
- 63 (cork and wood manufacturers (excluding furniture))
- 64 (paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard)

Around one third of the wood products imported to the UK in 2005 were imported as softwood (round and sawn). A further one third were imported as paper, 15% were imported as woodbased panels and 13% as pulp. Paper (20%) and recovered paper (57%) accounted for the majority of exports of wood products from the UK in 2005.

Table 3.3 UK imports and exports (WRME volumes)[1]

thousand m^3 WRME underbark

	Wood (round and sawn)			Paper and paperboard			Total wood and wood products
	Softwood	Hardwood	Wood-based panels	Paper	Pulp	Recovered Paper	
Imports							
1996	13 335	1 659	5 372	16 564	7 929	250	45 107
1997	13 977	1 614	5 970	17 803	8 171	211	47 746
1998	14 070	1 514	6 312	17 244	7 542	161	46 843
1999	13 479	1 417	6 369	16 992	7 370	171	45 797
2000	14 934	1 738	7 000	16 068	7 706	382	47 829
2001	15 028	1 844	7 294	18 211	6 928	141	49 446
2002	15 991	2 007	8 207	15 410	6 950	212	48 778
2003	17 212	2 428	7 965	15 101	6 512	280	49 499
2004	16 154	2 291	8 045	18 435	6 879	242	52 047
2005	17 860	2 127	7 720	17 645	6 978	218	52 549
Exports							
1996	201	82	756	3 407	55	912	5 414
1997	203	93	985	4 193	22	1 341	6 838
1998	300	367	956	4 004	98	1 240	6 964
1999	379	183	1 328	4 001	123	1 265	7 278
2000	474	261	1 180	3 834	32	1 653	7 434
2001	863	201	1 425	3 494	12	1 944	7 939
2002	914	163	1 507	3 339	22	3 435	9 381
2003	1 307	444	1 874	3 645	8	5 615	12 893
2004	1 613	294	1 536	3 765	10	8 690	15 907
2005	1 787	317	1 625	3 318	20	9 341	16 409

Source: UK Overseas Trade Statistics and conversion factors to WRME.

1. Figures for 2001 to 2004 softwood exports have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 to reflect revisions to export data.

In table 3.4 'associated products' are made up of the following SITC sub divisions which are excluded from wood and wood products in Table 3.3;

- 244 (cork, natural, raw and waste (including natural cork in blocks or sheets))
- 251.92 (pulps of other fibrous cellulosic material)
- 633 (cork manufacturers)
- 641.7 (paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding/webs of fibre, coated, impregnated, painted etc, excluding group 892, in rolls or sheets, not elsewhere specified)
- 641.9 (converted paper and paperboard not elsewhere specified)
- 642 (paper and paperboard cut to size or shape, and articles of paper or paperboard).

The value of wood and wood product imports (including associated products) in 2005 was £8.7 billion. Exports were valued at £2.7 billion.

Table 3.4 UK imports and exports (current prices)

	Imports			Exports		
						£million
	Wood and wood products	Associated products	Total (Divs 24,25,63,64)	Wood and wood products	Associated products	Total (Divs 24,25,63,64)
1999	5 549	1 753	7 303	1 198	1 215	2 414
2000	5 998	1 880	7 878	1 238	1 252	2 491
2001	6 351	1 939	8 290	1 198	1 296	2 494
2002	5 718	1 949	7 667	1 145	1 267	2 412
2003	5 696	2 019	7 715	1 308	1 269	2 577
2004	6 701	2 114	8 815	1 447	1 218	2 665
2005	6 542	2 172	8 714	1 441	1 309	2 750

Source: UK Overseas Trade Statistics.

1. Figures for 2004 have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 to reflect revisions to import and export data.

Sweden, Latvia and Finland provided the majority of imports of sawn softwood to the UK in 2005. Sawn hardwood was most commonly imported from Latvia and the USA. UK imports of plywood commonly came from countries outwith the EU, such as Brazil and China, although of the EU trade, the majority came from Finland. Most particleboard and fibreboard imports came from within the EU. Canada, Brazil, the USA and Sweden were amongst the principal sources of wood pulp for the UK, whilst the majority of paper and paperboard imports originated in Finland, Sweden and Germany.

Table 3.5 Country of origin of wood imports to the UK 2005

% of total UK imports (volume) in each category

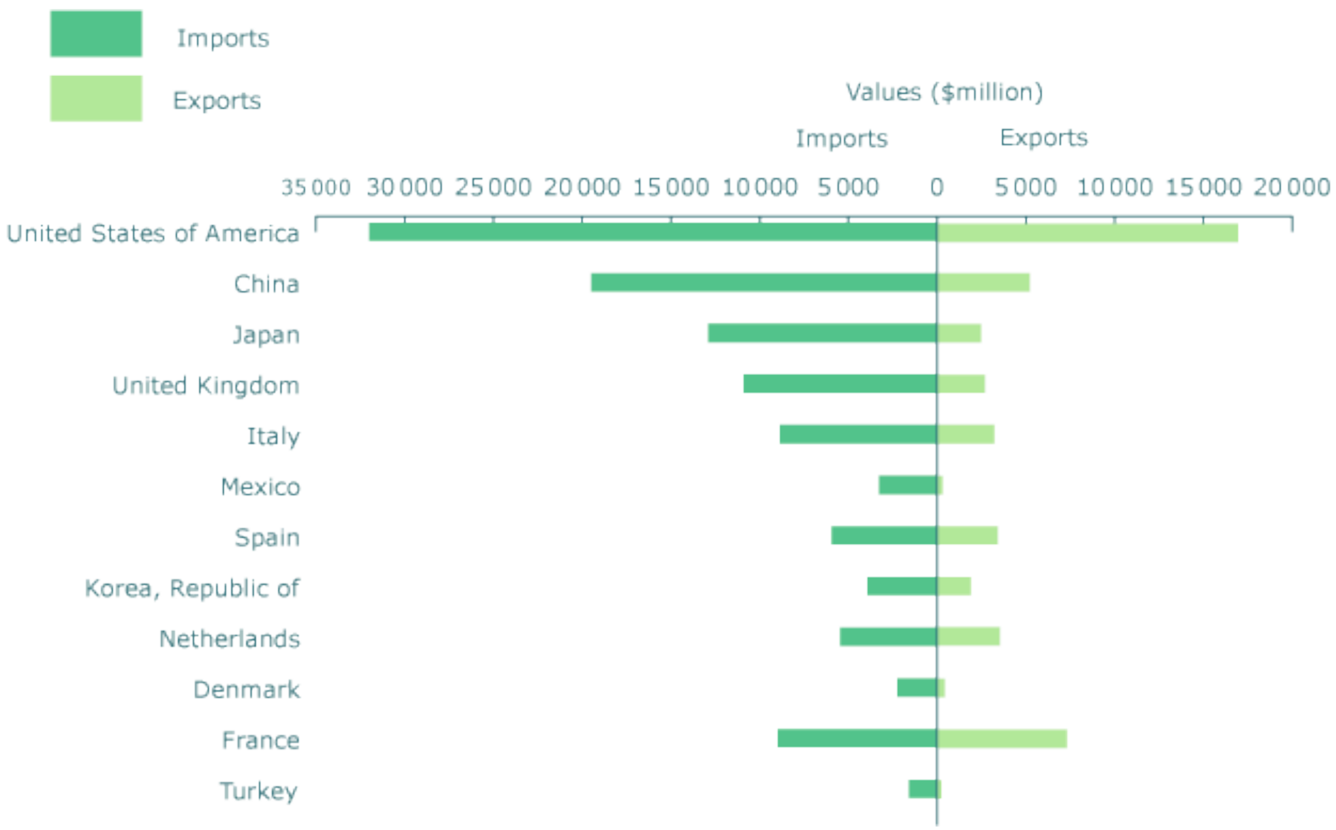
	Sawn softwood	Sawn hardwood	Plywood	Particleboard	Fibreboard	Wood pulp	Paper and paperboard
Sweden	33	2	1	0	1	13	18
Finland	15	1	15	9	2	4	19
Germany	3	7	1	31	19	1	17
France	0	7	1	21	6	2	9
Austria	1	1	0	2	1	0	5
Netherlands	0	2	0	2	1	2	4
Belgium	0	2	1	18	12	0	2
Latvia	19	23	3	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	1	1	14	8	2
Irish Republic	3	0	0	13	27	4	0
Other EU-25	9	11	2	3	13	3	6
Total EU-25	**84**	**56**	**25**	**100**	**95**	**38**	**82**
USA	1	14	1	0	1	17	2
Canada	1	4	1	0	0	16	4
Norway	1	0	0	0	1	3	6
Brazil	0	1	30	0	0	15	1
Russia	12	1	5	0	0	1	1
China	0	1	15	0	0	0	0
Other non-EU	1	23	24	0	3	10	3
Total non-EU	**16**	**44**	**75**	**0**	**5**	**62**	**18**

Source: FAO and UK Overseas Trade Statistics.

1. Categories used above are those used by FAO in 'Forest Products Trade Flow Data', and are not fully consistent with those used in Tables 3.3-3.4.

The UK was the fourth largest net importer of forest products in 2005, behind USA, China[1] and Japan.

