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- Introducing a quality assurance of administrative data report to provide further details on the data sources used in this release.
- Enhancing trustworthiness by reducing pre-release access.
- Including last update/review dates in supporting documents and indicating expected dates of next updates/review, to provide reassurance to users that documents remain relevant.

Introduction

This publication contains provisional statistics for 2025 on UK wood production and trade. They are based on:

- surveys of the forest sector
- administrative records from Forestry England, Forestry and Land Scotland, Natural Resources Wales, and the Forest Service Northern Ireland
- trade data from HM Revenue & Customs.

These statistics are used primarily to monitor the state of the UK timber industry, and for reporting to international organisations.

These provisional statistics will be superseded on 22 October 2026 with the publication of final and more detailed results in [Forestry Statistics 2026](#).

Most of the statistics in this release are only available as UK totals, but some statistics can also be broken down by country (England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland). [Accompanying tables to this release](#) provide longer time series data for wood production (roundwood removals), UK roundwood deliveries, sawmills, and round fencing manufacturers, showing additional breakdowns where possible.

Please refer to [Glossary - Forest Research](#) for a glossary of terms used in this release.

Figures in tables have been independently rounded, so may not add to the totals shown. Percentage changes quoted in this release are based on unrounded figures.

Key findings

The provisional figures for 2025 indicate (with percentage changes from 2024):

- Removals (harvesting) of UK roundwood:
 - 9.5 million green tonnes of softwood (-4%)
 - 0.9 million green tonnes of hardwood (8%)
- Deliveries of UK roundwood to wood processors and others:
 - Total: 10.4 million green tonnes of roundwood (softwood and hardwood) (0%), of which:
 - Sawmills: 5.4 million green tonnes (-1%)
 - Wood-based panels: 1.4 million green tonnes (9%)
 - Integrated pulp and paper mills: 0.3 million green tonnes (-4%)
 - Other uses, including round fencing, woodfuel, shavings and exports of roundwood: 3.2 million green tonnes (0%)
- Production of wood products in the UK included:
 - 3.3 million cubic metres of sawnwood (3%)
 - 3.1 million cubic metres of wood-based panels (6%)
 - 3.2 million tonnes of paper and paperboard (-3%)
 - 0.3 million tonnes of wood pellets and briquettes (1%)
- UK imports:
 - 6.0 million cubic metres of sawnwood (-4%)
 - 3.1 million cubic metres of wood-based panels (0%)
 - 9.8 million tonnes of wood pellets (5%)
 - 4.9 million tonnes of pulp and paper (-3%)
 - The total value of wood product imports was £9.2 billion (0%)

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- UK exports:
 - The total value of wood product exports was £1.7 billion (-4%)
- Apparent consumption of wood products in the UK included:
 - 9.1 million cubic metres of sawnwood (-3%)
 - 5.9 million cubic metres of wood-based panels (4%)
 - 10.1 million tonnes of wood pellets (5%)
 - 6.3 million tonnes of paper (-7%)

1. Removals of roundwood

Removals refers to the harvesting of roundwood (trunk and branch wood) from coniferous (softwood) and non-coniferous (hardwood) trees. The figures on removals of UK roundwood are used to monitor trends in the UK forest sector. The data is also used alongside figures for standing volume (the volume of standing trees) and increment (the growth rate of standing trees) to compile natural capital accounts for inclusion in the UK Environmental Accounts.

It is estimated that a total of 10.4 million green tonnes of roundwood was removed from UK woodlands in 2025 (Table 1b), a 3% decrease from the level in 2024.

Softwood accounted for the majority (91%) of removals from UK woodland and totalled 9.5 million green tonnes in 2025, a 4% decrease from 2024. Hardwood removals totalled 0.9 million green tonnes in 2025, an 8% increase from 2024.

Table 1a Removals of roundwood, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand green tonnes

Year	Softwood - public sector	Softwood - private sector	Hardwood - public sector	Hardwood - private sector
2021	4,019	6,407	96	726
2022	3,709	5,484	90	744
2023	3,972	5,124	86	730
2024	4,613	5,278	69	754
2025	4,032	5,443	68	823

Table 1b Total removals of roundwood, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand green tonnes

Year	Total softwood	Total Hardwood	UK total
2021	10,426	822	11,248
2022	9,193	834	10,026
2023	9,096	815	9,911
2024	9,891	822	10,714
2025	9,475	892	10,367

Source (Tables 1a and 1b): Forestry England, Forest and Land Scotland, Natural Resources Wales, Forest Service Northern Ireland, industry surveys (Forest Research), and industry associations.

Note:

1. Public sector consists of Forestry England, Forestry and Land Scotland, Natural Resource Wales, and Forest Service Northern Ireland.
2. Private sector: removals from all other woodland (including some publicly owned woodland).
3. Most hardwood production in the UK comes from private sector woodland; the figures are estimates based on reported deliveries to wood processing industries and others.
4. The difference between reported softwood removals and deliveries (Table 2) can be caused by variations in the level of stocks between harvesting and delivery to the wood processor, and/or by the differences in data sources and methodologies used to compile removals and deliveries statistics (see Chapter 10: Sources and Methodology of [Forestry Statistics 2025](#)).

