

## Canada's Forest by the Numbers

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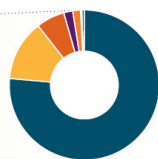
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**CANADA HAS: 347,069,000 HECTARES OF FOREST LAND**

How much of Canada is forest?



Who owns Canada's forests?



Freshwater area	9%	Provincial	76.6%	Federal	1.6%
Forest area	35%	Territorial	12.9%	Municipal	0.3%
Non forest land	56%	Private	6.2%	Other	0.4%
		Indigenous	2.0%		

What's the leading cause of disturbance in Canada's forests?



Area impacted by insects (2016): **15,489,117 ha (4.5%)**



Area burned by fire (2017): **3,371,833 ha (<1%)**



Area harvested (2016): **766,659 ha (<0.5%)**



Area deforested (2016): **37,000 ha (0.01%)**

Canada's forest land (2015)  
**347,069,000 ha**



The forest industry contributed **\$24.6 BILLION** (1.6% to Canada's gross domestic product (GDP). (2017)

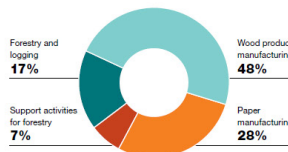


The forest industry directly employed **209,940 people** (1.1% of total employment). (2017)



**6%** of those employed in the forest industry were **INDIGENOUS**. (2016)

Where do people work in the forest industry?



Women in the forest industry (2016)



**17%** of people employed within the forest industry were women.

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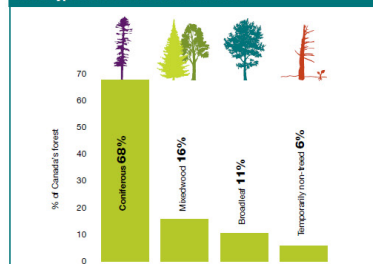


**23%** of women worked in the forest—in logging, forestry, and forestry support activities.



**77%** of women worked in wood product manufacturing and the pulp and paper industry.

What types of forest does Canada have?



**THE MOST COMMON TREE SPECIES** in Canada is the black spruce.

**2/3 OF ALL SPECIES** in Canada are found in forest ecosystems.

**49% OF CANADA'S FORESTS** were certified to third party standards of sustainable forest management. (2017)

Over **615 MILLION SEEDLINGS** were planted on 410 thousand ha in Canada's forests. (2016)

Over **1,000 SPECIES** of invertebrates may be found in a single square metre of forest soil.

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