Figure 3.1 World trade in forest products: largest net importers, 2005

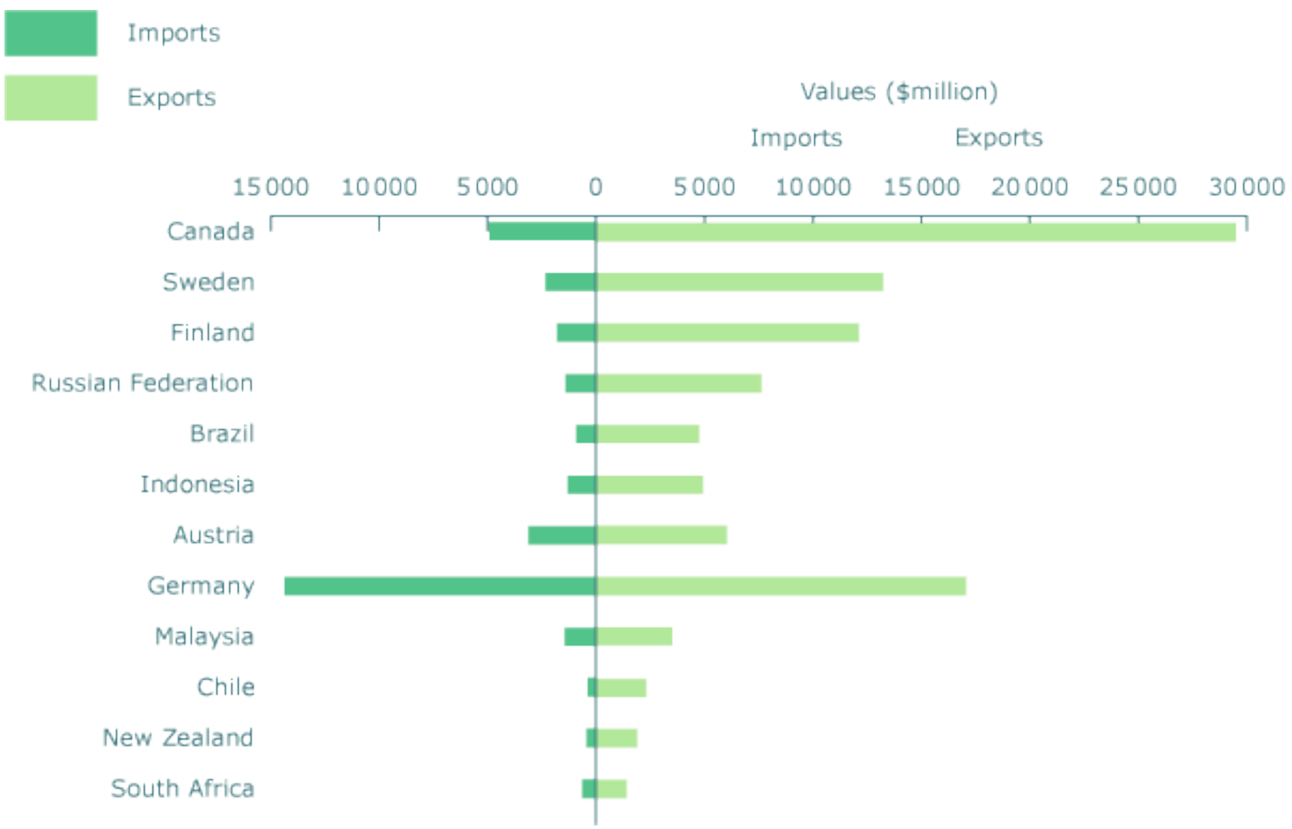


Source: FAO.

1. Figure 3.1 presents the 2005 data for all countries except China (for which 2004 data are shown). The full data set for all countries (including China) wll be updated to the FAO website in December 2006.

The largest net exporters of forest products in 2005 were Canada, Finland and Sweden.

Figure 3.2 World trade in forest products: largest net exporters, 2005



Source: FAO.

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Environment

This section presents a range of information about the woodland environment, mostly using sources that are not National Statistics. More information on environmental aspects is included in the United Kingdom Indicators of Sustainable Forestry published in October 2002.

Protected woodland areas

The information in Tables 4.1-4.4 has been reproduced from *Protected Forest Areas in the UK* (not National Statistics). It has been derived from a variety of sources, and is unlikely to give a wholly accurate inventory of protected areas in the United Kingdom. The woodland categories used in Tables 4.1 and 4.3 are defined as:

- ASNW: (ancient semi-natural woodland) both ancient and semi-natural.
- PAWS: (plantation on an ancient woodland site) ancient in the sense of continuously wooded over a long period but not semi natural.
- OSNW: (other semi-natural woodland) semi natural but not ancient.

Ancient semi-natural woodlands tend to be richer in plants and animals than other woodland areas. The area of ASNW, which was one of the *Quality of Life Counts* indicators of sustainable development, has declined over the centuries and woodlands have become increasingly fragmented. It is estimated to total 326 thousand hectares, of which almost two thirds is in England, over one quarter in Scotland and the remainder in Wales. Later estimates, produced by overlaying the Ancient Woodland Inventory on the National Inventory of Woodland and Trees give lower figures for ASNW.

Table 4.1 Areas of ancient and semi-natural woodland

						thousands of hectares
	UK	**GB**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**	**N Ireland**
ASNW	325.8	325.8	206.0	89.1	30.7	..
PAWS	224.1	224.1	135.1	59.1	29.9	..
OSNW	320.5	305.5	209.8	44.0	51.7	15.0
Total ancient	**549.9**	**549.9**	**341.1**	**148.2**	**60.6**	..
Total semi-natural	**646.3**	**631.3**	**415.8**	**133.1**	**82.4**	**15.0**

Source: Report 'Protected Forest Areas in the UK' (not National Statistics).

.. denotes no data available

The types of statutory protection include:

- SAC: Special Area of Conservation;
- NNR: National Nature Reserve;
- SPA: Special Protection Area;
- SSSI: Site of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI in Northern Ireland)

In the pan-European classification of protected forest areas, 10 thousand hectares of woodland in the UK are in the highest categories 'non-intervention nature reserves' and 'wilderness areas in near-natural condition', estimated from combinations of these designations and objectives.

Table 4.2 Summary of woodland areas under different types of statutory protection

						thousands of hectares
Type of protection	**UK**	**GB**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**	**N Ireland**
SAC	47.0	47.0	23.8	22.1	1.0	0.04
SPA	1.3	1.3	..	..	1.3	..
NNR[1]	30.1	29.7	9.2	19.4	1.1	0.4
SSSI	128.7	126.7	79.8	38.0	8.9	2.0

Source: Report 'Protected Forest Areas in the UK' (not National Statistics).

.. denotes no data available

1. The Scottish figure is the area of NNR managed under the WGS, and probably underestimates the total woodland in NNRs in Scotland; this has a knock-on effect on the Great Britain and United Kingdom totals.

Management practices can provide a degree of protection, even when it is not statutory protection. In the pan-European classification of protected forest areas, the UK has 135 thousand hectares of woodland with 'conservation through active management' and 646 thousand hectares with 'protection of landscapes and specific natural elements'. Table 4.3 shows some of these areas managed by the public and voluntary sectors, including over 80 thousand hectares of woodland managed by voluntary organisations such as the National Trust, Wildlife Trust, Woodland Trust and RSPB.

Table 4.3 Summary of areas under 'protective' ownership (non-statutory protection)

							thousands of hectares
Type of protection		**UK**	**GB**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**	**N Ireland**
Public Sector							
FC/FS	ASNW	11.4	11.4	2.7	7.8	0.8	..
	PAWS	131.1	131.1	80.6	33.2	17.4	..
	OSNW	49.0	49.0	25.0	16.5	7.5	..
	A/SSSIs	40.0	37.4	21.4	12.6	3.4	2.3
	FNRs	36.2	36.0	12.6	19.4	4.0	0.2
LNR		10.0	9.4	7.8	..	..	..
Voluntary Sector							
NT and NTS		28.0	26.0	18.9	4.0	3.0	2.1
Wildlife trusts		26.5	25.0	14.2	8.6	2.3	1.5
Woodland Trust		13.5	13.5	8.4	3.7	1.4	..
RSPB		14.2	13.4	7.6	4.6	1.2	0.8

Source: Report 'Protected Forest Areas in the UK' (not National Statistics).

The conditions attached to receiving payments under the Woodland Grant Scheme can also provide a degree of protection. Table 4.4 shows the total area under WGS management, which includes public (non-FC/FS) and voluntary sector as well as other non-FC/FS ownership. This table therefore includes the voluntary sector figures shown in Table 4.3.

Table 4.4 Summary of areas under WGS management (non-statutory protection) in GB

				thousands of hectares
Type of protection	**GB**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**
Total	918.6	445.4	421.6	51.6
Public (non-FC/FS)	45.3	37.0	5.7	2.6
Voluntary sector	67.3	44.7	19.4	3.2

Source: Report 'Protected Forest Areas in the UK' (not National Statistics).

Carbon Sequestration

Under the Kyoto protocol, additional woodland planted since 1990 contributes to the UK's carbon dioxide emissions target by removing carbon from the air. Table 4.5 (taken from the DETR publication *Climate Change: The UK Programme* (not National Statistics)) shows estimates and forecasts for the amount of carbon.

The forest sink measures the net annual change in the mass of carbon; it includes carbon accumulation in forests by woody biomass, soils, litter and wood products. For 2000, the net addition to carbon in woody biomass was around 2 MtC per year while about 0.6 MtC per year were transferred to 'stores' in forest soil and litter, and 0.3 MtC per year to wood products. No wood products have yet been generated from new planting since 1990. The figures for the carbon sink due to expansion since 1990 are included in the total forest sink.

Table 4.5 Carbon sequestration

		Million tonnes carbon per year
	Forest sink	**Forest sink due to expansion of woodland due to trees planted since 1990**
1990	2.6	0.0
1995	2.8	0.2
2000	2.9-2.9	0.3-0.3
2005	3.2-3.3	0.4-0.6
2010	3.1-3.4	0.6-0.8
2015	2.7-3.0	0.9-1.2
2020	2.4-2.8	1.2-1.6

Source: DETR publication: 'Climate Change: The UK Programme' (not National Statistics).