2. Deliveries of roundwood

Figures for deliveries relate to the quantity of UK-grown roundwood that is delivered to wood processors and other users. Statistics on roundwood deliveries are used to monitor trends in the supply of, and demand for, UK-grown wood.

In 2025, deliveries of UK roundwood totalled 10.4 million green tonnes (Tables 2 and 3), no change from the previous year. Most roundwood deliveries (91%) were softwood.

Softwood deliveries totalled 9.5 million green tonnes in 2025 (Table 2). Sawmills used a total of 5.4 million green tonnes (57%) of UK softwood deliveries. A further 1.7 million green tonnes were used for woodfuel, 1.4 million green tonnes to produce wood-based panels, 0.3 million green tonnes by integrated pulp and paper mills, and 0.7 million green tonnes for all other uses (including round fencing, shavings, and softwood exports).

Figure 1 provides the longer-term trend in softwood deliveries.

Table 2 Softwood deliveries, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand green tonnes

Year	Sawmills	Pulp mills	Wood-based panels	Fencing	Woodfuel	Other	Softwood exports	Total
2021	6,237	399	1,508	247	1,600	176	168	10,334
2022	5,423	403	1,229	232	1,600	176	132	9,195
2023	4,819	413	1,389	224	1,700	209	207	8,961
2024	5,426	350	1,282	224	1,700	209	324	9,515
2025	5,390	335	1,391	173	1,700	209	292	9,490

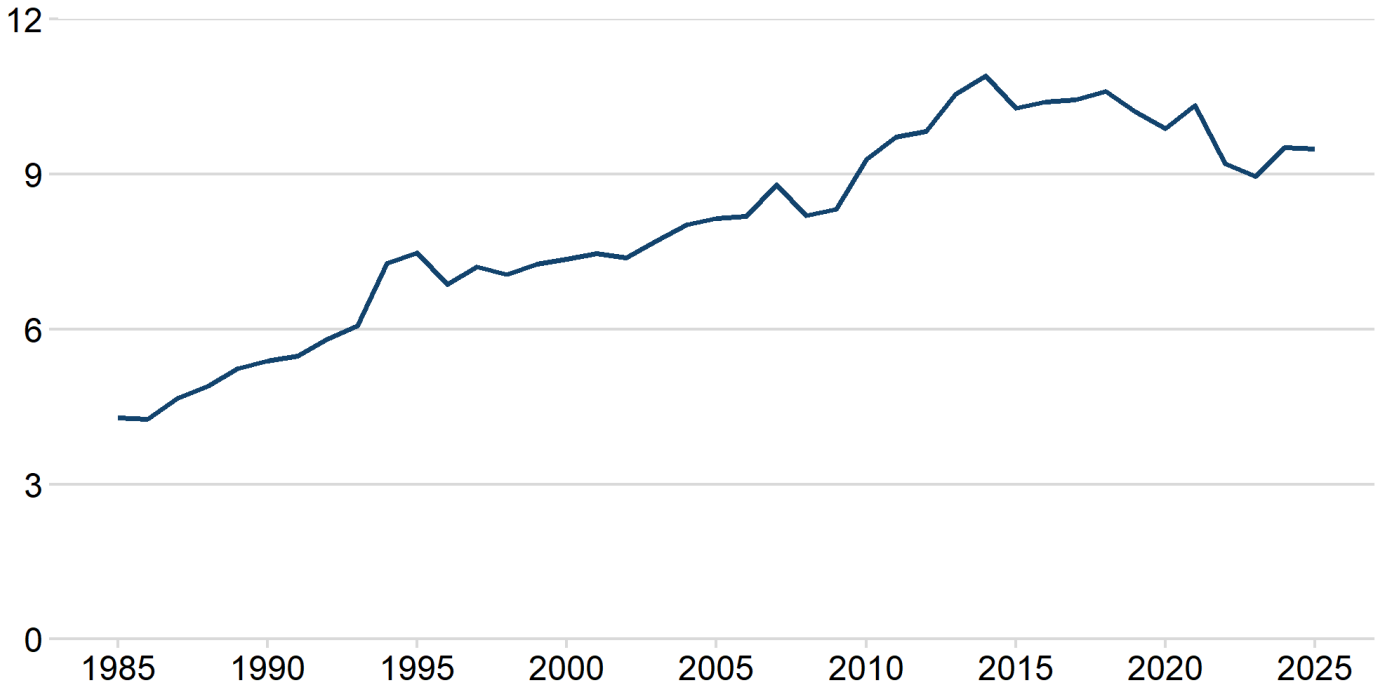
Source: Industry surveys (Forest Research), industry associations and UK overseas trade statistics (HM Revenue & Customs).

