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Western Wood Products Association's 2016 Annual Mill Operating Survey results have been compiled and final revisions for 2016 have been made in all WWPA statistical reports. Revisions to 2017 year-to-date data have also been applied and are reflected in this edition of ***Lumber Track***.

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### U.S. West

	2015	2016	Variation
	(MMBF)		(%)
Production	13,531	13,654	0.91%
Shipments	13,585	13,762	1.30%
Orders	13,564	13,765	1.48%



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## U.S. Softwood Lumber Industry Activity by Region (million board feet)

Production	Full Year	4 months YTD											
	2016	2017	2016	% Chg	Apr-17	Mar-17	Apr-16	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 17	1st Qtr 16	% Chg	
West	13,654	4,518	4,579	-1.3	1,094	1,254	1,139	-12.7	-3.9	3,424	3,440	-0.5	
South	17,349	5,933	5,805	2.2	1,438	1,588	1,518	-9.4	-5.3	4,495	4,287	4.9	
Other	1,532	516	513	0.5	124	140	131	-11.3	-5.4	391	382	2.5	
Total	32,535	10,967	10,897	0.6	2,656	2,982	2,788	-10.9	-4.7	8,310	8,109	2.5	

## Shipments

West	13,762	4,504	4,601	-2.1	1,130	1,278	1,180	-11.6	-4.3	3,374	3,421	-1.4
South	17,349	5,933	5,805	2.2	1,438	1,588	1,518	-9.4	-5.3	4,495	4,287	4.9
Other	1,534	515	511	0.7	125	142	133	-11.5	-6.1	389	378	3.1
Total	32,645	10,952	10,917	0.3	2,693	3,008	2,832	-10.4	-4.9	8,258	8,086	2.1

## New Orders

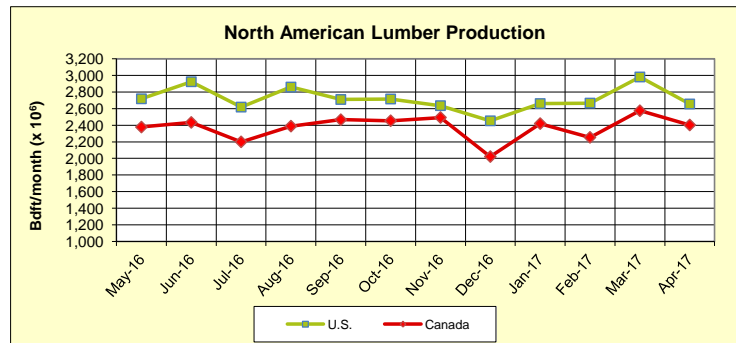
West	13,765	4,495	4,585	-2.0	1,132	1,264	1,150	-10.5	-1.6	3,363	3,436	-2.1
South	17,349	5,933	5,805	2.2	1,438	1,588	1,518	-9.4	-5.3	4,495	4,287	4.9
Other	1,537	514	513	0.1	125	141	132	-11.0	-4.9	389	382	1.9
Total	32,651	10,942	10,904	0.3	2,695	2,993	2,800	-10.0	-3.7	8,247	8,104	1.8

## Unfilled Orders

	Apr-17	Apr-16	% Chg
West	485	477	-0.4
South	688	688	0.0
Other	70	69	0.6
Total	1,243	1,234	-0.1

## Inventories

	Apr-17	Apr-16	% Chg
West	1,141	1,227	-5.9
South	1,577	1,577	0.0
Other	154	158	-2.1
Total	2,872	2,962	-2.6



Source: Southern Forest Products Association, U.S. Census Bureau, Council of Forest Industries-CAN, WWPA

## Canadian Softwood Lumber Industry Activity by Region (million board feet)

Production	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2016	2017	2016	% Chg	Apr-17	Mar-17	Apr-16	M to M %	Y to Y %	1st Qtr 17	1st Qtr 16	% Chg
British Columbia	13,559	4,452	4,587	-3.0	1,121	1,198	1,155	-6.4	-2.9	3,331	3,432	-3.0
East of the Rockies	14,775	5,200	4,909	5.9	1,282	1,377	1,273	-6.9	0.7	3,918	3,636	7.8
Total	28,335	9,652	9,496	1.6	2,403	2,575	2,428	-6.7	-1.0	7,249	7,068	2.6