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Recreation

The Forestry Commission obtains information about woodland visits and visitors from the household surveys and on-site monitoring programmes.

Visits to woodland

The information in Table 5.1 is taken from *UK Day Visits Surveys* (1994, 1996 and 1998), and the *GB Day Visits Survey* (2002/3), which collected data about day trips from home during these years. The 1994, 1996 and 1998 surveys covered a calendar year, while the 2002/3 survey covered a 12-month period starting in March 2002. Despite the name of the early surveys, they did not cover visits by people living in Northern Ireland. Visits to overseas destinations were also excluded. Although the methodology used in the 2002/3 survey was largely the same as in earlier surveys, differences between practices in the two surveys may be responsible for some of the differences in results.

Table 5.2 shows the main characteristics of woodland visits in 2002/3. Similar information for the 1996 and 1998 surveys is provided in *Forestry Statistics 2002*.

The GB Day Visits Survey was a sample survey, so the results are subject to the effects of chance, depending on the sample achieved. Confidence limits apply to all results from the survey. For example, when confidence limits are included, the first line of data in Table 5.2 gives figures of 8%±10.9% in GB, 8%±11.0% in England, 9%±11.7% in Scotland and 7%±11.5% in Wales. Further information about confidence limits can be found in the *GB Leisure Day Visits Survey 2002/3 Technical Report.*

It is estimated that around 252 million day visits from home were made to woodland in GB in 2002/3. Of those surveyed in 2002/3, 8% had visited woodland in the previous 2-week period, while 40% had visited woodland in the last year.

Table 5.1 Number of day visits to woodland

				millions of visits
	Journey starting point			
	GB	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**
1994	303	273	18	12
1996	346	308	26	11
1998	355	321	22	11
2002/03	252	222	18	12

Source: 1994, 1996 & 1998: UK Day Visits Survey, carried out by National Centre for Social Research (not National Statistics). 2002/3: GB Day Visits Survey, carried out by TNS Travel & Tourism (not National Statistics).

Table 5.2 Woodland visit characteristics - 2002/3

					percentage[1]
		Journey starting point			
		GB	England	Scotland	Wales
Most recent woodland visit	Within last 2 weeks	8	8	9	7
	Within last year	40	40	36	40
Season of year	January-March	27	28	20	15
	April-June	22	21	28	27
	July-September	38	39	28	35
	October-December	14	12	25	23
Day of week	Weekday	55	54	62	66
	Weekend	45	46	38	34
Duration of visit (round trip)	Up to 1 hour	39	41	23	25
	Over 1, up to 2 hours	28	28	29	31
	Over 2, up to 3 hours	10	9	16	13
	Over 3 hours	23	22	32	31
Distance travelled (round trip)	Up to 2 miles	26	27	21	22
	Over 2, up to 5 miles	36	38	24	29
	Over 5, up to 20 miles	22	21	31	30
	Over 20 miles	16	14	25	19
Group composition	One adult only	50	51	42	48
	Two adults only	20	18	31	31
	Three or more adults only	8	9	6	4
	Group with children	21	22	21	16
Perceived owner or manager	Local Authority	33	35	22	22
	Forestry Commission	21	20	27	29
	Voluntary organisation	7	7	7	9
	Private owner	23	23	19	21
	Other	6	7	3	7
	Don't know	9	8	22	12

Source: 2002/3 GB Day Visits Survey (not National Statistics).

1. 'Most recent woodland visit' figures refer to % of respondents, others refer to % of trips.

Scotland

In Scotland, the Day Visits Survey has been replaced by the Scottish Recreation Survey. This survey measures and collects details about the Scottish population's participation in outdoor recreation in Scotland. The Scottish Recreation Survey began in July 2003 and will run for ten years, with 1,000 adults being interviewed each month. The focus of the Scottish Recreation Survey and the methodology used is different from that of the Day Visits Survey, so results from the two surveys may not be comparable.

In 2003/4 an estimated 53 million recreation visits were made by the Scottish population to woodland in Scotland, either as a main destination or other destination; (22 million to Forestry Commission woodland, 31 million to other woodland). It is estimated that during 2004/5, 24 million recreational visits were made to Forestry Commission woodland and 26 million recreational visits were made to other woodland.

Table 5.3 shows the findings relating to recreation visits from the first two years of the Scottish Recreation Survey where the main destination was woodland.

Table 5.3 Woodland visit characteristics - Scotland

			percentage[1]
		2003/04	**2004/05**
Main activity during visit	Walking	69	67
	Family outing	9	11
	Cycling	7	7
Main transport	Car/ van	64	63
	On foot	25	28
	Cycling	7	7
Distance travelled	Up to 2 miles	14	12
	Over 2, up to 5 miles	21	21
	Over 5, up to 20 miles	29	30
	Over 20 miles	36	37
Duration of visit (round trip)	Less than 1 hour	12	9
	1 - less than 2 hours	21	24
	2 - less than 3 hours	17	18
	3 hours or more	50	49
Frequency of visit to main destination	At least once a day	9	8
	Several times a week	13	10
	Once a week	10	10
	1-2 times a month	21	23
	Once every 2-3 months	17	17
	Less often	20	23
	First ever visit	10	9
Party composition (multiple responses possible)	Alone	16	18
	With family	60	56
	With friends	21	22
	Organised group	3	3
Accompanied by a dog?	Yes	31	29
	No	69	71

Source: Scottish Recreation Survey - carried out by TNS (not National Statistics).

1. Percentage of respondents whose main destination of last trip was woodland.

England

An England Leisure Visits Survey was carried out in 2005, and is due to report in late 2006.

Public Opinion

The Public Opinion of Forestry Survey is carried out every 2 years and covers people's attitudes to forestry and forestry-related issues, including visits to woodland.

The Public Opinion of Forestry Survey 2005 (not National Statistics) is a set of four surveys of representative samples of adults covering:

- 4000 across Great Britain;
- 1000 across Scotland;
- 1000 across Wales; and
- 1000 across Northern Ireland

The information in Figures 5.1 and 5.2 and Tables 5.4 and 5.5 is taken from the GB and country reports on the 2005 survey, which included comparisons with previous surveys. The survey was carried out in March 2005. Results from the GB survey of 4000 adults are accurate to within +/-2.3% for questions where all respondents gave an answer.

In the 2005 survey, 65% of respondents said they had visited woodland in the last few years for walks, picnics or other recreation.

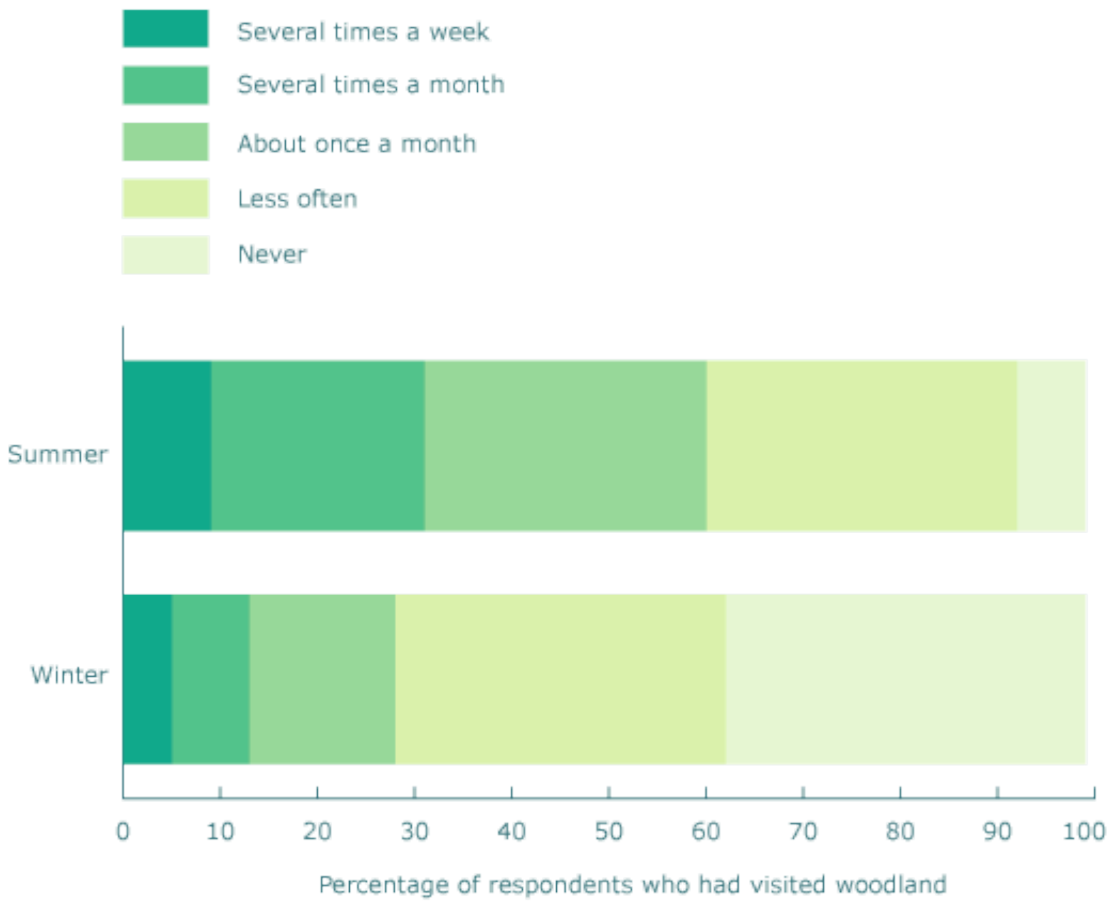
Table 5.4 Woodland visitors

					% of respondents
	UK	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**	**N Ireland**
Visited woodland in last few years	65	65	50	69	67

Source: Public Opinion of Forestry Survey 2005 (not National Statistics).

