



# Lumber Track

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

Production	Full Year	9 months YTD											
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg	Sep-21	Aug-21	Sep-20	M to M %	Y to Y%	3rd Qtr 21	3rd Qtr 20	% Chg	
	West	14,453	11,078	10,801	2.6	1,155	1,153	1,207	0.2	-4.3	3,460	3,747	-7.7
	South	20,793	15,806	15,520	1.8	1,713	1,781	1,690	-3.8	1.4	5,233	5,313	-1.5
	Other	1,661	1,267	1,240	2.1	135	138	137	-2.3	-1.0	410	427	-4.1
Total	36,907	28,151	27,562	2.1	3,003	3,072	3,033	-2.2	-1.0	9,103	9,487	-4.0	

## Shipments

West	14,550	10,951	10,991	-0.4	1,212	1,164	1,220	4.2	-0.6	3,444	3,825	-10.0
South	20,793	15,806	15,520	1.8	1,713	1,781	1,690	-3.8	1.4	5,233	5,313	-1.5
Other	1,666	1,261	1,249	0.9	138	139	137	-0.7	0.5	409	431	-5.1
Total	37,009	28,018	27,760	0.9	3,063	3,084	3,047	-0.7	0.5	9,086	9,569	-5.0

## New Orders

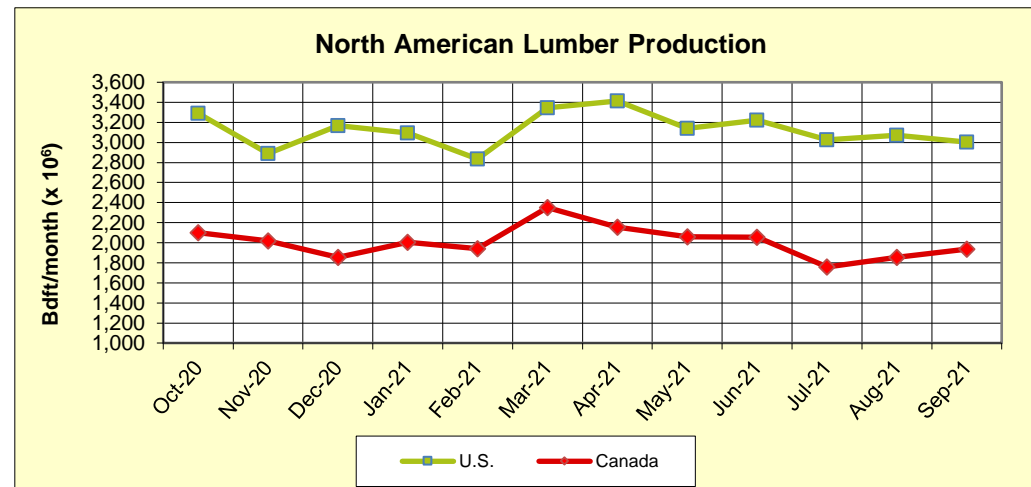
West	14,546	11,015	10,940	0.7	1,183	1,182	1,198	0.1	-1.3	3,479	3,806	-8.6
South	20,793	15,806	15,520	1.8	1,713	1,781	1,690	-3.8	1.4	5,233	5,313	-1.5
Other	1,665	1,264	1,247	1.4	136	140	136	-2.3	0.2	411	430	-4.5
Total	37,005	28,085	27,707	1.4	3,032	3,102	3,024	-2.3	0.3	9,123	9,549	-4.5

## Unfilled Orders

		Sep-21	Sep-20	
West	483	550	436	26.3
South	646	646	646	0.0
Other	69	72	67	7.8
Total	1,198	1,269	1,149	10.4

## Inventories

		Sep-21	Sep-20	
West	1,115	1,241	1,022	21.3
South	1,697	1,697	1,697	0.0
Other	156	162	152	6.8
Total	2,968	3,100	2,871	8.0



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	9 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg	Sep-21	Aug-21	Sep-20	M to M %	Y to Y %	3rd Qtr 21	3rd Qtr 20	% Chg
British Columbia	8,921	7,177	6,577	9.1	732	704	845	3.9	-13.5	2,187	2,423	-9.7
East of the Rockies	14,135	10,935	10,508	4.1	1,203	1,150	1,284	4.6	-6.3	3,360	3,523	-4.6
Total	23,055	18,111	17,085	6.0	1,935	1,854	2,129	4.4	-9.1	5,547	5,946	-6.7