## Shipments

British Columbia	13,618	4,341	4,537	-4.3	1,134	1,152	1,114	-1.6	1.8	3,207	3,423	-6.3
East of the Rockies	14,897	4,911	4,672	5.1	1,315	1,262	1,218	4.2	8.0	3,596	3,454	4.1
Total	28,515	9,252	9,208	0.5	2,449	2,414	2,331	1.4	5.0	6,804	6,877	-1.1

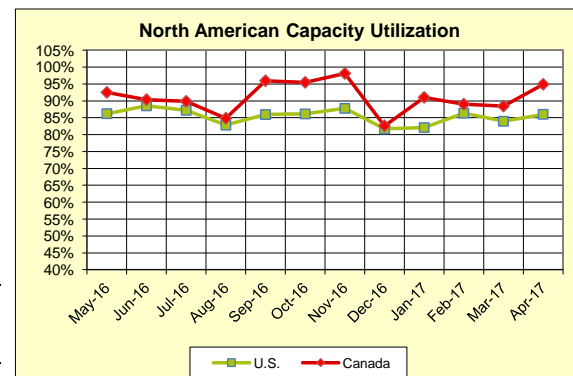
## Inventories

	Apr-17	Apr-16	% Chg
British Columbia	1,118	1,249	1.3
East of the Rockies	1,722	1,884	-2.1
Total	2,840	3,132	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

## Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	4 months YTD				
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Apr-17</u>	<u>Mar-17</u>	<u>Apr-16</u>
West	80%	79%	80%	80%	80%	81%
South	91%	90%	91%	92%	88%	96%
Total U.S.	86%	85%	85%	86%	84%	88%
British Columbia	93%	89%	93%	94%	87%	95%
East of the Rockies	90%	93%	89%	96%	90%	94%
Total Canada	91%	91%	91%	95%	88%	94%



Sources: FEA, LLC: Softwood Sawmills in the United States and Canada, WWPA

## Trade Statistics

### U. S. Softwood Lumber Imports (million board feet)

	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2016	2017	2016	% Chg	Apr-17	Mar-17	Apr-16	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 17	1st Qtr 16	% Chg
From British Columbia <sup>1</sup>	8,343	2,406	2,693	-10.7	653	637	689	2.5	-5.2	1,753	2,004	-12.5
East of the Rockies <sup>1</sup>	6,703	2,610	2,121	23.0	732	675	538	8.3	36.0	1,879	1,584	18.6
Total Canadian Imports <sup>1</sup>	15,046	5,016	4,815	4.2	1,385	1,313	1,227	5.5	12.8	3,632	3,588	1.2
From Canada <sup>2</sup>	15,099	5,018	4,812	4.3	1,387	1,309	1,228	6.0	13.0	3,631	3,584	1.3
From Latin America <sup>2</sup>	388	170	177	-3.8	28	27	29	4.3	-1.9	142	148	-4.2
From Europe <sup>2</sup>	402	336	118	184.8	38	26	38	49.1	2.5	297	80	270.1
Total Non-Canadian <sup>2</sup>	992	553	336	64.6	78	67	76	17.8	2.8	475	256	85.6
Total Lumber Imports <sup>2</sup>	16,038	5,571	5,148	8.2	1,465	1,376	1,304	6.5	12.4	4,106	3,844	6.8

1 - Data provided by Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-Canada

2 - Data provided by U.S. International Trade Commission / U.S Census

Note: The data sources for all U.S. SW lumber import values are noted above.

### U. S. Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2016	2017	2016	% Chg	Apr-17	Mar-17	Apr-16	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 17	1st Qtr 16	% Chg
To Canada	333	105	110	-3.9	26	29	29	-8.8	-9.6	79	81	-1.8
To China	296	98	93	4.5	23	22	19	4.9	21.9	75	75	0.1
To Japan	105	29	38	-23.7	7	9	10	-22.4	-27.3	22	28	-22.6
To Mexico	338	109	100	8.7	26	31	26	-18.1	-0.6	83	74	12.0
To Other Countries	535	184	183	1.0	42	55	45	-23.0	-5.2	142	138	3.0
Total Lumber Exports	1,607	525	523	0.3	124	146	128	-14.9	-3.0	401	395	1.3

### U. S. Softwood Log Imports (million board feet)

From Canada	101	33	34	-0.7	8	8	6	2.2	33.1	25	28	-8.2
Non-Canadian Sources	2	0	1	-85.3	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	0.0
Total Log Imports	102	34	35	-3.9	8	8	6	2.4	34.1	25	29	-12.0