Note:

1. Woodfuel derived from stemwood. Includes estimates of roundwood use for biomass energy. The figures are estimated by the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics and make use of woodfuel data reported in the Private Sector Softwood Removals Survey.
2. Other includes shavings and poles. Quantities for some uses are estimates by the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics.
3. Estimates of softwood exports for 2024 and 2025 use HMRC trade data, previous years used data collected by Forest Research.

Figure 1 Softwood deliveries, UK, 1985 to 2025

millions of green tonnes



Source: Industry surveys (Forest Research) and industry associations.

There was a total of 0.9 million green tonnes of UK hardwood deliveries in 2025 (Table 3), an 8% increase from 2024. The majority of UK hardwood deliveries (78%) were used for woodfuel in 2025. For 2025, the other hardwood deliveries category saw an increase due to a large increase in roundwood exports.

Figure 2 provides the longer-term trend in hardwood deliveries.

Table 3 Hardwood deliveries, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand green tonnes

Year	Sawmills	Wood-based panels	Woodfuel	Other	Total
2021	59	3	700	60	822
2022	58	5	700	70	834
2023	52	0	700	63	815
2024	58	0	700	64	822
2025	59	1	700	132	892

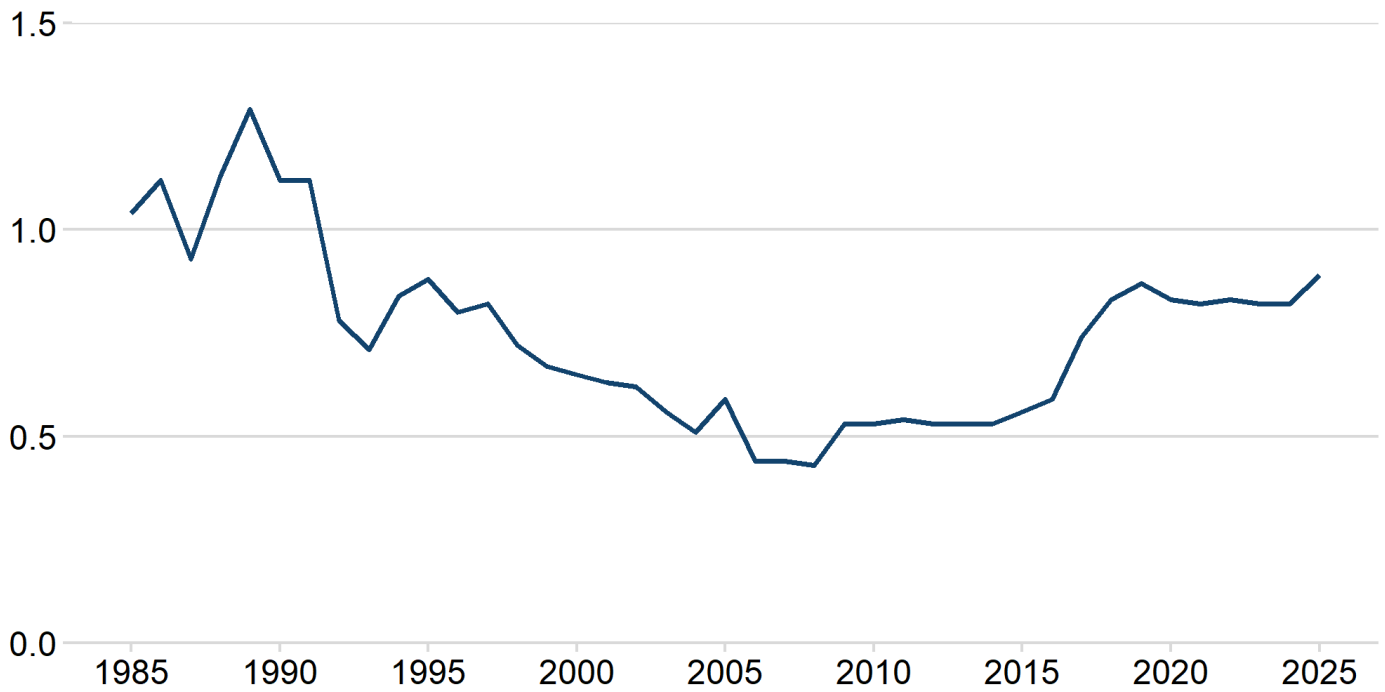
Source: Industry surveys (Forest Research) and industry associations.

Note:

1. Figures are based on processing industries' purchases of hardwood grown in the UK and estimates for woodfuel and other uses.
2. Woodfuel reported here is derived from stemwood and includes estimated roundwood use for biomass energy.
3. Other includes round fencing and roundwood exports.

Figure 2 Hardwood deliveries, UK, 1985 to 2025

millions of green tonnes



Source: Industry surveys (Forest Research) and industry associations.