Those who had visited woodland were asked how frequently they had visited during the previous summer and winter. Figure 5.1 shows that the respondents visited much more often during the summer, with 60% visiting at least once a month in summer 2004 compared with 28% in winter 2004/5.

Figure 5.1 Frequency of visits to woodland



Source: Public Opinion of Forestry Survey 2005 (not National Statistics).

Respondents were also asked who they thought owned any of the forests or woodlands they had visited (Table 5.5). Voluntary bodies (e.g. National Trust, Woodland Trust) and the Forestry Commission/Forest Enterprise were the most popular responses (more than one response was possible for this question).

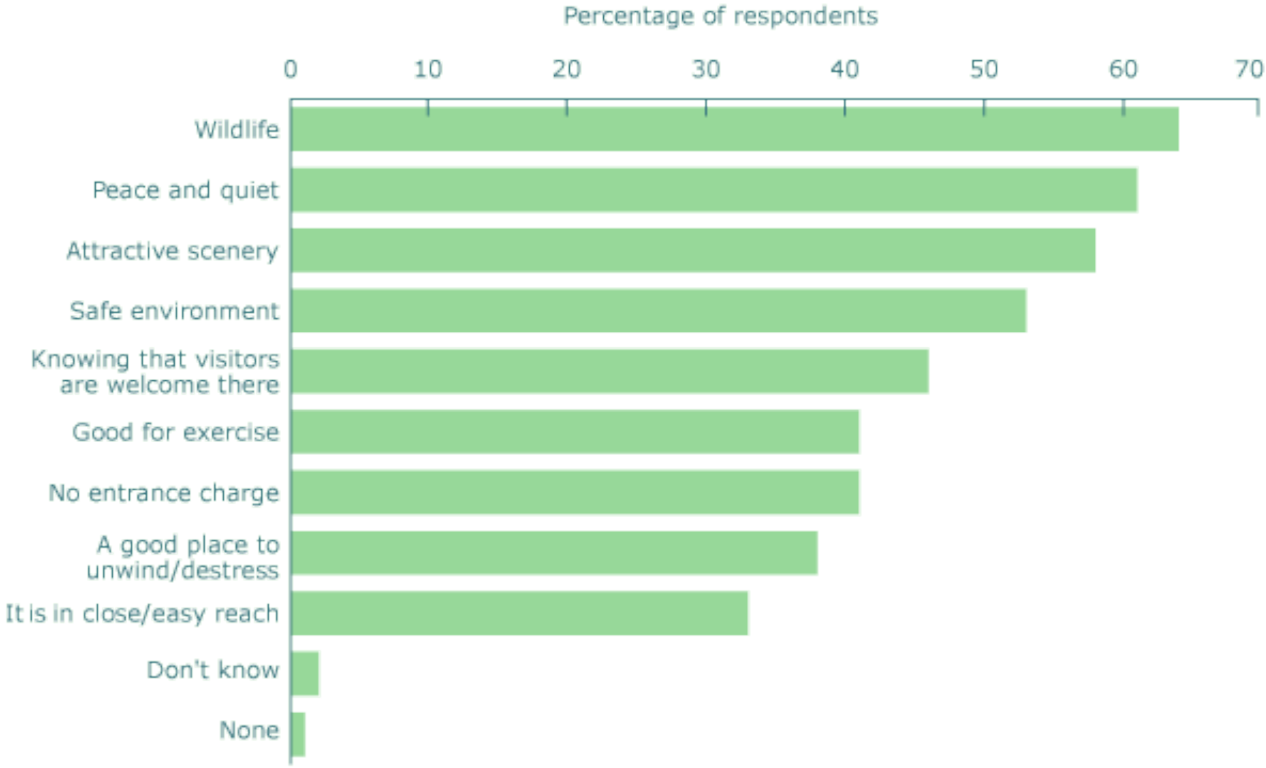
Table 5.5 Ownership of woodland visited

	% of respondents who had visited woodland
Forestry Commission/Forest Enterprise	36
Voluntary bodies	49
National Trust/National Trust for Scotland	*40*
Woodland Trust	*17*
Other voluntary body	*3*
Local authorities	30
Private owners	18
None/Don't know	17

Source: Public Opinion of Forestry Survey 2005 (not National Statistics).

Respondents to the survey were asked to identify the factors that were important to them when choosing to visit a woodland. Wildlife (64%), peace and quiet (61%), attractive scenery (58%) and a safe environment (53%) were the most frequently stated reasons.

Figure 5.2 Factors important when choosing to visit a woodland



Source: Public Opinion of Forestry Survey 2005 (not National Statistics).

On-Site Visitor Monitoring

Until 2002, a visitor monitoring programme (not National Statistics) was carried out at selected Forestry Commission woodland sites in England, Scotland and Wales. Year-on-year changes in visitor numbers were estimated by the Trends Index, which used data from traffic counters and other counters (Visitor Monitoring Trends Index Report). Information about visitors and their views on facilities were collected by on-site visitor surveys and the results summarised in Forest Visitor Surveys.

In 2002 and 2003, the Forestry Commission developed new visitor monitoring systems to replace the existing national visitor monitoring programme. The "All Forests Visitor Monitoring" survey provides more accurate estimates of the number of visits to Forestry Commission woodland, whilst continuing to gather information on the profile of visitors. This survey has been adopted in Wales (over a 1 year period) and Scotland (over a 3 year period), with surveying starting in 2004. The "Quality of Experience" survey combines quantitative and qualitative methods to measure the quality of visitor experience at a site. This survey was adopted in England in 2004 and in Wales in 2006, with 5-6 surveys now being carried out per year at selected sites. Reports from these surveys are published on the Forestry Commission website when results become available.

Northern Ireland

In Northern Ireland in 2005-06, 433 thousand people visited those Forest Service sites where an admission charge was made.

Table 5.6 Day visitors to Northern Ireland Forest Service sites[1]

	thousands of people visiting sites
Year (ending 31/3)	**N Ireland**
1996-97	537
1997-98	458
1998-99	382
1999-00	403
2000-01	402
2001-02	403
2002-03	460
2003-04	446
2004-05	508
2005-06	433

Source: Forest Service.

1. Only covers sites for which an admission charge is made.

Woodland recreation facilities

Forest Parks are areas of Forestry Commission land which are of national importance for recreation. Recreation facilities are also available at many smaller woodland sites. Information is only available for Forestry Commission woodland, but many woodland sites managed by local authorities, voluntary organisations, and other private owners also provide recreation facilities. Forest Parks cover around 145 thousand hectares in Scotland, 135 thousand hectares in England and around 16 thousand hectares in Wales. The largest is Galloway Forest Park, which covers a total area of 77 thousand hectares, followed by Kielder Forest Park, at 60 thousand hectares.

Table 5.7 Size of Forest Parks

		hectares
England	New Forest	27 000
	Forest of Dean	11 000
	Delamere	1 100
	Sherwood Pines	1 300
	Thetford	19 000
	North Riding	12 000
	Whinlatter	1 200
	Grizedale	2 700
	Kielder	60 000
	Total England	**135 300**
Scotland	Glenmore	3 600
	Tay	17 000
	Queen Elizabeth	20 000
	Argyll	21 000
	Galloway	77 000
	Tweed Valley	6 400
	Total Scotland	**145 000**
Wales	Afan Argoed	6 500
	Coed-y-Brenin	3 100
	Gwydyr	6 100
	Total Wales	**15 700**

Source: Forestry Commission.

Table 5.8 presents information on Forestry Commission recreation facilities and activities that were included on the Forestry Commission website in August 2006. A total of 653 sites were featured on the website: 294 (45%) in Scotland, 242 (37%) in England and 117 (18%) in Wales.

84% of sites had parking facilities and 76% included walking activities.

Table 5.8 Forestry Commission recreation facilities and activities[1,2] - 2006

				as at August 2006
Facility	**GB**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**
Total sites on FC website	**653**	**242**	**294**	**117**
Facilities				
Parking - Free	**487**	178	230	79
Parking - Paid	**63**	39	12	12
Information	**244**	113	110	21
Easy Access	**152**	92	41	19
Toilet	**147**	74	56	17
Refreshments	**83**	53	22	8
Visitor Centre	**54**	28	20	6
Shop	**39**	23	11	5
Activities				
Walking	**495**	177	235	83
Cycling	**253**	108	108	37
Picnic	**247**	115	91	41
Horse Riding	**187**	71	58	58
Wildlife Activities	**130**	66	53	11
Education	**110**	55	41	14
View Point	**92**	27	53	12
Heritage	**67**	25	37	5
Fishing	**57**	23	20	14
Orienteering	**55**	33	15	7
Play Area	**52**	29	17	6
Barbecue	**52**	32	6	14
Camping	**35**	21	11	3
Arts	**30**	17	13	0
Forest Drive	**26**	15	10	1
Arboretum	**14**	7	3	4
Watersports	**9**	4	3	2
Skiing	**1**	0	1	0

Source: Forestry Commission.

1. Number of sites where a given facility or activity is present. These data are not directly comparable with numbers published for years before 2003.
2. A small number of facilities or activities are double counted as they appear more than once in the database used for the website.