### U. S. Softwood Log Exports (million board feet)

To China	983	308	234	31.8	97	82	89	17.8	8.4	212	145	46.2
To Japan	402	131	150	-13.2	28	33	35	-15.5	-19.4	103	116	-11.3
To Canada	425	171	174	-2.1	21	50	29	-59.2	-29.4	150	145	3.4
To Other Countries	122	46	31	47.0	13	11	8	17.8	62.7	33	23	41.6
Total Log Exports	1,932	655	590	11.1	158	176	161	-10.4	-1.8	497	429	16.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. International Trade Commission, Foreign Agricultural Service

### Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	15,046	5,016	4,815	4.2	1,385	1,313	1,227	5.5	12.8	3,632	3,588	1.2
To China	2,523	782	907	-13.8	198	225	235	-12.1	-16.0	585	672	-13.0
To Japan	973	314	292	7.7	82	87	65	-5.5	25.5	232	227	2.6
Other	775	265	273	-2.8	69	85	67	-18.7	3.2	196	206	-4.7
Total Lumber Exports	19,318	6,378	6,286	1.5	1,733	1,709	1,594	1.4	8.7	4,645	4,692	-1.0

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

### U.S. Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2016	2017	2016	% Chg	Apr-17	Mar-17	Apr-16	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 17	1st Qtr 16	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	32,645	10,952	10,917	0.3	2,693	3,008	2,832	-10.4	-4.9	8,258	8,086	2.1
Plus Imports	16,038	5,571	5,148	8.2	1,465	1,376	1,304	6.5	12.4	4,106	3,844	6.8
Minus Exports	(1,607)	(525)	(523)	0.3	(124)	(146)	(128)	-14.9	-3.0	(401)	(395)	1.3
Apparent Consumption	47,076	15,998	15,541	2.9	4,035	4,237	4,008	-4.8	0.7	11,964	11,534	3.7

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	Full Year	4 months YTD										
	2016	2017	2016	% Chg	Apr-17	Mar-17	Apr-16	M to M %	Y to Y%	1st Qtr 17	1st Qtr 16	% Chg
Lumber Shipments	28,515	9,252	9,208	0.5	2,449	2,414	2,331	1.4	5.0	6,804	6,877	-1.1
Plus Imports	360	114	118	-3.9	28	31	31	-8.8	-9.6	85	87	-1.8
Minus Exports	(19,318)	(6,378)	(6,286)	1.5	(1,733)	(1,709)	(1,594)	1.4	8.7	(4,645)	(4,692)	-1.0
Apparent Consumption	9,557	2,988	3,040	-1.7	744	737	768	1.0	-3.1	2,244	2,272	-1.2



## Western Wood Products Association - North American Activity and Consumption Update

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### Estimated North American Production (million board feet)

	2015		2016												2017			
Region	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	614	619	644	671	759	707	709	740	636	728	687	694	664	635	672	659	761	680
Inland	379	392	390	391	434	383	399	418	376	451	409	418	402	368	387	394	437	374
Cal. Redwood	39	37	46	52	54	49	46	47	42	48	41	44	40	32	29	30	55	40
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>1,094</b>
South	1,170	1,358	1,333	1,399	1,555	1,518	1,437	1,581	1,441	1,499	1,446	1,432	1,406	1,302	1,449	1,458	1,588	1,438
Other	106	115	119	124	138	131	128	138	123	135	128	128	124	116	125	126	140	124
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>2,788</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>2,619</b>	<b>2,860</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>2,662</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>2,656</b>
British Columbia	1,093	1,089	1,121	1,125	1,186	1,155	1,145	1,163	1,098	1,173	1,173	1,139	1,145	937	1,104	1,028	1,198	1,121
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,208	1,104	1,163	1,201	1,271	1,273	1,233	1,271	1,102	1,216	1,293	1,316	1,349	1,085	1,316	1,226	1,377	1,282
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>2,389</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>2,403</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>4,608</b>	<b>4,713</b>	<b>4,817</b>	<b>4,963</b>	<b>5,397</b>	<b>5,217</b>	<b>5,097</b>	<b>5,359</b>	<b>4,819</b>	<b>5,249</b>	<b>5,177</b>	<b>5,170</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>4,476</b>	<b>5,082</b>	<b>4,921</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>5,059</b>