## Shipments

British Columbia	9,030	7,362	6,577	11.9	742	751	842	-1.1	-11.8	2,224	2,408	-7.7
East of the Rockies	13,687	10,419	10,199	2.2	1,223	1,106	1,198	10.6	2.1	3,349	3,458	-3.2
Total	22,717	17,781	16,776	6.0	1,966	1,857	2,040	5.9	-3.6	5,573	5,867	-5.0

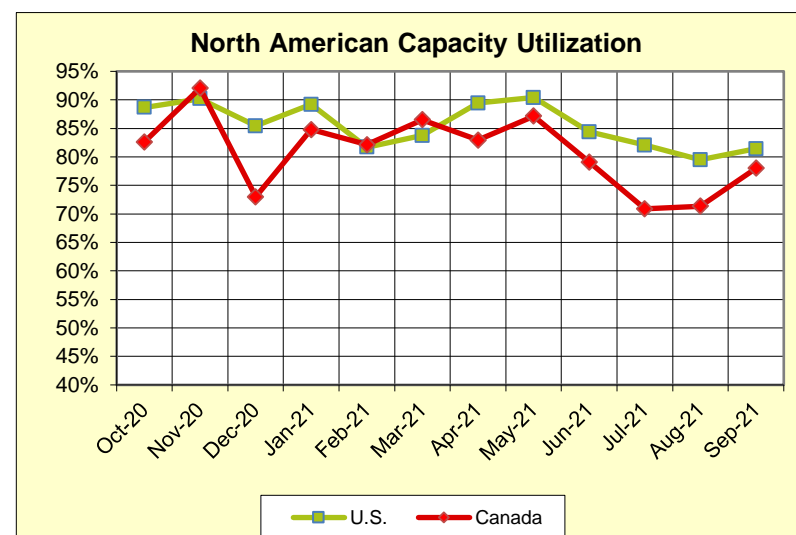
## Inventories

		Sep-21	Sep-20	
British Columbia	997	907	1,107	-18.1
East of the Rockies	1,726	1,883	1,714	9.9
Total	2,723	2,790	2,821	-1.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

## Production as Percent of Practical Capacity

	Full Year	9 months YTD				
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Sep-21</u>	<u>Aug-21</u>	<u>Sep-20</u>
West	80%	82%	79%	77%	74%	81%
South	91%	87%	90%	84%	84%	90%
Total U.S.	86%	85%	85%	81%	79%	86%
British Columbia	73%	77%	71%	71%	65%	84%
East of the Rockies	82%	83%	81%	83%	76%	91%
Total Canada	78%	80%	77%	78%	71%	88%



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

Trade Statistics

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

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
From British Columbia <sup>1</sup>	5,588	4,784	3,932	21.7	408	474	563	-14.0	-27.6	1,376	1,576	-12.7
East of the Rockies <sup>1</sup>	7,534	5,593	5,602	-0.2	652	603	709	8.1	-8.0	1,822	1,938	-6.0
Total Canadian Imports <sup>1</sup>	13,122	10,378	9,534	8.8	1,060	1,077	1,273	-1.6	-16.7	3,198	3,514	-9.0
From Canada <sup>2</sup>	13,078	10,369	9,493	9.2	1,059	1,077	1,272	-1.6	-16.7	3,196	3,510	-8.9
From Latin America <sup>2</sup>	479	359	331	8.4	42	45	46	-6.3	-8.7	129	121	6.8
From Europe <sup>2</sup>	1,421	1,308	951	37.5	114	170	100	-32.7	14.0	419	314	33.2
Total Non-Canadian <sup>2</sup>	2,105	1,806	1,430	26.3	174	229	163	-24.0	7.0	597	484	23.5
Total Lumber Imports <sup>2</sup>	15,183	12,175	10,923	11.5	1,233	1,305	1,434	-5.5	-14.0	3,793	3,998	-5.1

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	9 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
To Canada	287	298	218	36.7	34	32	23	7.3	46.8	98	71	39.0
To China	97	60	83	-27.6	14	10	5	39.5	167.8	34	20	72.5
To Japan	70	44	56	-20.2	6	7	4	-10.3	58.3	19	14	36.6
To Mexico	247	259	176	47.0	41	46	21	-10.2	94.7	124	64	95.1
To Other Countries	416	383	303	26.4	48	55	31	-13.8	51.6	147	95	54.2
Total Lumber Exports	1,117	1,044	836	25.0	143	150	85	-4.4	68.5	422	263	60.4