Community Forests

England's 12 Community Forests are the product of a partnership between the Forestry Commission, the Countryside Agency and a host of other local and national partnerships. Since their inception in 1991, the Community Forests have helped to revitalise areas around many of England's towns and cities, delivering economic, social and environmental benefits to local communities.

Table 5.9 provides information on the 12 Community Forests in England and five other community forestry initiatives in Great Britain. These 17 community forests cover a land area of 1.1 million hectares. A total of 27 thousand hectares of new planting had been achieved by March 2006. This has increased the woodland cover in these forests from an initial 6% to 9% of the total area by March 2006.

Table 5.9 Community Forests

Name of Forest	Land area[1] (ha)	Initial woodland area (ha)	Initial % woodland cover	Target new planting (ha)	Achieved new planting to Mar 2006 (ha)	Population[2] (millions)
Community Forests						
Forest of Avon	57 300	3 380	6	6 726	605	1
Forest of Mercia	23 000	1 344	6	5 656	706	4
Forest of Marston Vale	15 800	569	4	4 120	964	1
Great North Forest	24 870	1 970	8	4 000	1 236	1
Great Western Community Forest	39 000	1 170	3	7 588	1 242	1
Greenwood Community Forest	43 800	4 530	10	5 750	1 283	2
Mersey Forest	92 500	3 700	4	8 140	2 833	4
Red Rose Forest	76 000	2 960	4	10 000	1 331	4
South Yorkshire	50 530	3 800	8	3 670	620	2
The Tees Forest	34 970	2 410	7	5 870	1 159	1
Thames Chase Community Forest	10 406	824	8	2 260	496	5
Watling Chase Community Forest	18 800	1 690	9	1 930	293	3
Other community forestry initiatives						
Black Country Urban Forest	36 000	364	1	1 000	370	1
Central Scotland Forest	160 000	17 000	11	17 000	7 951	1
ELWOOD (East Lancashire)	126 000	10 691	8	1 000	526	0
The National Forest	50 200	3 010	6	13 554	5 434	10
White Rose Forest	202 100	9 100	5	12 126	238	2
Total	**1 061 276**	**68 512**	**6**	**110 390**	**27 288**	

Source: Forestry Commission.

1. Area is total area designated as extent of Community Forest. Only a limited proportion of this will ever be covered by trees.
2. The population is usually the population living within 20 km. In a few cases however, it is the population of the area served, which may represent a larger area (e.g. those living within a 90 minute drive for the National Forest).
3. New planting figures for Central Scotland Forest in 2005-06 are not yet available. These figures are the new planting achieved to March 2005.

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Employment

This section contains information on employment in forestry and wood processing.

Forest Employment Survey

Tables 6.1 to 6.3 show estimates obtained from the 1998/9 employment survey (not National Statistics). The report *1998/9 Forest Employment Survey*, together with more detailed regional breakdowns, is available on the Forestry Commission website.

Total employment (including self-employment) in the forestry and primary wood processing industries in Great Britain in 1998-99 was estimated to be around 30 thousand full-time equivalents. Around one half were based in England, 36% in Scotland and 14% in Wales. 36% were employed working for primary wood processing industries, 29% for private woodland owners, 16% for forestry companies and contractors and 13% for the Forestry Commission.

Table 6.1 Employment in forestry and primary wood processing industries 1998/9

				full-time equivalents
Employer[1]	**GB**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**
Forestry Commission	3 909	1 331	2 011	567
Private woodland owners	8 425	4 242	3 196	987
Forestry companies and contractors	4 598	2 077	2 223	298
Wood processing industries	10 628	5 581	2 917	2 130
Other employers	1 972	1 508	347	117
Total	**29 532**	**14 739**	**10 694**	**4 099**

Source: Forest Employment Survey 1998/9 (not National Statistics).

1. Figures include work by contractors and self-employment as well as employees.

Around 43% of employment was based in the forest, mainly in harvesting (16% of all employment), maintenance (11%) or establishment (9%). Processing accounted for the majority of non-forest employment (38% of all employment).

Table 6.2 Employment in forestry and primary wood processing by activity 1998/9

				full-time equivalents
Activity	**GB**	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**
Forest nurseries	624	421	201	2
Establishment	2 529	1 088	1 189	252
Maintenance	3 364	1 680	1 304	380
Harvesting	4 770	2 330	1 947	493
Road construction	407	181	179	47
Other forest	982	466	372	144
Total forest	**12 676**	**6 166**	**5 192**	**1 318**
Haulage	1 061	326	593	142
Processing	11 227	5 952	3 083	2 192
Other non-forest	4 568	2 295	1 826	447
Total non-forest	**16 856**	**8 573**	**5 502**	**2 781**
Total	**29 532**	**14 739**	**10 694**	**4 099**

Source: Forest Employment Survey 1998/9 (not National Statistics).

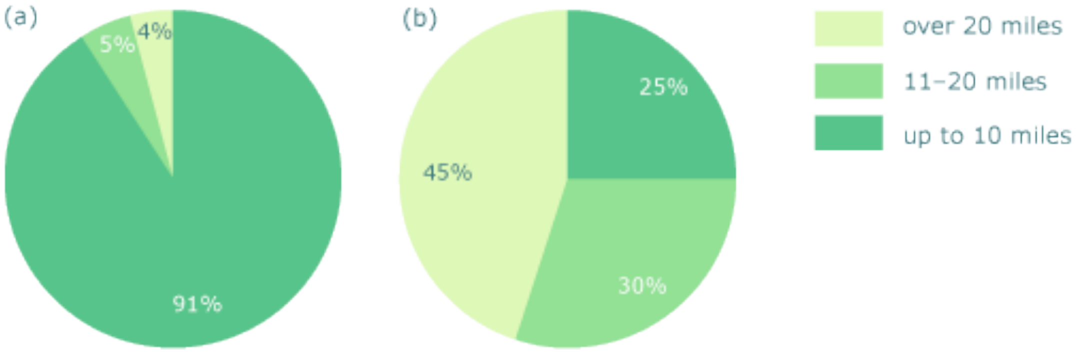
Almost all direct workers (96%) travelled less than 20 miles to their place of employment. Contract workers were more likely to travel further, with 45% travelling more than 20 miles.

Table 6.3 Percentage of forestry workers travelling less than 20 miles to their place of employment in GB

				% workers
	GB	**England**	**Scotland**	**Wales**
Direct workers	96	97	98	80
Contract workers	55	56	54	55
Total	**71**	**72**	**68**	**68**

Source: Forest Employment Survey 1998/9 (not National Statistics).

Figure 6.1 Travel to work distances for (a) direct and (b) contract employees in 1998/9



Source: Estimated from the Forest Employment Survey 1998/9 (not National Statistics).

Annual Business Inquiry (ABI)

The Annual Business Inquiry (ABI) carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) includes statistics on employment broken down by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC). In wood processing, SIC 20 (wood products) and SIC 21 (pulp and paper) have a much wider scope than the Forest Employment Survey, as they include primary processing of imported material and also some secondary processing. The ABI was extended to include forestry in 2001; SIC 02 (forestry) has a narrower scope than in the Forest Employment Survey, as it does not include activities like timber haulage and government administration.

Employment reported by the ABI is shown in Table 6.4 for the years 1998 to 2003 (average employment in the year). From 1998 to 2003, employment declined by more than one quarter in primary wood processing, and by a smaller proportion in secondary wood processing.

Table 6.4 Employment in Forestry and Wood Processing

thousands

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)[1]	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
SIC 02: forestry	**..**	**..**	**..**	**13**	**14**	**12**	**13**
SIC 20							
20.1: sawmills	13	15	17	13	13	11	11
20.2: wood panels	7	8	6	7	7	6	6
Other SIC 20: secondary products	71	67	66	70	74	70	71
Total SIC 20: wood products	**91**	**90**	**89**	**90**	**94**	**88**	**88**
SIC 21							
21.1: pulp & paper	27	25	22	19	17	17	17
21.2: articles of pulp & paper	87	80	78	76	75	69	66
Total SIC 21: pulp & paper	**114**	**105**	**99**	**95**	**93**	**86**	**83**
Total wood processing (SIC 20 + 21)	**205**	**195**	**188**	**185**	**187**	**174**	**171**
Total primary wood processing (SIC 20.1 + 20.2 + 21.1)	**47**	**48**	**45**	**39**	**37**	**34**	**34**

Source: Annual Business Inquiry - release June 2006.

1. The SIC categories shown in the table are:
   SIC 02 = Forestry, logging and related services
   SIC 20.1 = Sawmilling and planing of wood, impregnation of wood
   SIC 20.2 = Manufacture of veneer sheets, manufacture of plywood, laminboard, particle board, fibre board and other panels and boards
   Other SIC 20 = Manufacture of builders' carpentry and joinery, wooden containers, and other products of wood, straw and plaiting materials
   SIC 21.1 = Manufacture of pulp, paper and paperboard
   SIC 21.2 = Manufacture of articles of paper and paperboard

.. denotes data not available

Other studies have been commissioned to estimate the number of jobs in the wider economy (tourism, service industries, transport and so on) which depend on the existence of forestry and primary wood processing activities. Information on these studies is available from the Forestry Commission's website.

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Finance & prices

This section contains information about Government expenditure on forestry, grants and financial returns from forestry.

Government expenditure on forestry

Net expenditure on public forests by the Forestry Commission in 2005-06 totalled £66 million. £56 million was used to fund forest management and development, £32 million for recreation, conservation & heritage and £39 million for harvesting & haulage. Timber sales generated a total income of £62 million in 2005-06.

The total net expenditure for 2005-06 of £66 million comprised £26 million in Scotland, £24 million in England and £15 million in Wales.