3. Sawmills

In 2025, the 131 active sawmills in the UK consumed a total of 5.8 million green tonnes of softwood, no change from 2024 (Table 4a). A further 0.1 million green tonnes of hardwood were consumed by UK sawmills in 2025 (Table 4b). Most of the logs, 5.4 million green tonnes softwood and 0.1 million green tonnes hardwood, were UK-grown.

Table 4a Consumption of softwood by sawmills, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand green tonnes

Year	UK-grown	Imported	Total
2021	6,237	321	6,558
2022	5,423	285	5,708
2023	4,819	266	5,085
2024	5,426	351	5,778
2025	5,390	362	5,752

Table 4b Consumption of hardwood by sawmills, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand green tonnes

Year	UK-grown	Imported	Total
2021	59	12	71
2022	58	12	70
2023	52	12	64
2024	58	12	70
2025	59	12	70

Source (Tables 4a and 4b): Sawmill Survey (Forest Research).

Table 5 provides statistics for the sawnwood output of UK sawmills, including sawnwood produced at these mills from imported logs. A total of 3.3 million cubic metres of sawnwood was produced in the UK in 2025, a 3% increase from 2024 (Table 5).

Table 5 Production of sawnwood, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand cubic metres

Year	Softwood	Hardwood	Total
2021	3,560	37	3,597
2022	3,095	37	3,131
2023	2,860	35	2,896
2024	3,198	39	3,237
2025	3,274	47	3,321

Source: Sawmill Survey (Forest Research).

In addition to producing sawnwood, sawmills also generate other products, including chips and sawdust, which are mainly used by wood processors and for woodfuel.

4. Wood-based panel mills

Five UK wood-based panel mills were operating in 2025. These wood-based panel mills used a total of 3.5 million tonnes of material in 2025 (Table 6c). The inputs in 2025 comprised 1.4 million green tonnes of roundwood (40%), 1.0 million green tonnes of sawmill products (30%), 0.9 million tonnes of recycled wood fibre (27%), and 0.1 million green tonnes of imported wood and wood products (3%) (Tables 6a and 6b).

Table 6a Softwood inputs to wood-based panel mills, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand green tonnes

Year	UK roundwood	Sawmill products	Imports
2021	1,508	1,516	33
2022	1,229	1,198	93
2023	1,389	1,097	65
2024	1,282	1,107	68
2025	1,391	1,047	57

Table 6b Hardwood inputs to wood-based panel mills, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand green tonnes

Year	UK roundwood	Sawmill products	Imports
2021	3	0	0
2022	5	0	0
2023	0	0	0
2024	0	0	38
2025	1	0	43

Table 6c Total inputs to wood-based panel mills, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand green tonnes, except thousand tonnes for 'Recycled wood fibre'

Year	Softwood	Hardwood	Recycled wood fibre	Total
2021	3,057	3	1,085	4,145
2022	2,520	5	1,041	3,566
2023	2,551	0	965	3,516
2024	2,457	38	920	3,415
2025	2,495	44	927	3,466

Source (Tables 6a, 6b and 6c): Wood Panel Industries Federation.

Note:

1. UK roundwood derived from stemwood.
2. Imports include roundwood, wood products, and products from imported wood.
3. Recycled wood fibre is wood fibre recovered from pre- and post-consumer wood waste for use in wood-based panel production.
4. Quantities of recycled wood fibre are as delivered, with an assumed average moisture content of 25%. To convert to green tonnes (assuming moisture content of 52%), multiply by 1.56.

Total production of wood-based panels in 2025 was 3.1 million cubic metres, a 6% increase from 2024 (Table 7). This comprised a 3% increase in production of particleboard and a 17% increase in production of fibreboard.

Table 7 Production of wood-based panels, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand cubic metres

Year	Particleboard	Fibreboard	Total wood-based panels
2021	2,688	798	3,486
2022	2,459	651	3,110
2023	2,378	606	2,984
2024	2,338	575	2,913
2025	2,408	671	3,079

Source: Wood Panel Industries Federation.

Note:

1. Particleboard includes Oriented Strand Board (OSB).
2. Fibreboard includes Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF).
3. Changes in the mix of materials used and type of product produced can result in apparent discrepancies between the trends for inputs (Table 6) and production.

5. Pulp and paper industry

Table 8 shows the inputs to the two integrated pulp and paper mills in the UK. These mills used a total of 0.5 million tonnes of material (all softwood) in 2025, no change from the 2024 total.

Table 8 Inputs to integrated pulp and paper mills, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand green tonnes

Year	UK roundwood	Sawmill products	Total
2021	399	83	482
2022	403	70	473
2023	413	95	508
2024	350	119	469
2025	335	135	470

Source: Confor.

Note:

1. All wood inputs to integrated pulp and paper mills are softwood for the years shown.
2. This table excludes inputs of recycled paper and cardboard.
3. UK roundwood derived from stemwood.