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

From Canada	56	65	37	76.3	1	10	3	-88.1	-56.2	15	11	41.4
Non-Canadian Sources	23	20	22	-7.6	0	4	0	0.0	0.0	5	5	9.5
Total Log Imports	79	85	59	45.2	2	13	3	-87.8	-41.4	21	16	31.4

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

To China	630	654	458	42.6	76	83	33	-8.3	130.5	256	189	35.1
To Japan	352	260	276	-5.8	40	22	25	80.3	57.3	91	82	10.3
To Canada	119	170	89	92.4	32	27	11	17.2	198.9	85	28	201.1
To Other Countries	129	140	95	47.3	10	25	19	-59.3	-45.9	55	35	56.8
Total Log Exports	1,230	1,225	918	33.3	158	157	88	0.5	80.4	486	335	45.2

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

Canadian Softwood Lumber Exports (million board feet)

To U.S.	13,122	10,378	9,534	8.8	1,060	1,077	1,273	-1.6	-16.7	3,198	3,514	-9.0
To China	1,240	467	991	-52.8	99	61	70	63.3	41.3	200	259	-22.9
To Japan	581	461	435	6.0	51	67	43	-22.9	20.7	170	118	44.3
Other	493	497	364	36.8	64	61	33	4.0	91.6	176	100	75.5
Total Lumber Exports	15,437	11,803	11,323	4.2	1,274	1,266	1,419	0.7	-10.2	3,743	3,991	-6.2

Sources: Statistics Canada, Council of Forest Industries-CAN

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

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	37,009	28,018	27,760	0.9	3,063	3,084	3,047	-0.7	0.5	9,086	9,569	-5.0
Plus Imports	15,183	12,175	10,923	11.5	1,233	1,305	1,434	-5.5	-14.0	3,793	3,998	-5.1
Minus Exports	(1,117)	(1,044)	(836)	25.0	(143)	(150)	(85)	-4.4	68.5	(422)	(263)	60.4
Apparent Consumption	51,075	39,149	37,847	3.4	4,153	4,239	4,396	-2.0	-5.5	12,457	13,304	-6.4

Canadian Softwood Lumber Consumption (million board feet)

	Full Year	9 months YTD										
	2020	2021	2020	% Chg								
Lumber Shipments	22,717	17,781	16,776	6.0	1,966	1,857	2,040	5.9	-3.6	5,573	5,867	-5.0
Plus Imports	310	322	235	36.7	37	34	25	7.3	46.8	106	76	39.0
Minus Exports	(15,437)	(11,803)	(11,323)	4.2	(1,274)	(1,266)	(1,419)	0.7	-10.2	(3,743)	(3,991)	-6.2
Apparent Consumption	7,589	6,300	5,688	10.8	728	625	646	16.5	12.7	1,935	1,952	-0.8



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

Region	2020									2021								
	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	663	674	787	793	756	723	793	702	762	744	733	832	819	772	789	727	716	728
Inland	359	369	421	435	425	424	439	368	404	411	405	470	434	391	427	367	384	371
Cal. Coast	31	51	69	74	57	60	68	58	58	60	67	72	71	56	66	58	53	56
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,155</b>
South	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,690	1,840	1,631	1,802	1,741	1,503	1,820	1,936	1,778	1,795	1,739	1,781	1,713
Other	131	127	142	151	140	137	148	130	143	139	128	150	154	141	145	136	138	135
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,917</b>	<b>2,827</b>	<b>3,147</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>3,105</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>3,168</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>2,835</b>	<b>3,343</b>	<b>3,414</b>	<b>3,138</b>	<b>3,222</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>3,072</b>	<b>3,003</b>
British Columbia	436	677	788	777	800	845	836	760	748	819	737	918	881	820	814	751	704	732
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,016	1,140	1,239	1,094	1,146	1,284	1,263	1,259	1,105	1,184	1,203	1,432	1,275	1,239	1,241	1,007	1,150	1,203
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>2,351</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>2,056</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>1,935</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>4,369</b>	<b>4,643</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>5,220</b>	<b>5,051</b>	<b>5,162</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>5,099</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>5,694</b>	<b>5,569</b>	<b>5,197</b>	<b>5,278</b>	<b>4,785</b>	<b>4,926</b>	<b>4,938</b>