Table 7.1 Funding public forests - net expenditure[1]

£ million

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
GB	**49.2**	**74.2**	**66.4**	**62.1**	**65.6**
Forest management & development[2]	57.8	77.6	61.8	53.4	56.1
Recreation, conservation & heritage	18.5	21.5	25.0	30.6	32.4
Harvesting & haulage	42.7	43.4	41.9	42.4	39.0
Less timber income	-69.8	-68.2	-62.2	-64.3	-61.9
England	**16.5**	**22.7**	**22.5**	**20.8**	**24.3**
Forest management & development[2]	18.4	22.4	19.5	16.3	18.4
Recreation, conservation & heritage	8.2	8.5	9.6	11.8	13.8
Harvesting & haulage	9.6	10.1	10.2	10.1	10.8
Less timber income	-19.6	-18.4	-16.8	-17.3	-18.7
Scotland	**22.8**	**39.4**	**31.7**	**24.1**	**26.0**
Forest management & development[2]	27.4	43.7	34.3	28.0	28.0
Recreation, conservation & heritage	6.9	7.1	7.8	9.1	11.3
Harvesting & haulage	22.8	22.5	21.9	22.5	21.6
Less timber income	-34.3	-34.0	-32.3	-35.5	-35.0
Wales	**9.9**	**12.1**	**12.2**	**17.2**	**15.3**
Forest management & development[2]	12.0	11.4	7.9	9.1	9.6
Recreation, conservation & heritage	3.4	5.9	7.6	9.7	7.3
Harvesting & haulage	10.3	10.7	9.7	9.9	6.6
Less timber income	-15.8	-15.9	-13.0	-11.5	-8.2

Source: Forestry Commission Annual Reports & Accounts.

1. Excludes notional cost of capital and any surplus/ deficit on sale of properties.
2. Includes all expenditure on public forests not covered under "recreation, conservation & heritage" or "harvesting & haulage".

In addition to expenditure on public forests, the Forestry Commission spent a total of £104 million on other activities in 2005-06. £46 million of this total was used by the national offices in each country for grants and partnership funding and a further £28 million for policy, regulation & administration. At a GB level, £39 million was used for international & GB support services and £14 million for research.

Table 7.2 Other government expenditure on forestry[1,2]

					£ million
	2001-02	**2002-03**	**2003-04**	**2004-05**	**2005-06**
GB	**88.5**	**89.9**	**99.5**	**95.6**	**103.8**
Grants and partnership funding[3] - total	38.7	37.8	40.6	44.8	46.0
Policy, regulation & administration - total	19.5	22.8	31.7	23.6	28.3
Research - GB funded	12.4	11.9	12.4	13.2	14.3
International & GB support services	31.7	31.7	36.3	38.2	38.5
Less recovery of support service costs from countries	-13.8	-14.2	-21.5	-24.2	-23.3
England	**28.7**	**31.4**	**34.3**	**32.9**	**31.1**
Grants and partnership funding[3]	18.8	18.8	18.6	20.2	18.2
Policy, regulation & administration[4]	9.9	12.5	15.7	12.7	12.9
Scotland	**24.0**	**20.1**	**25.0**	**27.9**	**30.6**
Grants and partnership funding[3]	17.4	14.0	15.8	17.9	19.7
Policy, regulation & administration[4]	6.6	6.1	9.2	10.1	10.9
Wales	**5.5**	**9.1**	**12.9**	**7.6**	**12.6**
Grants and partnership funding[3]	2.6	4.9	6.1	6.8	8.1
Policy, regulation & administration[4]	2.9	4.1	6.8	0.8	4.6

Source: Forestry Commission Annual Reports & Accounts.

1. Forestry Commission expenditure only. Excludes expenditure incurred by other departments, e.g. FWPS payments.
2. Excludes miscellaneous income.
3. EU co-financing not subtracted from grant expenditure. For Wales, includes objective 1 expenditure, starting in 2003.
4. Country costs include shares of GB support service costs. For Wales, the split of expenditure between Tables 7.1 and 7.2 has varied over recent years.

Grant Schemes

Non-FC woodland in Great Britain is supported by a range of grants for creating new woodland and managing existing woodland. The Woodland Grant Scheme (WGS) was introduced in 1988, at the same time as tax relief was phased out. In Scotland, WGS was replaced by the Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme (SFGS) in 2003. The English Woodland Grant Scheme (EWGS) was launched in July 2005 and Better Woodlands for Wales (BWW) in December 2005.

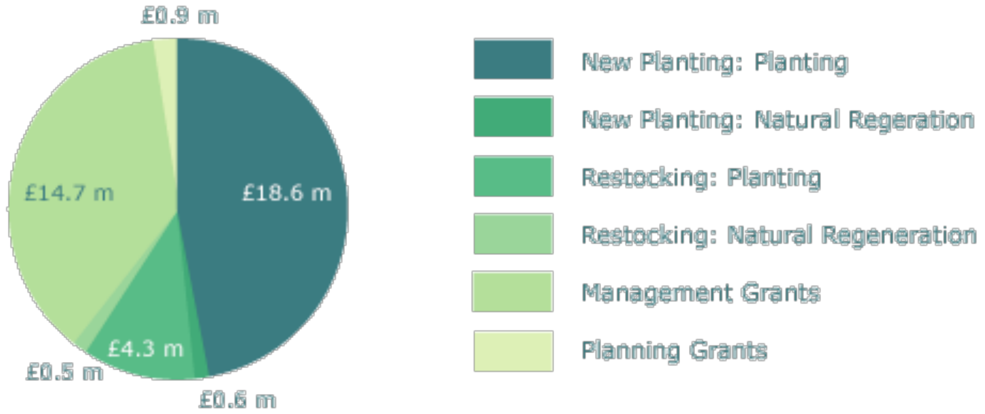
Because of the differences between these schemes, it is increasingly difficult to provide comparable statistics across the three countries. Total areas of new planting and restocking are shown in Table 1.12. Expenditure on grants and partnership funding is included in Table 7.2. Grant spend is shown in Table 7.3. For other statistics, see the three countries' Annual Report and Accounts.

Table 7.3 Grant money paid in 2005-06, by type of grant

					£ million
		England	**Scotland**	**Wales**	**GB**
New Planting	Planting	7.0	10.4	1.2	18.6
	Natural Regeneration	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.6
Restocking	Planting	0.4	3.4	0.5	4.3
	Natural Regeneration	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.5
Management Grants	All	9.0	4.9	0.8	14.7
Planning Grants	All	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.9
Total		**17.1**	**19.7**	**2.8**	**39.6**

Source: Forestry Commission Annual Reports & Accounts.

Figure 7.1 GB grant money paid in 2005-06 by type of grant



Source: Woodland Grant Scheme

Prices of wood and wood products

The Forestry Commission has collected information for many years on the prices of conifers sold standing by the FC and publishes a Coniferous Standing Sales Price Index (CSSPI) every 6 months for overlapping 12 month periods. A softwood sawlog price index, providing information for 6-month periods on prices (delivered to roadside), of coniferous sawlogs produced by the Forestry Commission, is also published. Both series are published in *Timber Price Indices* on the Forestry Commission website. There is little other information on wood prices before primary processing and no price index is available for broadleaves. Prices for outputs of primary wood processing are collected by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in the Producer Price Indices (PPIs), and these are available in the MM22 Business Monitor which gives detailed PPIs monthly, or from the National Statistics website.

The average price per m^3 overbark standing was £7.25 in nominal terms (£5.74 in 1996 prices) in the year to March 2006.

Table 7.4 Coniferous standing sales and sawlog price indices[1] for Great Britain

				Index
Period ending March	**Standing sales Nominal terms[2]**	**Standing sales Real teams[3,4]**	**Sawlogs Nominal terms[2]**	**Sawlogs Real terms[3,4]**
1997	96.8	95.5	104.7	104.1
1998	82.3	78.9	90.0	86.6
1999	51.1	47.8	78.1	73.4
2000	49.7	45.8	83.9	77.4
2001	45.4	41.1	81.6	74.0
2002	43.2	38.1	75.3	66.6
2003	33.6	28.7	72.8	62.5
2004	32.6	27.1	70.3	58.9
2005	34.5	28.0	74.7	61.1
2006	39.9	31.6	71.3	57.4

Source: Timber Price Indices (data to September 2006).

1. The price indices are constructed from information on Forestry Commission sales only. Period to September 1996 = 100.
2. Nominal prices are the actual prices at that point in time.
3. Real terms values are obtained by using the GDP deflator to convert to 'constant prices' (in this case prices in 1996). This allows trends in timber prices to be tracked without the influence of inflation.
4. Real terms indices have been revised from Forestry Statistics 2005 in light of revisions made by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to the GDP deflator.
5. Real terms indices for sawlogs have been revised so that they are now based on the 6-month period to September 1996=100, because these data relate to 6-month periods, not overlapping years.

Figure 7.2 Coniferous standing sales and sawlog price indices in real terms (period to September 1996 = 100)

Source: Timber Price Indices

Note that the overlapping periods used to construct the standing sales index will make this graph in real terms appear smoother than the actual movement of prices, and remove any seasonality in the series.

Financial return from forestry

Returns to the forest owner are made up of sales of timber (standing or felled), sales of other goods and services, increases in the value of the woodland (from annual increment or market factors), and the net income from subsidies (e.g. planting grants) less taxes. The owner's costs are made up of employment costs and other purchases.

Estimates of the overall return from commercial Sitka spruce plantations are produced annually in the Investment Property Databank (IPD) UK Forestry Index (not National Statistics), which is calculated from a sample of private sector plantations in mainland Britain.

