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Forestry statistics 2024¹

																											
	CH	ZH	BE	LU	UR	SZ	OW	NW	GL	ZG	FR	SO	BS	BL	SH	AR	AI	SG	GR	AG	TG	TI	VD	VS	NE	GE	JU
Wood harvest in m³, total	4 803 397	400 248	886 178	226 568	25 604	108 932	64 550	28 034	52 972	46 784	289 618	163 851	2 430	132 061	82 801	44 963	34 369	313 042	371 701	337 838	154 670	120 899	441 928	108 970	198 014	6 433	159 939
Change over previous year (2023) in %	−2%	−9%	−3%	−23%	−19%	−9%	1%	13%	4%	−11%	8%	−7%	−15%	−2%	−4%	−6%	231%	6%	1%	−6%	3%	13%	1%	−7%	23%	−17%	−3%
Softwood (conifers)	3 212 223	205 791	632 538	175 017	20 153	83 606	40 657	14 886	34 821	34 247	205 156	69 868	0	34 155	41 070	38 247	29 679	202 352	344 291	177 792	86 593	52 928	337 628	101 397	169 353	525	79 473
Hardwood (deciduous)	1 591 174	194 457	253 640	51 551	5 451	25 326	23 893	13 148	18 151	12 537	84 462	93 983	2 430	97 906	41 731	6 716	4 690	110 690	27 410	160 046	68 077	67 971	104 300	7 573	28 661	5 908	80 466

Wood harvest by use, in m³																											
Sawlogs and veneer logs	2 191 842	156 710	427 432	119 014	9 703	55 377	21 874	7 707	25 320	22 772	127 550	50 386	400	33 315	28 817	28 530	24 154	165 497	227 287	123 376	62 102	23 252	239 556	35 278	123 662	266	52 505
Industrial roundwood	495 365	20 116	139 451	46 870	614	8 266	5 452	928	7 045	1 615	4 376	29 484	300	9 269	14 363	261	3 285	30 915	1 662	37 432	4 525	1 975	41 635	15 336	11 194	0	58 996
Total wood fuel	2 104 190	223 042	317 053	57 820	15 287	43 930	37 127	19 311	20 564	22 397	156 631	83 981	1 730	89 477	39 511	16 172	6 930	116 266	142 439	174 837	87 988	95 672	159 942	58 356	63 122	6 167	48 438
of which chopped wood	682 056	33 820	90 924	12 205	4 016	10 255	5 585	4 605	7 605	2 637	29 077	20 465	100	19 254	11 543	4 765	1 895	45 883	63 161	33 287	21 619	80 052	133 269	23 866	6 752	1 027	14 389
of which wood chips	1 422 134	189 222	226 129	45 615	11 271	33 675	31 542	14 706	12 959	19 760	127 554	63 516	1 630	70 223	27 968	11 407	5 035	70 383	79 278	141 550	66 369	15 620	26 673	34 490	56 370	5 140	34 049
Other types of wood	12 000	380	2 242	2 864	0	1 359	97	88	43	0	1 061	0	0	0	110	0	0	364	313	2 193	55	0	795	0	36	0	0

Forest area in ha	1 275 891	50 591	179 235	40 937	20 791	27 879	18 659	7 772	23 635	6 458	43 094	31 926	471	20 356	12 382	7 181	4 874	60 000	201 783	49 213	20 122	142 941	126 613	109 584	30 132	3 003	36 259
Productive forest land	1 124 593	50 005	162 353	40 937	16 946	27 097	15 526	7 093	21 417	6 388	42 062	28 378	471	19 968	12 335	6 861	4 660	56 634	163 394	46 256	20 085	127 419	94 143	90 708	27 124	2 599	33 734
Unproductive forest land	151 298	586	16 882	0	3 845	782	3 133	679	2 218	70	1 032	3 548	0	388	47	320	214	3 366	38 389	2 957	37	15 522	32 470	18 876	3 008	404	2 525
Forest reserves 2024²	99 166	4 245	9 445	2 834	1 473	3 775	1 815	633	2 311	1 517	1 581	3 417	114	4 210	675	605	253	5 922	16 808	7 094	1 681	10 015	5 224	7 711	2 862	689	2 257

