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# **Improved Timber Utilisation Statistics 2007**

**Consumption of Sawn Softwood in Main End-User  
Markets in the United Kingdom, to 2007**

**A Series of Tables & Charts,  
Updated from the Timber Utilisation Database**

**for the  
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NB: Research and analysis has permitted quantification of main markets from 2002. Information by market before 2002 has been estimated and this is noted in relevant chart titles.

**Table 1: Softwood Utilisation by Main Market by Volume, 2006 & 2007**

000s m3	UK Producers		Imports		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Construction	828	942	5,221	5,493	6,049	6,435
Pallets & Packaging	747	762	1,792	2,009	2,539	2,771
Fencing & Outdoor	833	1,039	185	222	1,018	1,261
Other Markets	42	28	203	222	245	250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>7,401</b>	<b>7,946</b>	<b>9,851</b>	<b>10,717</b>

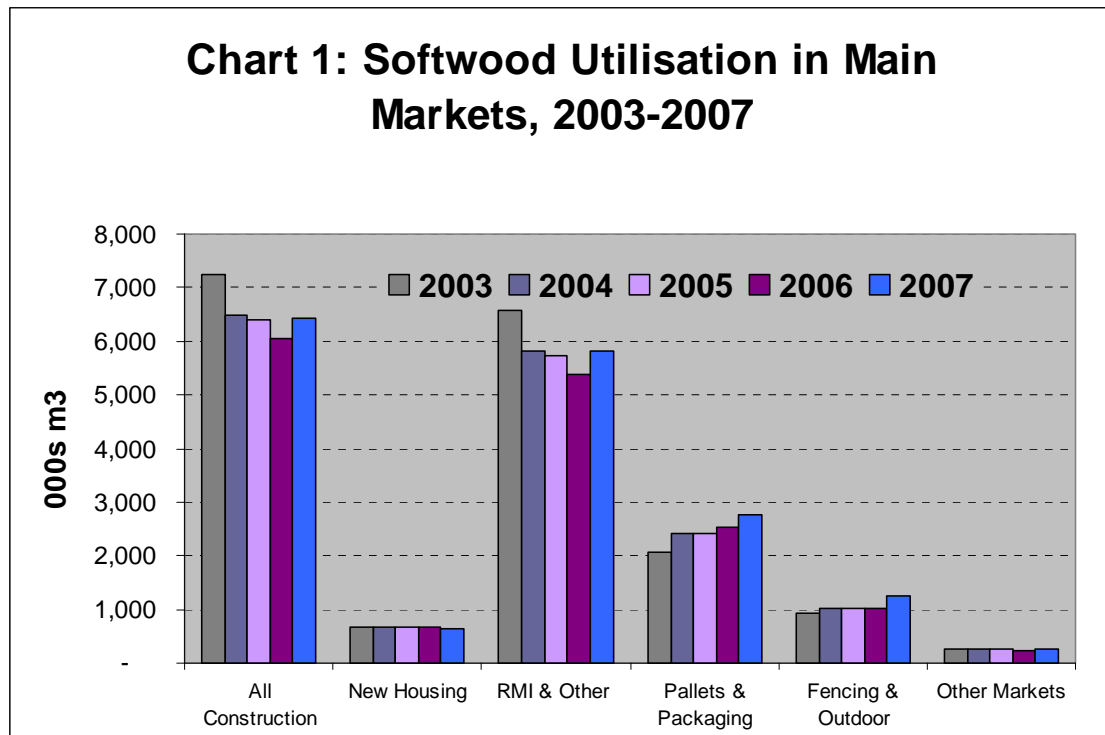
Source: Forestry Commission Forestry Statistics 2008; Timber Trade Federation Import & Export Statistics; TIMCON Wood Packaging Data; Office for National Statistics; Industry Sources.