The total return from forestry in the three year period 2002 to 2005 is estimated to have been 8.2% per annum. This represents a recovery from the negative returns of recent years, and is similar to the level in the mid-1990s.

Table 7.5 Three-year rolling annualised returns from forestry

	percent per annum
	Total return
1992-95	4.4%
1993-96	9.9%
1994-97	7.9%
1995-98	4.5%
1996-99	-3.0%
1997-00	-5.2%
1998-01	-5.4%
1999-02	-3.2%
2000-03	-1.7%
2001-04	1.9%
2002-05	8.2%

Source: IPD UK Forestry Index 2006 (not National Statistics).

Gross Value Added (GVA)

The Annual Business Inquiry (ABI) carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) includes statistics on gross value added broken down by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC). The ABI was extended to include forestry from 2000. Gross Value Added (GVA) is the difference between the value of outputs and the value of intermediate consumption, so mainly comprises employment costs and profits.

GVA reported by the ABI is shown in Table 7.6. From 2000 to 2004, GVA in primary wood processing decreased by 14% to £1.4 billion. GVA in forestry is reported to have increased by 17% since 2000 to £0.3 billion in 2004.

Table 7.6 Gross Value Added in Forestry and Wood Processing

£ millions

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)[1]	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
SIC 02: forestry	273	294	292	316	320
SIC 20					
20.1: sawmills	398	312	346	354	361
20.2: wood panels	246	222	232	245	275
Other SIC 20: secondary products	1 659	1 781	1 881	2 070	2 330
Total SIC 20: wood products	**2 303**	**2 315**	**2 459**	**2 669**	**2 966**
SIC 21					
21.1: pulp & paper	1 007	1 002	1 022	879	788
21.2: articles of pulp & paper	2 732	2 715	2 747	2 594	2 558
Total SIC 21: pulp & paper	**3 739**	**3 717**	**3 770**	**3 472**	**3 347**
Total wood processing (SIC 20 + 21)	**6 042**	**6 032**	**6 229**	**6 141**	**6 313**
Total primary wood processing (SIC 20.1 + 20.2 + 21.1)	**1 651**	**1 536**	**1 600**	**1 478**	**1 424**

Source: Annual Business Inquiry - release June 2006

1. The SIC categories shown in the table are:
   SIC 02 = Forestry, logging and related services
   SIC 20.1 = Sawmilling and planing of wood, impregnation of wood
   SIC 20.2 = Manufacture of veneer sheets, manufacture of plywood, laminboard, particle board, fibre board and other panels and boards
   Other SIC 20 = manufacture of builders' carpentry and joinery, wooden containers, and other products of wood, straw and plaiting materials
   SIC 21.1 = Manufacture of pulp, paper and paperboard
   SIC 21.2 = Manufacture of articles of paper and paperboard

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Glossary

Ancient woodland

Woodland which has been in continuous existence since 1600 (1750 in Scotland)

ASNW

Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland

ASSI

Area of Special Scientific Interest - the Northern Ireland equivalent of SSSI

Boreal region

Region of forest areas of the Northern Temperate Zone: dominated by coniferous trees such as spruce, fir and pine

Broadleaf

Trees which do not have needles or cones (a few, such as alder, have cone-like structures for their seeds which are not true cones)

BWW

Better Woodlands for Wales, launched in December 2005.

Cement bonded particleboard

Sheet material manufactured under pressure, based on wood and other vegetable particles bound with hydraulic cement and possibly containing additives

Chipboard

(see Particleboard)

Coated

A term applied to any type of paper whose surface has been treated in such a way as to apply a coating in order to enhance its finish characteristics. The coating consists of a layer of coating materials such as clay, various pigments and/or special substances in combination with adhesives of some type, varnish or lacquer. The coating is used to improve the surface characteristic of the paper, e.g., opacity, smoothness, colour, printing quality

Conifer

Trees with needles and cones

Coppice

Trees which are cut near ground level (or sometimes higher in which case they are pollards), causing them to produce many small shoots. These shoots are harvested every few years at a relatively early age for products such as staves, fencing, fuel and charcoal. 'Coppice with standards' includes scattered trees that are left to grow as normal ('standards')

DARDNI

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland

Defra

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

ECS

Energy Crop Scheme

ERDP

England Rural Development Programme

Establishment

The first five to ten years or formative period that ends once young trees are of sufficient size that, given adequate protection, they are likely to survive at the required stocking.

EWGS

English Woodland Grant Scheme, launched in July 2005.

FAO

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation

FC

Forestry Commission: the government department responsible for forestry matters in Great Britain. The responsibility for forestry is devolved to ministers in the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly, but the executive functions are exercised throughout Great Britain by the FC

FE

Forest Enterprise: the agencies or parts of the Forestry Commission responsible for managing the FC forest estate

Fibreboard

Panel material with thickness equal to or greater than 1.5mm, manufactured from lignocellulosic fibres with application of heat and/or pressure. The bond is derived either from the felting of the fibres and their inherent adhesive properties or from a synthetic binder added to the fibres

FNR

Forest Nature Reserve

Forest

In the United Kingdom, there is no formal definition of 'forest'; the term is often used for large areas (especially conifers) or for old Royal hunting preserves such as the New Forest or the Forest of Dean.

FRA

Forest Resources Assessment

FS

Northern Ireland Forest Service (an agency of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development)

FSC

Forest Stewardship Council

FWPS

Farm Woodland Premium Scheme

GB

Great Britain: England, Scotland and Wales

GIS

Geographic Information System

Green tonne

Weight measurement of timber fresh felled before any natural or artificial drying has occurred

ha

hectare (2.471 acres)

Hardwood

The wood of broadleaved trees, a term sometimes used for the broadleaved trees themselves

High forest

Trees capable of growing to be suitable for timber production (compare with coppice)

LNR

Local Nature Reserve

MDF (medium-density fibreboard)

Wood fibreboard made by a dry process in which the primary bond is derived from a bonding agent, and having a density usually exceeding 600 kg m3

Miscanthus

Woody, perennial rhizomatous grasses originating from Asia

Native species

Species that have arrived and inhabited an area naturally, without deliberate assistance by man. For trees and shrubs in the United Kingdom usually taken to mean those present after post-glacial recolonisation and before historic times. Some species are only native in particular regions - hence locally native

Natural colonisation

Creation of new woodland by natural means, i.e. without sowing or planting

Natural regeneration

Regeneration of existing woodland by natural means, i.e. without sowing or planting

New planting

Establishing woodland on ground that was not woodland in the recent past

NGO

Non-government organisation(s)

NI

Northern Ireland

NIWT

National Inventory of Woodland and Trees

NNR

National Nature Reserve

NT

National Trust

NTS

National Trust for Scotland

ONS

Office for National Statistics

Origin

The original natural genetic source

OSB (oriented strand board)

Multi-layered board made from strands of wood of a predetermined shape and thickness together with a binder. The strands in the external layers are aligned and parallel to the board length or width

OSNW

Other (not ancient) Semi-Natural Woodland

Overbark

The volume of wood including the bark. Can be either standing volume or felled volume

Particleboard

Panel material manufactured under pressure and heat from particles of wood (wood (also chipboard) flakes, chips, shavings, sawdust) in particle form, with the addition of an adhesive

PAWS

Plantation on an ancient woodland site

PEFC

Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification

Plywood

Woodbased panel consisting of an assembly of layers bonded together with the direction of the grain in adjacent layers, usually at right angles. (Not made in the UK)

Pulp

A fibrous material produced by mechanically or chemically reducing wood into their component parts from which pulp, paper and paperboard sheets are formed after proper slushing and treatment or used for dissolving purposes (dissolving pulp or chemical cellulose) to make rayon, plastics, and other synthetic products. Sometimes called wood pulp

Recovered

Either industrial process by-products (e.g. offcuts or fines from a board manufacturing mill, furniture factory, joinery or construction) or from post-consumer waste wood (e.g. pallets, construction waste) after the stage of recovery or reclamation for purposes of recycling

Restocking

The replanting of an area after trees are removed

Roundwood

Logs and small branches (small roundwood)

RSPB

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

SAC

Special Area of Conservation

Sawlogs

Material of at least 14 cm top diameter that is destined to be sawn into planks or boards

Sawmill products

Materials including wood chips, sawdust and bark which arise during the conversion of logs to sawn timber. Most used as inputs to other wood processing industries, or sold for other uses. Formerly called sawmill residues or co-products

Sawnwood

Sawn timber - timber that has been cut into planks or boards from logs

Scrub

Area of poorly formed trees or bushes unsuitable for conversion to timber

SEERAD

Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Development

Semi-natural

Woodland with natural characteristics (predominantly native species of trees, ground plants and animals) where wood production is not a primary objective; this term is used rather than natural because the woodland may have originally been planted or have been managed for wood production in the past

SFGS

Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme. Introduced in June 2003 to replace the Woodland Grant Scheme in Scotland

Silviculture

The care and cultivation of forest trees

Softwood

The wood of coniferous trees or conifers themselves

SPA

Special Protection Area

SRC

Short rotation coppice (either willow or popular)

SSSI

Site of special scientific interest (the equivalent designation in Northern Ireland is ASSI)

Standing volume

Measurement of quantity before trees are felled. Usually expressed as cubic metres overbark standing

Thinning

A proportion of stems removed in order to give the best stems space and light to grow into a more valuable crop. This is usually carried out some time after canopy closure and may be repeated at intervals. It is a necessary operation in the production of quality timber. A temporary reduction in standing volume will result

UK

United Kingdom: Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UKFPA

United Kingdom Forest Products Association

UN ECE

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, responsible for the Temperate and Boreal Forest Resource Assessment and for compiling international statistics on production and trade of wood products

Underbark

The volume of wood excluding the bark

Veneer

A thin layer of wood, produced by peeling or slicing, used for decorative purposes. Veneers are usually applied to less expensive or less attractive substitutes including solid timber, woodbased sheet materials, etc.