Most UK paper production uses recovered wastepaper or imported pulp. The figures shown in Table 9, include production by all mills in the UK, not just the integrated pulp and paper mills.

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A total of 3.2 million tonnes of paper and paperboard were produced in the UK in 2025, representing a 3% decrease compared to 2024. In 2025, packaging materials accounted for 54% of the total UK paper production, sanitary and household papers for 22%, and other (including graphic papers) for 24%.

Table 9 Production of paper, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand tonnes

Year	Sanitary and household papers	Packaging materials	Other (including graphic papers)	Total paper and paperboard
2021	690	1,898	1,054	3,642
2022	737	1,842	877	3,456
2023	734	1,721	768	3,223
2024	714	1,786	787	3,287
2025	701	1,722	752	3,175

Source: Confederation of Paper Industries.

6. Wood pellets and briquettes

Wood pellets and briquettes are processed wood products that can be made from roundwood, sawmill products and/or recycled wood. Some of the wood used to make wood pellets and briquettes will be accounted for elsewhere in this release. Wood pellets and briquettes are often used for woodfuel, but pellets may also be used for other purposes (such as horse bedding or cat litter).

A total of 331 thousand tonnes of wood pellets and briquettes are estimated to have been made in the UK in 2025 (Table 10). This represents a 1% increase from the 2024 production level.

Table 10 Wood pellets and briquettes production, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand tonnes

Year	Wood pellets and briquettes production
2021	304
2022	327
2023	312
2024	327
2025	331

Source: Survey of UK Pellet and Briquette Production.

7. Imports and exports

Statistics on imports and exports are compiled by HM Revenue & Customs from trade declarations and Intrastat reporting for intra-EU trade. The figures below (Tables 11 to 14) are based on the published UK overseas trade statistics.

7.1. Imports

4.9 million tonnes of pulp and paper were imported into the UK in 2025 (Table 11), a 3% decrease from 2024. Over the same period, imports of sawnwood decreased by 4% to 6.0 million cubic metres, imports of wood-based panels did not change to 3.1 million cubic metres and imports of wood pellets increased by 5% at 9.8 million tonnes.

Table 11a Import quantities, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand cubic metres, except thousand tonnes for 'Wood pellets' and 'Pulp and paper'

Year	Sawn wood	Wood-based panels	Other wood	Wood pellets	Pulp and paper
2021	8,159	3,794	1,602	9,128	5,114
2022	6,294	3,230	1,790	7,516	5,452
2023	6,210	3,183	1,705	6,364	4,709
2024	6,313	3,133	1,946	9,317	5,076
2025	6,030	3,141	1,827	9,761	4,922

Table 11b Pulp and paper import quantities, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand tonnes

Year	Paper	Pulp	Recovered paper	Total pulp and paper
2021	4,206	778	130	5,114
2022	4,423	861	168	5,452
2023	3,923	689	97	4,709
2024	4,226	736	114	5,076
2025	4,064	770	89	4,922

Source (Tables 11a and 11b): UK overseas trade statistics (HM Revenue & Customs), industry associations.

Note:

1. There are reliability concerns for some of these figures, particularly for individual products (see Section 8.2.4. in the Annex).
2. Sawnwood includes sleepers.
3. Wood-based panels includes veneer sheets.
4. Other wood includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles, residues, and recovered wood.

Wood product imports in 2025 were valued at a total of £9.2 billion, no change from the 2024 total (Table 12).

Table 12a Import values, UK, 2021 to 2025

£ million

Year	Sawn wood	Wood-based panels	Other wood	Wood pellets	Pulp and paper	Total
2021	2,668	1,313	173	1,295	3,088	8,538
2022	2,247	1,583	286	1,323	5,209	10,647
2023	1,820	1,370	273	1,233	4,322	9,018
2024	1,817	1,247	266	1,654	4,256	9,240
2025	2,028	1,259	266	1,736	3,943	9,230

Table 12b Pulp and paper import values, UK, 2021 to 2025

£ million

Year	Paper	Pulp	Recovered paper	Total pulp and paper
2021	2,666	396	26	3,088
2022	4,574	596	39	5,209
2023	3,839	464	19	4,322
2024	3,750	484	22	4,256
2025	3,476	449	18	3,943

Source (Tables 12a and 12b): UK overseas trade statistics (HM Revenue & Customs), industry associations.

Note:

1. There are reliability concerns for some of these figures, particularly for individual products (see Section 8.2.4. in the Annex).
2. Sawnwood includes sleepers.
3. Wood-based panels includes veneer sheets.

4. Other wood includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles, residues, and recovered wood.

7.2. Exports

A total of 4.9 million tonnes of pulp and paper (including recovered paper) was exported by the UK in 2025 (Table 13), an 8% increase from the level in 2024.