**Table 2: Softwood Utilisation by Main Market and Construction Sector by Volume, 2006 & 2007**

000s m3	UK Producers		Imports		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Construction	828	942	5,221	5,493	6,049	6,435
New Housing	101	90	567	532	668	622
RMI & Other	728	852	4,653	4,961	5,381	5,813
Pallets & Packaging	747	762	1,792	2,009	2,539	2,771
Fencing & Outdoor	833	1,039	185	222	1,018	1,261
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**Chart 1: Softwood Utilisation in Main Markets in the UK, 2003-2007**



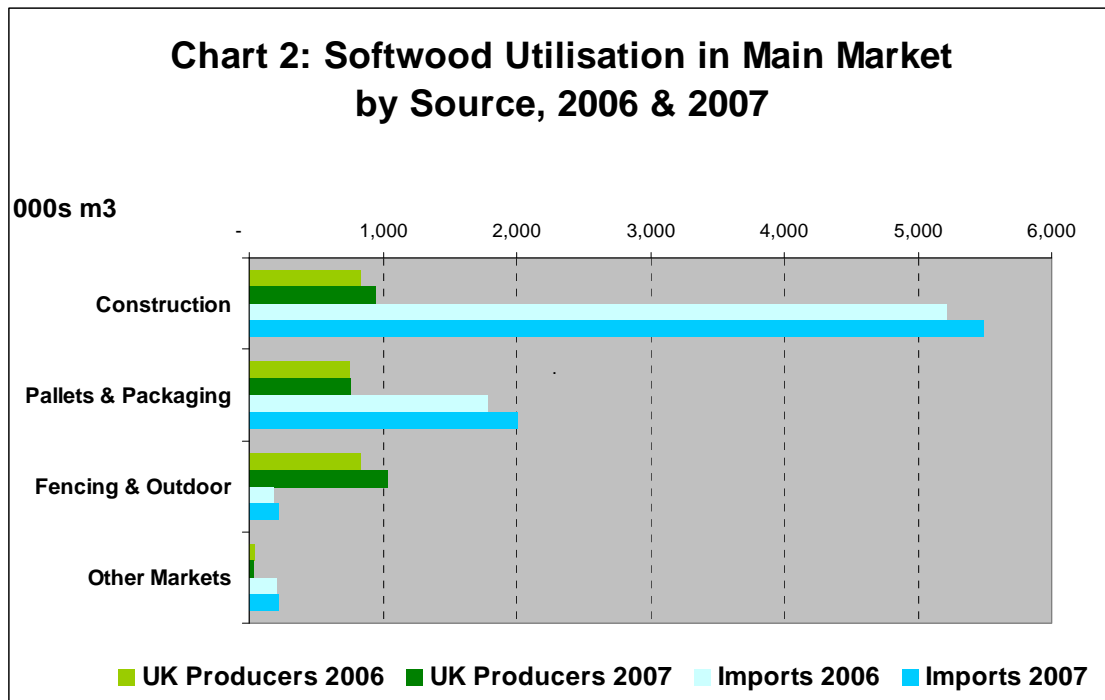
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**Table 3: Share of Softwood Utilisation by Main Market, 2006 & 2007**

Share of Volume	UK Producers		Imports		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Construction	33.8%	34.0%	70.5%	69.1%	61.4%	60.0%
Pallets & Packaging	30.5%	27.5%	24.2%	25.3%	25.8%	25.9%
Fencing & Outdoor	34.0%	37.5%	2.5%	2.8%	10.3%	11.8%
Other Markets	1.7%	1.0%	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	2.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Forestry Commission Forestry Statistics 2008; Timber Trade Federation Import & Export Statistics; TIMCON Wood Packaging Data; Office for National Statistics; Industry Sources.