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

Region	2020									2021								
	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	681	694	793	813	746	736	763	695	766	724	694	820	821	762	788	672	745	768
Inland	373	386	437	464	442	424	417	356	390	392	389	469	444	413	410	335	366	385
Cal. Coast	53	53	73	75	66	59	61	54	56	55	67	72	66	54	67	61	53	60
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,212</b>
South	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,690	1,840	1,631	1,802	1,741	1,503	1,820	1,936	1,778	1,795	1,739	1,781	1,713
Other	134	129	143	153	140	137	145	129	142	137	125	150	154	142	144	132	139	138
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,973</b>	<b>2,866</b>	<b>3,175</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,122</b>	<b>3,047</b>	<b>3,227</b>	<b>2,866</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>3,049</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>3,149</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>3,084</b>	<b>3,063</b>
British Columbia	723	564	711	770	796	842	872	797	785	829	717	909	939	883	861	731	751	742
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,045	1,145	1,271	1,137	1,123	1,198	1,173	1,229	1,087	1,095	1,097	1,270	1,288	1,188	1,134	1,020	1,106	1,223
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>1,966</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>4,576</b>	<b>5,157</b>	<b>5,308</b>	<b>5,041</b>	<b>5,087</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>4,891</b>	<b>5,028</b>	<b>4,973</b>	<b>4,592</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>5,647</b>	<b>5,220</b>	<b>5,198</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>5,029</b>

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

Region	2020									2021								
	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	679	672	786	820	751	732	766	716	754	726	692	828	814	769	831	697	716	751
Inland	383	403	424	442	455	407	408	356	435	397	391	483	439	380	404	358	412	372
Cal. Coast	55	53	73	75	66	59	61	54	56	55	67	72	66	55	67	61	54	60
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,183</b>
South	1,732	1,605	1,729	1,896	1,727	1,690	1,840	1,631	1,802	1,741	1,503	1,820	1,936	1,778	1,795	1,739	1,781	1,713
Other	134	129	142	152	141	136	145	130	144	138	125	151	153	141	146	134	140	136
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>2,861</b>	<b>3,154</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>3,139</b>	<b>3,024</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>2,888</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>3,354</b>	<b>3,408</b>	<b>3,122</b>	<b>3,243</b>	<b>2,989</b>	<b>3,102</b>	<b>3,032</b>

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

Region	2020									2021								
	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	243	221	213	221	225	221	224	244	232	238	236	243	236	244	288	312	283	266
Inland	204	221	208	186	199	182	172	173	218	223	225	239	234	201	195	217	263	251
Cal. Coast	34	34	34	34	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	34	33
<b>Total West</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>550</b>
South	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646	646
Other	69	69	68	67	68	67	67	68	69	70	70	71	70	69	71	73	74	72
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,269</b>

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

Region	2020									2021								
	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Coast	550	530	524	504	514	501	531	538	533	553	592	603	601	610	611	667	638	598
Inland	520	503	487	458	442	441	463	475	489	508	523	524	514	492	509	540	559	545
Cal. Coast	96	94	90	89	80	80	88	91	93	98	98	98	103	105	104	101	101	97
<b>Total West</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>1,241</b>
South	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697	1,697
Other	159	157	156	153	153	152	155	156	156	158	161	161	161	161	161	165	165	162
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>3,021</b>	<b>2,981</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>2,902</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>2,956</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>3,014</b>	<b>3,071</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>3,076</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>3,171</b>	<b>3,160</b>	<b>3,100</b>
British Columbia	867	1,007	1,089	1,126	1,120	1,107	1,070	1,027	997	997	1,039	1,057	1,013	971	934	955	914	907
Prairies & Eastern Canada	1,925	1,909	1,836	1,719	1,681	1,714	1,736	1,736	1,726	1,751	1,866	1,970	1,925	1,924	1,978	1,919	1,945	1,883
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>2,821</b>	<b>2,806</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>2,938</b>	<b>2,896</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>2,874</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>2,790</b>
<b>Total North America</b>	<b>5,813</b>	<b>5,897</b>	<b>5,878</b>	<b>5,747</b>	<b>5,687</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>5,740</b>	<b>5,719</b>	<b>5,691</b>	<b>5,763</b>	<b>5,976</b>	<b>6,111</b>	<b>6,014</b>	<b>5,960</b>	<b>5,995</b>	<b>6,045</b>	<b>6,019</b>	<b>5,890</b>