Table 13a Export quantities, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand cubic metres, except thousand tonnes for 'Wood pellets' and 'Pulp and paper'

Year	Sawn wood	Wood-based panels	Other wood	Wood pellets	Pulp and paper
2021	277	321	302	2	5,352
2022	183	370	304	23	4,861
2023	189	312	603	11	4,667
2024	237	348	890	14	4,531
2025	289	316	758	15	4,906

Table 13b Pulp and paper export quantities, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand tonnes

Year	Paper	Pulp	Recovered paper	Total pulp and paper
2021	1,048	5	4,299	5,352
2022	774	5	4,082	4,861
2023	682	30	3,955	4,667
2024	735	10	3,786	4,531
2025	906	10	3,990	4,906

Source (Tables 13a and 13b): UK overseas trade statistics (HM Revenue & Customs), industry associations.

Note:

1. There are reliability concerns for some of these figures, particularly for individual products (see Section 8.2.4. in the Annex).
2. Sawnwood includes sleepers.
3. Wood-based panels includes veneer sheets.
4. Other wood includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles, residues, and recovered wood.

Wood product exports were valued at a total of £1.7 billion in 2025, a 4% decrease from the previous year (Table 14). The total value of wood product exports in 2025 comprised 82% pulp and paper (mainly paper), 8% wood-based panels, 7% sawnwood, 3% other wood and a small amount of wood pellets.

Table 14a Export values, UK, 2021 to 2025

£ million

Year	Sawn wood	Wood-based panels	Other wood	Wood pellets	Pulp and paper	Total
2021	96	158	44	0	1,674	1,972
2022	85	172	47	12	1,923	2,238
2023	83	138	59	5	1,460	1,746
2024	95	136	63	4	1,470	1,769
2025	125	133	43	4	1,395	1,699

Table 14b Pulp and paper export values, UK, 2021 to 2025

£ million

Year	Paper	Pulp	Recovered paper	Total pulp and paper
2021	940	3	731	1,674
2022	1,171	4	749	1,923
2023	931	8	521	1,460
2024	864	6	601	1,470
2025	825	5	565	1,395

Source (Tables 14a and 14b): UK overseas trade statistics (HM Revenue & Customs), industry associations.

Note:

1. There are reliability concerns for some of these figures, particularly for individual products (see Section 8.2.4. in the Annex).
2. Sawnwood includes sleepers.
3. Wood-based panels includes veneer sheets.
4. Other wood includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles, residues, and recovered wood.

7.3. Consumption of wood products

Apparent consumption is the amount of timber used as wood and wood products by people and industries in the UK. It is calculated as total UK production plus imports, minus exports. Apparent consumption differs from actual consumption by the extent of changes in the level of stocks. It is not practical to collect information on actual consumption.

Table 15 presents estimates of apparent consumption for sawnwood, wood-based panels, wood pellets and paper in the last five years, derived from the production figures in Tables 5, 7, 9, and 10, data on imports (Table 11) and data on exports (Table 13).

A total of 9.1 million cubic metres of sawnwood (a 3% decrease compared to the previous year), 5.9 million cubic metres of wood-based panels (a 4% increase), 10.1 million tonnes of wood pellets (a 5% increase), and 6.3 million tonnes of paper (a 7% decrease) were consumed in the UK in 2025.

Table 15 Apparent consumption, UK, 2021 to 2025

thousand cubic metres, except thousand tonnes for 'Wood pellets' and 'Paper'

Year	Sawnwood	Wood-based panels	Wood pellets	Paper
2021	11,480	6,959	9,431	6,800
2022	9,242	5,970	7,819	7,105
2023	8,917	5,855	6,665	6,464
2024	9,313	5,698	9,630	6,778
2025	9,062	5,904	10,077	6,333

Source: Industry surveys (Forest Research), industry associations, and HM Revenue & Customs.

Note:

1. Apparent consumption is calculated as total domestic production plus imports, minus exports.

8. Annex

8.1. Introduction

This annex provides background information on the UK wood production and trade statistics presented in this publication. It covers the data sources and methodology used to produce the statistics, information on quality measures and on any revisions to historic data and links to further information.

8.2. Data sources and methodology

8.2.1. Administrative sources

Administrative records are used to compile the roundwood removals figures from woodland owned or managed by Forestry England, Forestry and Land Scotland, Natural Resources Wales, or the Forest Service Northern Ireland. Each organisation records their timber sales through a separate system:

- Sales Recording Package (Forestry England)
- Timber Sales System (Natural Resources Wales)
- Sales Recording Package (Forestry and Land Scotland)
- Timber Permit Management System (Northern Ireland Forest Service).

A quality assurance of administrative data report for the timber sales data sources was last published in May 2021, and is available on the [Administrative Sources - Forest Research page](#). This was carried out in accordance with the [Office for Statistics Regulation's Quality Assurance of Administrative Data \(QAAD\) toolkit](#).

