

OVERVIEW

- ▶ In 2019 wood processing sector accounted for about 2.2% of GDP. At the beginning of 2021 this industry has employed around 27 thousand workers or 2.8% of total employment.
- ▶ 2,126 companies were active in the industry at the beginning of 2021 and 99.8% of them were small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) with 1-249 persons employed.

Indicator	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of enterprises	2,281	2,222	2,167	2,189	2,126
Number of employees	31,890	30,998	26,308	28,352	27,046

Source: Statistics Lithuania.

- ▶ In 2019 the production of wood and products amounted to 1.8 billion EUR, which was only slightly (0.03%) less than in 2018.

Indicator	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Exports of goods of Lithuanian origin (million EUR)	839.7	878.4	947.2	936.3	927.3
Production value (million EUR)	1,556.2	1,632.7	1,815.3	1,814.8	-

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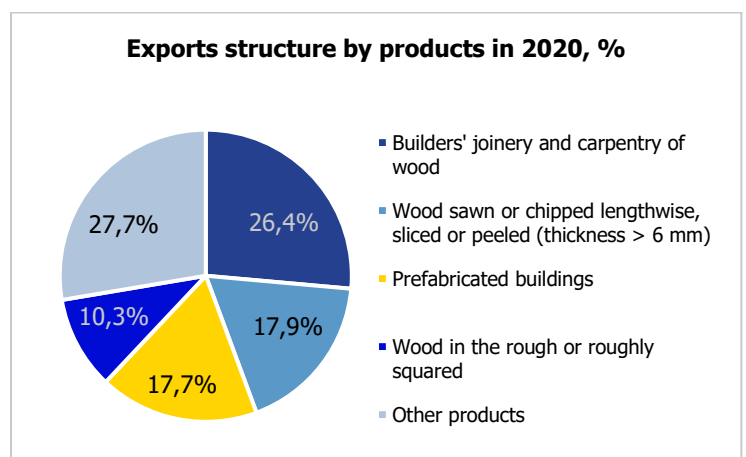
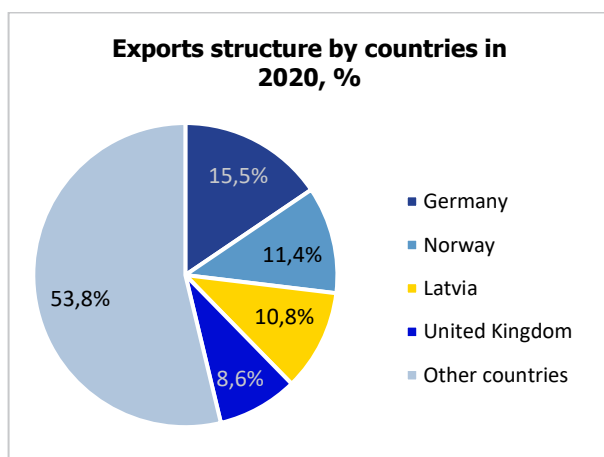
- ▶ In 2020 decrease of domestically produced wood processing sector exports was around 1.0% and amounted to 927 million EUR. In 2020 exports of domestically produced goods consisted mainly of builders' joinery and carpentry (26%), wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled (18%), prefabricated buildings (18%) and wood in the rough or roughly squared (10%). The slight decrease in domestically produced exports in 2020 was mostly driven by the decrease of exports of wood in the rough or roughly squared – exports value decreased by 35 million EUR or 27% to 96 million EUR. Whereas the largest growth in exports was recorded for prefabricated buildings - increased by 18 million EUR or 12% to 164 million EUR).

- ▶ In 2020 the most important exports markets for the wood processing industry were Germany (16%), Norway (11%), Latvia (11%) and the United Kingdom (8.6%). Countries in the European Union accounted for 75% of exports by the wood processing industry in 2020. In 2020 the exports of domestically produced wood processing sector has decreased most significantly to China – exports value decreased by 12 million EUR or 38% to 20 million EUR. Whereas the largest growth in exports was recorded for Germany - increased by 22 million EUR or 18% to 144 million EUR.

Exports of Lithuanian produced wood and wood products by category, million EUR

Category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood	241.9	245.2	230.4	251.2	245.0
Wood sawn, chipped, sliced or peeled (thickness > 6 mm)	150.9	149.0	162.1	153.0	166.3
Prefabricated buildings	142.4	145.9	145.4	146.0	163.9
Wood in the rough or roughly squared	76.0	96.5	147.9	130.9	95.7
Wooden pallets, packing cases, boxes	80.4	90.0	102.9	93.6	82.2
Other goods	148.1	151.8	158.5	161.6	174.2
Total	839.7	878.4	947.2	936.3	927.3

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