**Chart 2: Softwood Utilisation in Main Markets by Volume, 2006 & 2007**



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**Table 4: Share of Softwood Utilisation within Main Market, 2006 & 2007**

Share of Volume	UK Producers		Imports		Total	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Construction	13.7%	14.6%	86.3%	85.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Pallets & Packaging	29.4%	27.5%	70.6%	72.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Fencing & Outdoor	81.8%	82.4%	18.2%	17.6%	100.0%	100.0%
Other Markets	17.0%	11.1%	83.0%	88.9%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>25.9%</b>	<b>75.1%</b>	<b>74.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

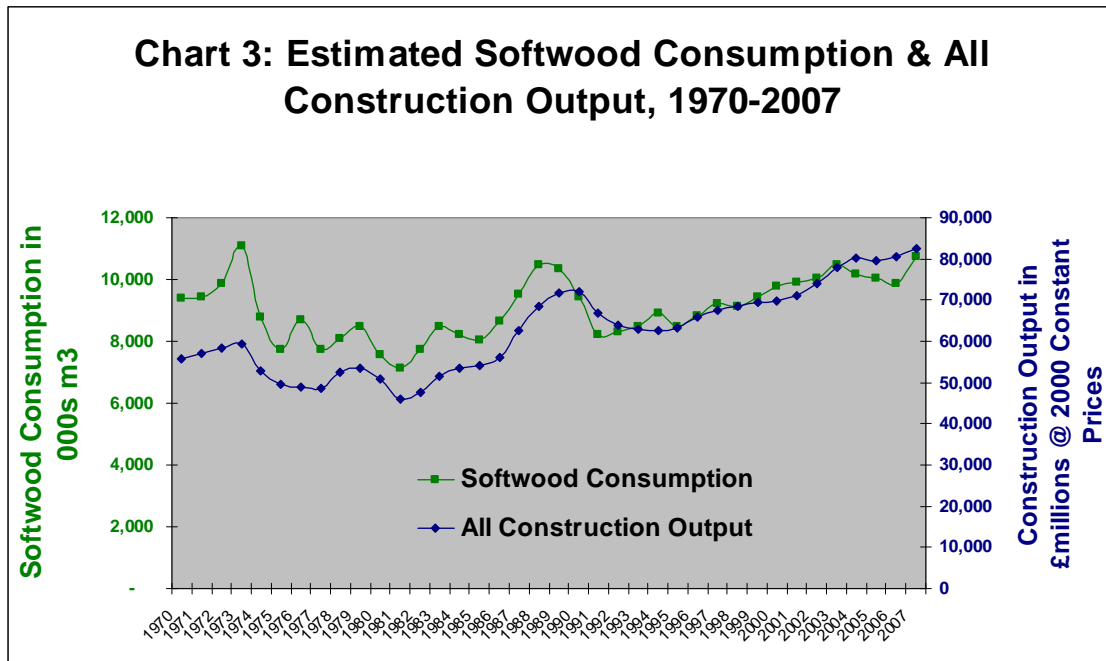
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**Table 5: Share of Softwood Utilisation within Construction Sector & Other Main Market, 2006 & 2007**

Share of Volume	UK Producers		Imports	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Construction	13.7%	14.6%	86.3%	85.4%
New Housing	15.1%	14.5%	84.9%	85.5%
RMI & Other	13.5%	14.7%	86.5%	85.3%
Pallets & Packaging	29.4%	27.5%	70.6%	72.5%
Fencing & Outdoor	81.8%	82.4%	18.2%	17.6%
Other Markets	17.0%	11.1%	83.0%	88.9%