8.2.2. Forest Research industry surveys

Data for softwood removals from other woodland and for wood processing are collected through several Forest Research industry surveys:

- Private Sector Softwood Removals Survey
- Sawmill Survey
- Survey of Round Fencing Manufacturers
- Pellet and Briquette Production Survey.

Details on each survey and methodology can be found at the [About Our Statistics: Timber Surveys page](#).

Other sources of industry data include:

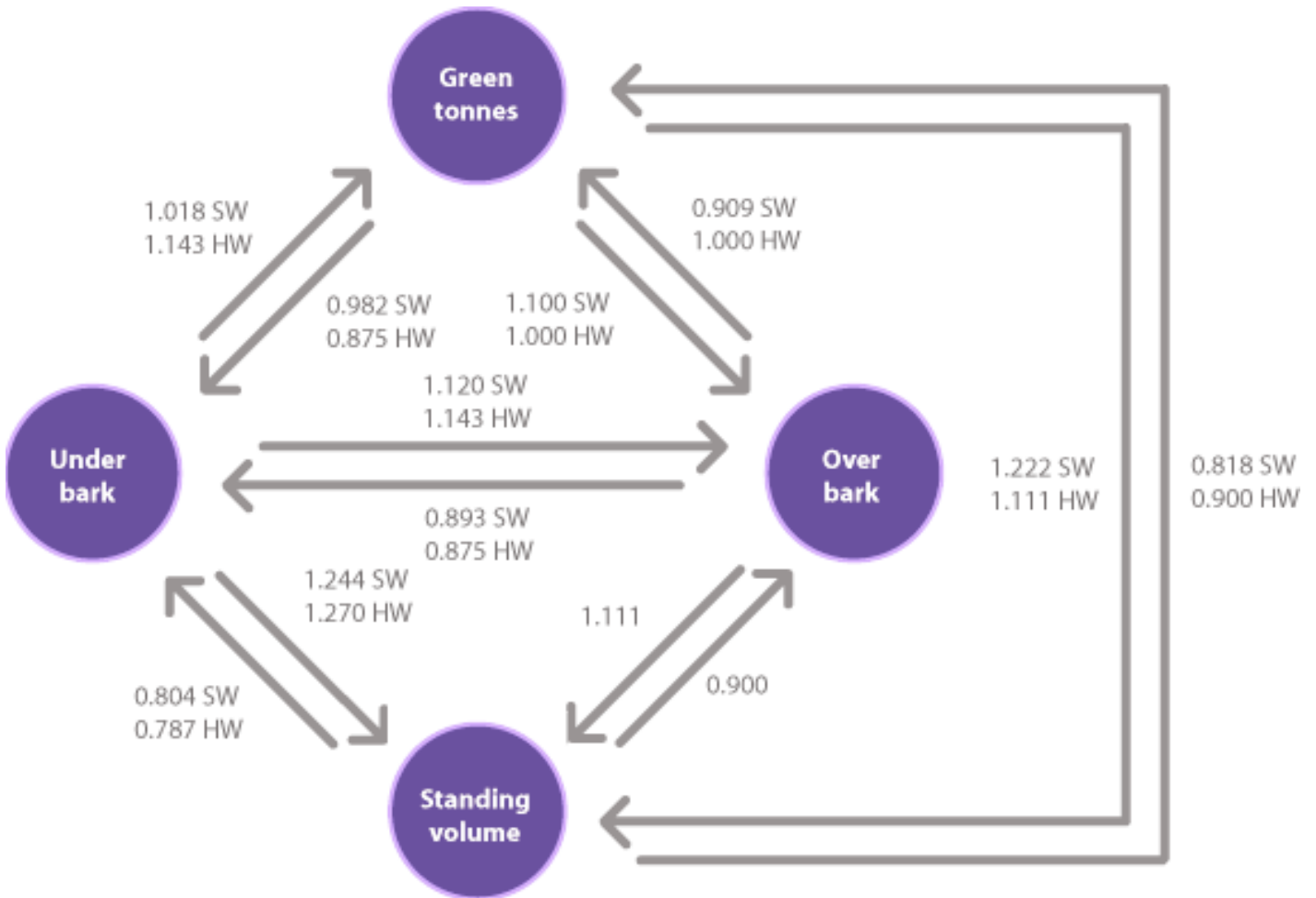
- Wood Panel Industries Federation (for wood-based panels)
- Confor, Confederation of Forest Industries (for integrated pulp and paper mills)
- Confederation of Paper Industries (for paper production).

Estimates are also provided by the [Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics](#).

8.2.3. Conversion factors

The following factors have been used in this release to convert between cubic metres (m³) and green tonnes:

HW = Hardwood, SW = Softwood



The diagram above shows separate conversion factors to use when converting softwood (SW) and hardwood (HW) with arrows to indicate the direction of conversion. For example, to convert 1,000 green tonnes of softwood into an underbark volume, the 1,000 green tonnes should be multiplied by the conversion factor of 0.982 to give 982 cubic metres underbark. There is no difference between

the softwood and hardwood conversion factors for converting between standing volume and overbark volumes.