### Estimated North American Shipments (million board feet)

	2015		2016												2017			
Region	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	602	633	611	670	765	703	711	746	661	750	688	695	669	657	651	637	751	686
Inland	373	373	379	395	445	422	421	437	382	449	403	402	385	362	374	385	477	402
Cal. Redwood	38	35	48	54	56	55	48	51	41	48	40	42	39	33	25	24	50	42
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>1,130</b>
South	1,170	1,358	1,333	1,399	1,555	1,518	1,437	1,581	1,441	1,499	1,446	1,432	1,406	1,302	1,449	1,458	1,588	1,438
Other	105	114	117	121	139	133	129	139	125	136	127	127	123	116	124	124	142	125
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,288</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>2,881</b>	<b>2,705</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>2,623</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>2,623</b>	<b>2,628</b>	<b>3,008</b>	<b>2,693</b>
British Columbia	1,119	1,081	1,095	1,138	1,190	1,114	1,121	1,176	1,102	1,185	1,214	1,129	1,184	970	1,061	993	1,152	1,134
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,135	1,087	1,095	1,164	1,194	1,218	1,268	1,321	1,230	1,243	1,344	1,357	1,335	1,127	1,205	1,129	1,262	1,315
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>2,302</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2,389</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>2,558</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>2,123</b>	<b>2,414</b>	<b>2,449</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>4,542</b>	<b>4,680</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>5,163</b>	<b>5,134</b>	<b>5,451</b>	<b>4,983</b>	<b>5,309</b>	<b>5,263</b>	<b>5,184</b>	<b>5,142</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>4,889</b>	<b>4,751</b>	<b>5,422</b>	<b>5,142</b>

### Estimated U.S. Orders (million board feet)

	2015		2016												2017			
Region	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	606	648	618	670	757	700	707	750	667	751	683	702	658	664	648	631	753	693
Inland	374	390	383	403	451	400	418	442	383	438	416	398	392	372	398	369	461	399
Cal. Redwood	41	32	50	51	53	50	45	51	44	48	38	43	39	32	27	25	50	39
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,132</b>
South	1,170	1,358	1,333	1,399	1,555	1,518	1,437	1,581	1,441	1,499	1,446	1,432	1,406	1,302	1,449	1,458	1,588	1,438
Other	105	115	118	125	139	132	129	140	125	135	128	127	123	117	125	123	141	125
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>2,964</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>2,711</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>2,618</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>2,606</b>	<b>2,993</b>	<b>2,695</b>

### Estimated U.S. Unfilled Orders (million board feet)

	2015		2016												2017			
Region	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	225	240	248	248	240	237	234	237	243	244	239	246	234	240	238	231	233	240
Inland	214	231	217	226	232	210	208	213	214	203	199	195	202	212	236	220	204	201
Cal. Redwood	38	36	38	35	32	29	33	34	36	36	34	34	34	32	35	36	36	34
<b>Total West</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>475</b>
South	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688	688
Other	68	70	71	71	71	69	69	69	70	69	69	70	69	70	71	70	69	70
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,232</b>

### Estimated North American Inventories (million board feet)

	2015		2016												2017			
Region	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Coast	572	558	580	581	575	579	577	571	546	524	523	523	517	495	516	538	548	541
Inland	544	563	571	568	556	517	496	477	471	473	480	495	512	518	531	539	500	471
Cal. Redwood	142	143	141	139	137	130	128	125	125	126	126	127	128	128	132	138	143	142
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>1,155</b>
South	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577	1,577
Other	159	159	161	161	160	158	157	156	154	153	153	154	155	154	156	157	156	155
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,994</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>3,006</b>	<b>2,962</b>	<b>2,935</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>2,873</b>	<b>2,853</b>	<b>2,858</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>2,872</b>	<b>2,911</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>2,887</b>
British Columbia	1,179	1,188	1,205	1,215	1,202	1,233	1,257	1,238	1,219	1,202	1,173	1,179	1,148	1,118	1,180	1,211	1,250	1,249
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,751	1,769	1,820	1,840	1,888	1,925	1,835	1,804	1,685	1,689	1,718	1,704	1,744	1,722	1,872	1,871	1,952	1,884
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>2,957</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>3,055</b>	<b>3,090</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>3,082</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>3,132</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>5,923</b>	<b>5,958</b>	<b>6,055</b>	<b>6,081</b>	<b>6,095</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>6,027</b>	<b>5,947</b>	<b>5,778</b>	<b>5,744</b>	<b>5,750</b>	<b>5,760</b>	<b>5,781</b>	<b>5,712</b>	<b>5,963</b>	<b>6,032</b>	<b>6,125</b>	<b>6,019</b>