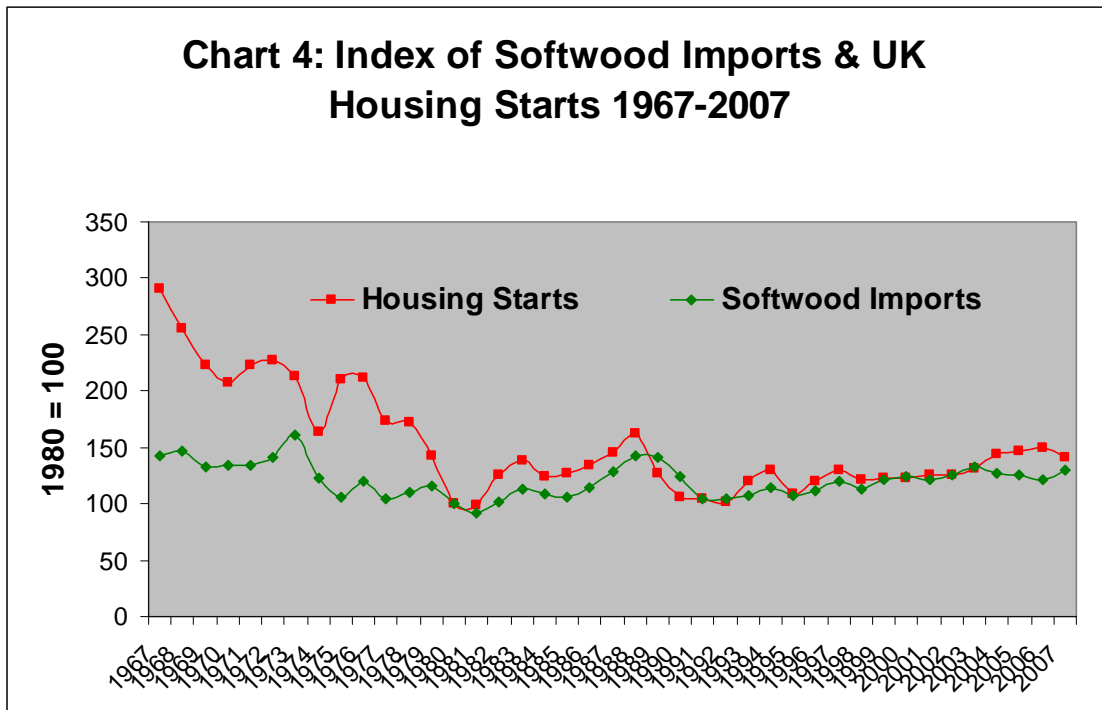
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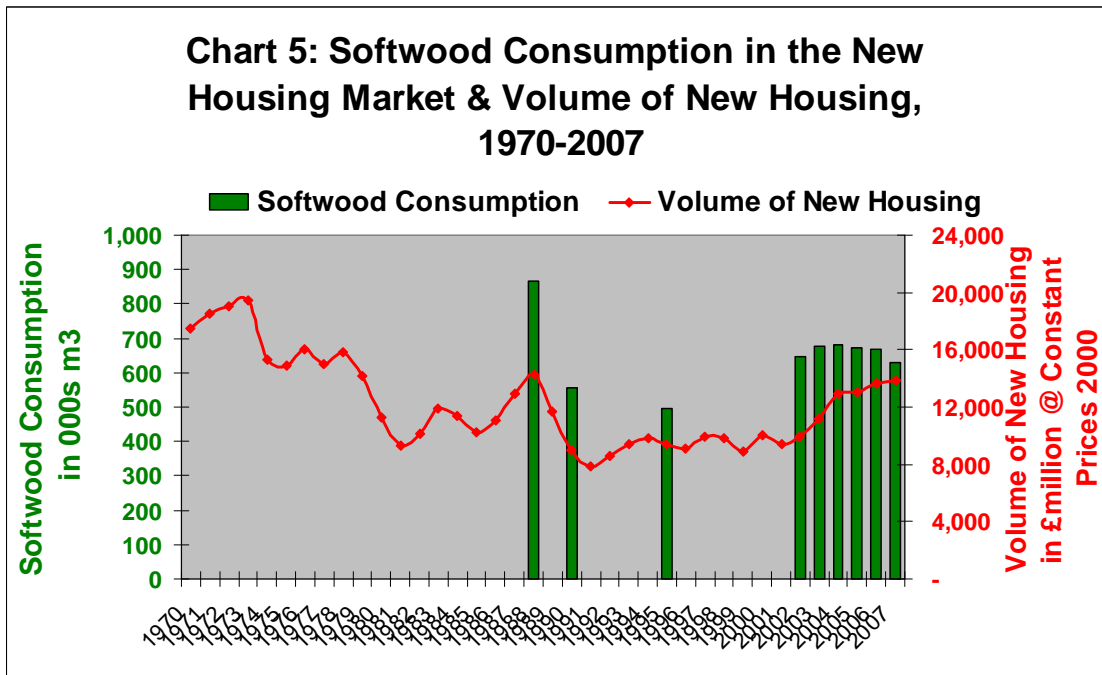
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