Further information on conversion factors is available in Chapter 10: Sources and Methodology of [Forestry Statistics 2025](#).

8.2.4. Trade statistics

Statistics on imports and exports are based on the [published overseas trade statistics for intra-EU trade and extra-EU trade produced by HM Revenue & Customs](#). Where the reporting units for quantity differ from those shown in this release, figures are adjusted using standard FAO/ECE conversion factors, which are listed in Chapter 10: Sources and Methodology of [Forestry Statistics 2025](#).

Historically, HM Revenue & Customs wood trade figures have often necessitated adjustments, following liaison with practitioners in the trade. This is partly because detailed intra-EU wood trade data was obtained through a survey of businesses which trade above a particular value threshold until 2022. Therefore, the trade data reported in this publication for individual products in years prior to 2022 was based on a potentially biased survey. More information on HMRC statistics can be found at the [UK Trade Info website](#).

More details on trade statistics sources can be found in Chapter 10: Sources and Methodology of [Forestry Statistics 2025](#).

Statistics on international trade flows (by country of source and country of destination) are available from the [FAOSTAT website](#).

8.3. Quality

The figures in this publication are provisional. Final figures will be published in Forestry Statistics 2026, with a summary in Forestry Facts and Figures 2026.

Detailed information on the quality of the statistics presented in this publication is available in the [UK Wood Production and Trade quality report](#).

Further quality information for each of the Forest Research industry surveys used in this release are provided as [separate quality reports](#).

8.4. Revisions

Figures for 2025 are published for the first time in this release.

Figures shown for 2024 and earlier years have been previously published. They are, however, subject to revisions from those published in Forestry Statistics 2025 and previous publications, to reflect late updates to administrative or survey data.

The following revisions have been made to the data for 2021 to 2024 since they were previously published (in Forestry Statistics 2025):

- Table 1: Removals of UK Roundwood – private sector softwood removals were revised upwards by 20 and 29 thousand green tonnes for 2023 and 2024 respectively. Private sector hardwood removals were revised upwards by nine thousand green tonnes for 2024.
- Table 2: UK softwood deliveries – Sawmills was revised downwards by between 26 and 35 thousand green tonnes across the previous years.
- Table 3: UK hardwood deliveries – Sawmills was revised downwards by one thousand green tonnes across the previous years.
- Table 4: Consumption of roundwood by sawmills – UK grown softwood was revised downwards by between 26 and 35 thousand green tonnes across the previous years. UK grown hardwood was revised downwards by one thousand green tonnes across the previous years.

- Table 5: Production of sawnwood - Softwood was revised downwards by between 13 and 17 thousand green tonnes across the previous years.
- Table 11: UK Import Quantities - Other wood, which includes roundwood, wood charcoal, chips, particles and residues, has been revised upwards by between 18 and 52 thousand cubic metres between 2022 and 2024.
- Table 12: UK Import Values - Estimated values for UK imports of other wood have been revised upwards by £4 million for 2022 and 2023 and £5 million for 2024.
- Table 13: UK Export Quantities - Estimated quantity for UK exports of other wood has been revised upwards by between 19 and 247 thousand cubic metres between 2022 and 2024.
- Table 14: UK Export Values - Estimated values for UK exports of other wood have been revised upwards by between £1 million for and £5 million between 2022 and 2024.

Our [Revisions Policy](#) sets out how revisions and errors to these statistics are dealt with.

8.5. Further information

Most of these statistics are used to compile data that are sent to international organisations in the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaires (JQ1 and JQ2), in some cases giving more detail than in this release. The statistics are used by UNECE Timber Bulletins, and UN/FAO Forest Product Statistics and are published on the [FAOSTAT database](#).

The definitions used in this release are consistent with the [FAO International Definitions](#).

Additional analyses are available on request (subject to disclosure constraints).

Figures for UK production and trade of sawn softwood have previously been used alongside data from other sources to assess consumption of sawn softwood in the main end-user markets in the UK. You can find more information on this on our [Timber and Trade page](#).

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) publishes [an annual Digest of UK Energy Statistics](#). Chapter 6 of this digest covers renewable sources of energy including wood. Figures for wood use in renewable energy statistics take into account wood from all sources (including processed wood, recycled wood and imports), not just UK-grown roundwood.

8.6. Release schedule

Final figures for 2025 will be released in Forestry Statistics 2026 and Forestry Facts and Figures 2026 on 22 October 2026 and 29 October 2026 respectively.

This will be the last release of UK Wood Production and trade: Provisional Figures. This will be replaced by the early release of Chapter 2: Timber and Chapter 3: Trade of Forestry Statistics 2026 in July 2026. If you have any concerns about this please contact us at statistics@forestresearch.gov.uk.

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