WAG

Welsh Assembly Government

WGS

Woodland Grant Scheme.

Woodland

Land under stands of trees with a canopy cover of at least 20% (25% in Northern Ireland), or having the potential to achieve this, including integral open space, and including felled areas that are awaiting restocking

WRME

Wood Raw Material Equivalent - the volume of trees required to produce a wood product. Can be measured underbark or overbark.

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Sources & definitions

Scope

This publication covers a wide range of forestry aspects in the United Kingdom, drawing on statistics produced by the Forestry Commission (FC) for England, Scotland and Wales, statistics from the Northern Ireland Forest Service (FS) and other sources. Information on FC and FS woodland is available from the management of their estates; information on non-FC/FS woodland comes from administration of grants and licences, and is supplemented by various FC-run surveys of the forestry and primary wood processing industries.

Woodland

The definition of woodland in United Kingdom forestry statistics is land under stands of trees with a canopy cover of at least 20% (or having the potential to achieve this), including integral open space, and including felled areas that are awaiting restocking. There is no minimum height for trees to form a woodland at maturity, so the definition includes woodland scrub but not areas of gorse, Rhododendron, etc., outside woodland. This is a different definition from that used internationally which is based on 10% canopy cover and a minimum height at maturity of 5m, but the two definitions are estimated to give similar areas of woodland in the UK.

There is no minimum size for a woodland. In this report, 'woodland' (defined in the glossary) refers to woods and forests of all sizes. The 1995-99 National Inventory of Woodland and Trees mapped all areas down to 2.0 ha, but sample-based information was also collected for smaller woods, small groups of trees and individual trees. The area statistics in Chapter 1 show totals for woods over 0.1 hectares.

Woodland includes native and non-native trees; semi-natural and plantation areas. Woodland habitat types are not currently differentiated in these statistics.

Most public sector woodland is owned or managed by the Forestry Commission (FC) or, in Northern Ireland, the Forest Service (FS). Woodland owned by local authorities, the Ministry of Defence, and other public sector bodies is included in 'non-FC/FS woodland'.

Integral open space is defined differently in the data sources used in this publication for woodland owned or managed by Forestry Commission (FC) and woodland owned by others (Tables 1.1 and 1.3). FC data now come from a GIS where mappable open space is excluded from the total. Non-FC woodland (from the National Inventory of Woodland and Trees, NIWT) includes open areas less than 1 hectare as integral open space.

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Forestry Activity

Statistics for economic aspects of forestry and primary wood processing relate to the forestry-based activities involved. So in a business with several different activities (say forestry, construction and property management), it is only the forestry part of the business which contributes to the figures. Support for forestry activities (such as office workers) is however included. The sampling frame of businesses involved in forestry and primary wood processing is mostly obtained from lists of members of trade associations. Measures are taken to avoid double counting where businesses are members of more than one organisation, but there may be a small level of undercounting for businesses which are not members of any organisation.

Business statistics in the United Kingdom are generally produced using a different classification system, where the whole of a business is classified according to its largest activity. This means that most estimates in this publication are not directly comparable with results from the Annual Business Inquiry carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), which is used in this publication to provide supplementary estimates of employment and gross value added.

Quality of Estimates

There are several components of quality, and it is difficult and expensive to measure many of them regularly. Some indications of the quality of the estimates in this publication are given under the headings below.

Business Surveys

Frame

The frame for the business surveys here includes businesses and individuals that belong to one or more of the following associations; Forestry Contracting Association (FCA), United Kingdom Forest Products Association (UKFPA) or Forestry and Timber Association (FTA). The frame population size is reduced to account for businesses that are members of more than one association. Some businesses are identified from other sources such as FC Forest Districts. There are probably some businesses involved in forestry which are not members of any of these associations or otherwise identified, and these will not contribute to statistics.

Non-response

Some businesses do not respond to surveys, so some compensation for their non-response is needed in compiling the statistics. If there are differences between the characteristics of businesses that respond and businesses that do not, this can lead to a bias in the results. This bias is minimised by stratifying into groups (for example by size) that might be expected to have similar characteristics, but there have been no studies to estimate the bias in the context of these surveys.

Sampling error

Sampling errors arise from taking a sample rather than surveying all the businesses. Many of the figures here are from censuses where all businesses are sampled, and in these cases the sampling error is zero.

Visitor Surveys

Frame

There is no frame for visitor surveys (that is, there is no list of visitors from which to select a sample). Most on-site visitor surveys aim to select a representative set of sample periods, and interview the next group to pass after completing an interview. Some of the information about visitors comes from household surveys (for example the Day Visits Survey) that use recognised sampling frames.

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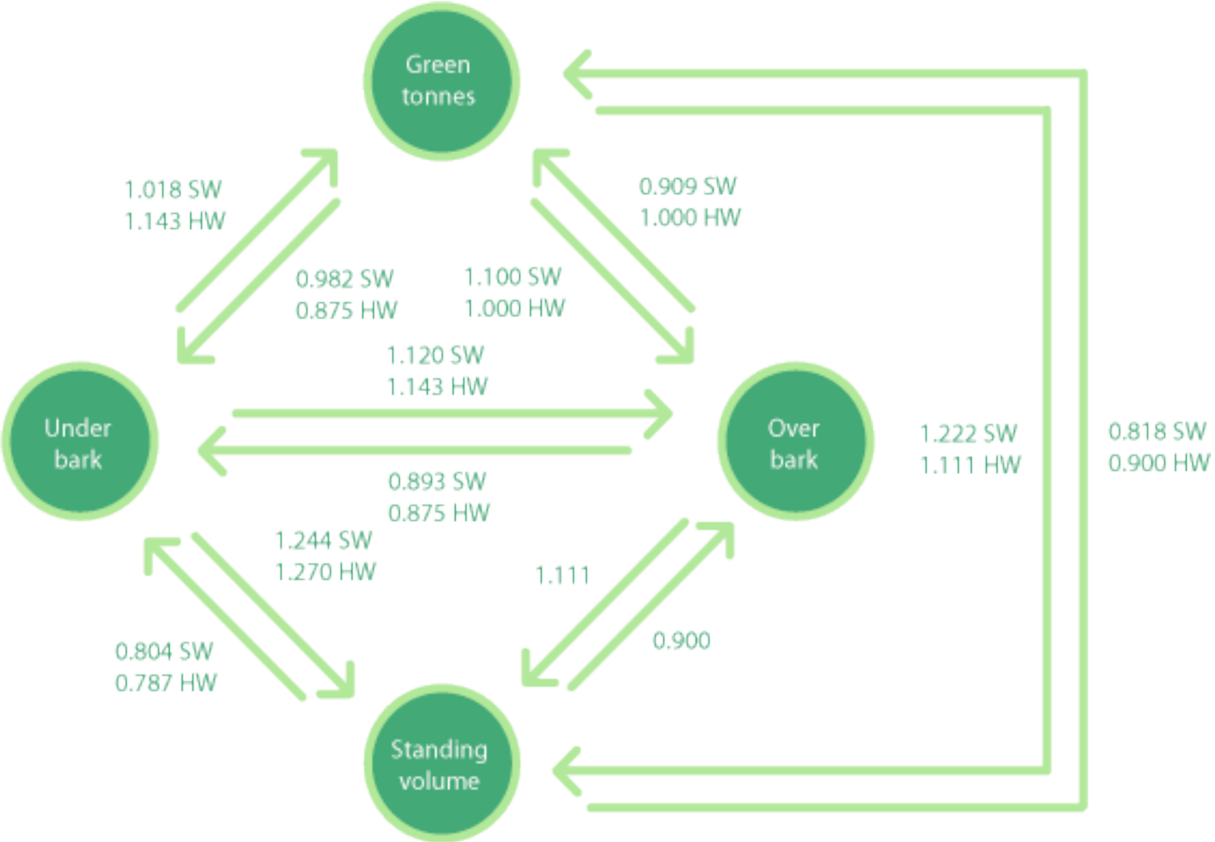
Conversion factors

Conversion factors between cubic metres and green tonnes



A revised set of factors that indicates the volume of standing tree crop (wood raw material equivalent - wrme) needed to produce one unit of a final product was published in FC Technical Paper 19 *Revised Forecasts of the Supply and Demand for Wood in the UK*. The factor for paper products includes an allowance for the proportion of recycled paper manufactured in the United Kingdom. The factors are shown below.

Wood product conversion factors to wrme (standing volume)

Product	Measurement Unit	Factor to WRME
Fuelwood and charcoal	m^3	1.25
Other industrial roundwood	m^3	1.25
Softwood sawnwood	m^3	2.13
Hardwood sawnwood	m^3	2.09
Newsprint	tonnes	4.30
Printing and writing paper	tonnes	4.30
Other paper and paperboard	tonnes	4.30
Plywood	m^3	3.67
Fibreboard	m^3	2.35
Particleboard	m^3	1.61
Veneer sheets	m^3	3.67

1. The charcoal conversion factor is for volume to volume. About 7.8m^3 of wood is required to make one tonne of charcoal, but one tonne of charcoal is equal to about 6m^3 in volume.
2. The conversion factor for oriented strand board (OSB) is higher than for other types of particleboard, and the average for particleboard has been constructed by assuming that OSB is 25% of the total.

These factors were not used for Tables 3.1 and 3.3, which used an older set of factors to convert to wrme underbark.

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