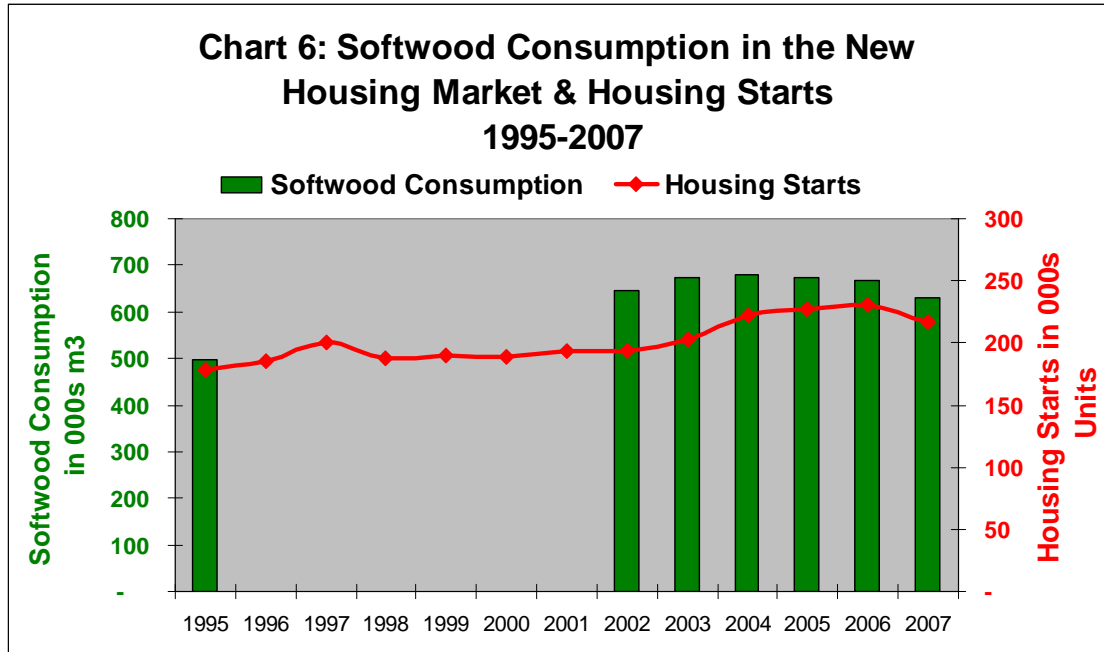
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Chart 5: Estimated Softwood Consumption in the New Housing Market in the UK, 1970-2007



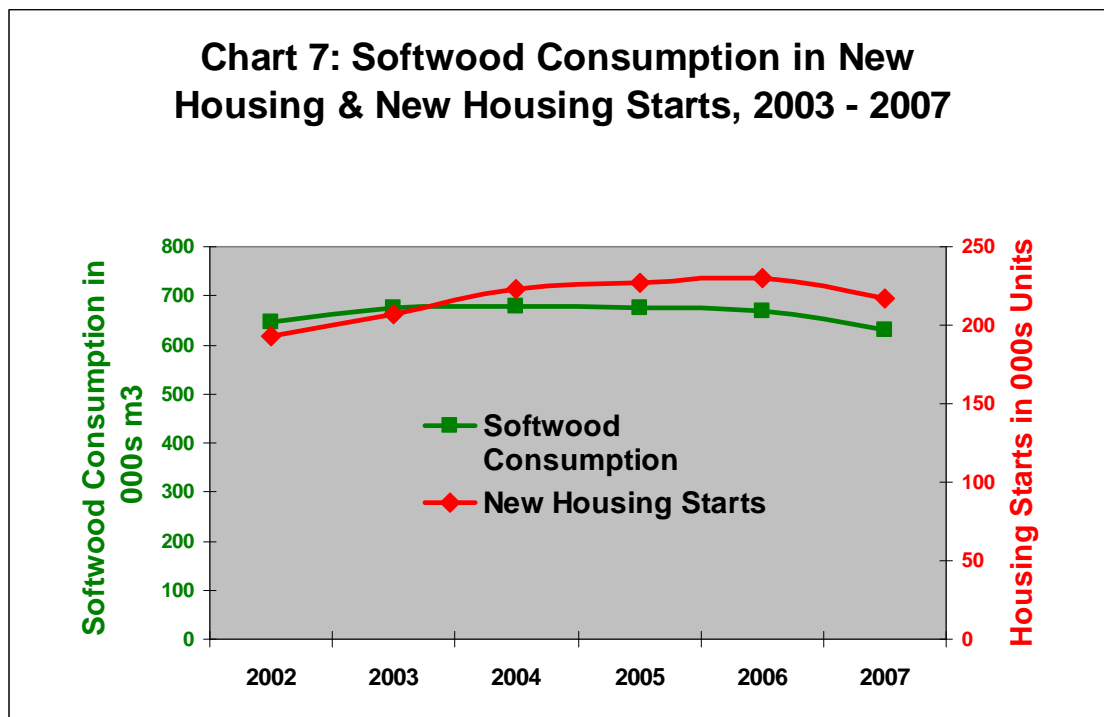
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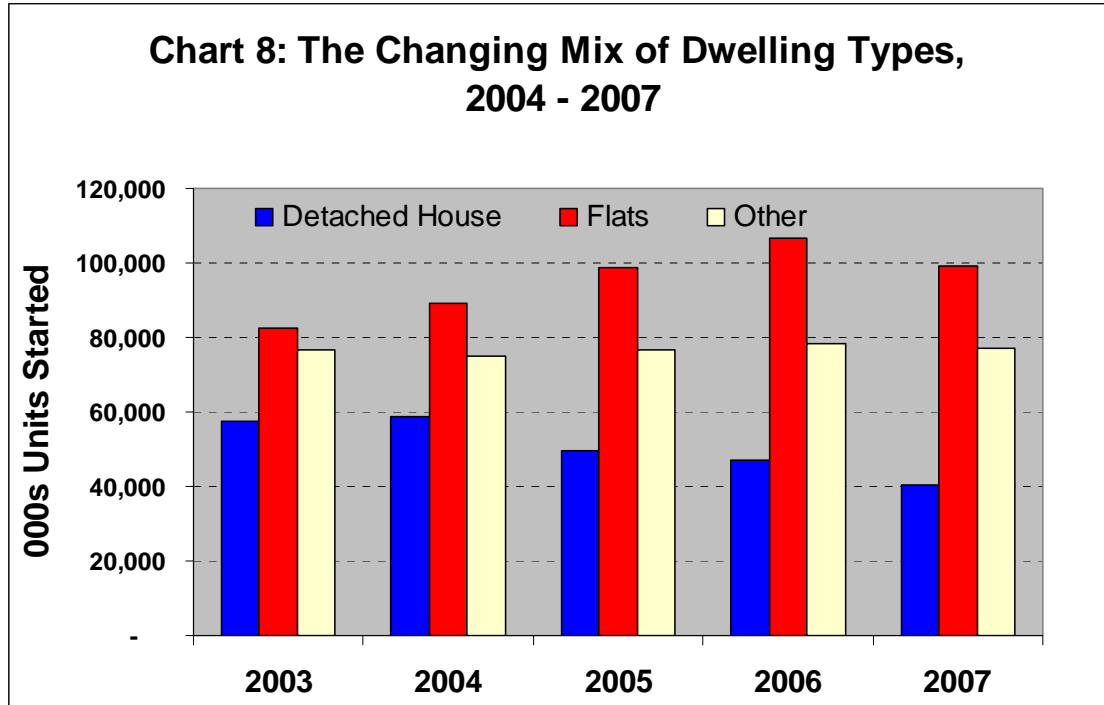
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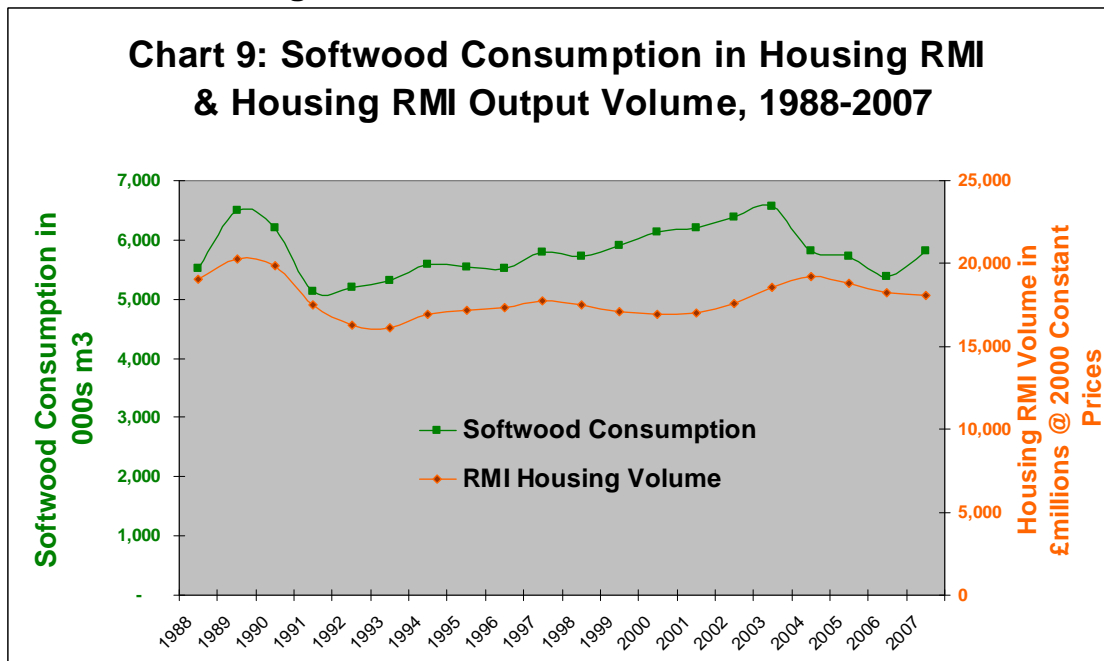
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Source: Office for National Statistics; NHBC; Industry Sources.

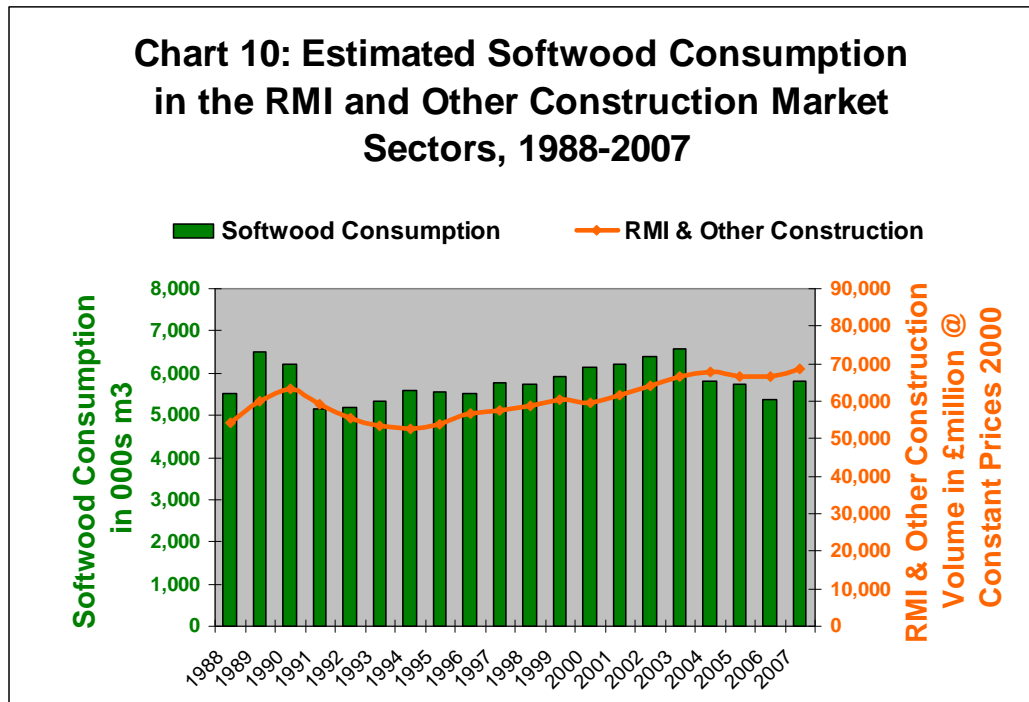
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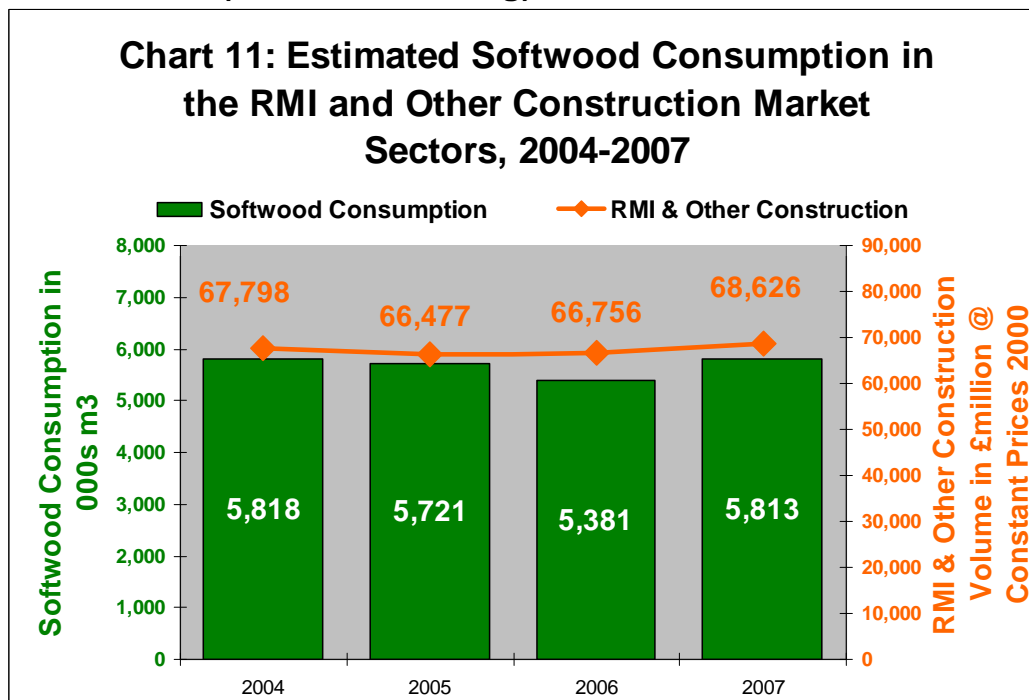


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