Forest ownership																											
Private forest land in ha	375 270	25 563	89 094	30 806	2 980	7 344	1 656	2 453	2 662	1 813	18 546	6 752	86	4 435	2 004	5 530	2 782	26 017	19 861	11 114	11 314	28 842	41 011	10 002	12 855	1 045	8 703
Public forest land in ha	900 621	25 028	90 141	10 131	17 811	20 535	17 003	5 319	20 973	4 645	24 548	25 174	385	15 921	10 378	1 651	2 092	33 983	181 922	38 099	8 808	114 099	85 602	99 582	17 277	1 958	27 556
Forest owners (total number)	245 975	18 526	36 599	11 528	1 510	3 450	1 814	826	1 466	1 242	11 888	5 188	164	6 136	2 103	4 265	3 024	16 991	10 476	14 493	9 007	30 104	27 252	19 903	2 948	1 595	3 499
Private forest owners³	242 634	18 322	36 185	11 401	1 489	3 365	1 801	806	1 457	1 172	11 740	5 062	160	6 044	2 049	4 241	2 996	16 487	10 340	14 295	8 938	29 788	26 947	19 676	2 862	1 564	3 447
Public forest owners	3 341	204	414	127	21	85	13	20	9	70	148	126	4	92	54	24	28	504	136	198	69	316	305	227	86	31	52

Business results achieved by forestry enterprises
In CHF thousand

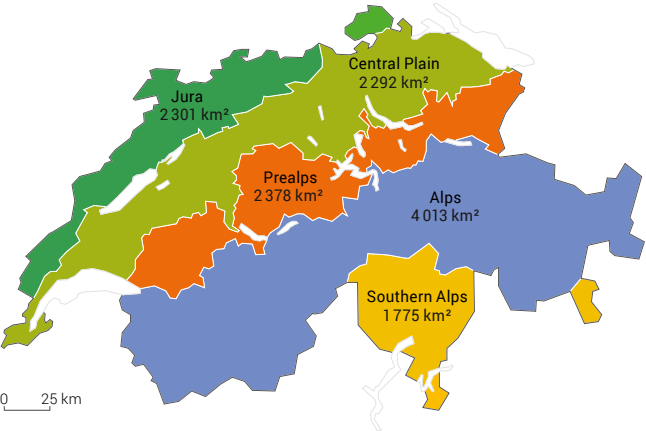
No. of forestry enterprises (with and without employees)	638	45	86	11	9	12	8	5	3	6	18	22	X	21	11	X	X	32	63	54	20	59	81	32	16	X	18
Revenue	622 162	41 755	65 599	8 709	10 018	10 574	18 040	5 507	12 640	9 831	41 117	30 287	X	34 173	7 705	X	X	29 229	88 248	68 133	9 859	10 617	31 161	60 527	13 170	X	12 184
of which contributions for public services comprise	159 175	5 464	11 541	1 516	4 740	2 528	6 065	778	4 197	1 743	12 353	5 859	X	8 498	1 462	X	X	7 441	28 392	9 474	1 271	5 692	10 575	22 366	3 893	X	2 502
Expenditure	651 305	53 647	61 713	8 857	10 298	10 617	17 860	5 356	14 218	9 941	39 783	29 623	X	32 374	9 184	X	X	27 083	102 613	63 037	9 429	17 904	39 137	57 448	14 458	X	11 237
Balance	−29 143	−11 892	3 885	−147	−280	−43	181	151	−1 579	−110	1 335	664	X	1 799	−1 479	X	X	2 147	−14 364	5 096	430	−7 287	−7 976	3 078	−1 287	X	947
Investment (capital spending)	64 241	3 245	2 321	3 381	1 015	556	2 305	0	1 834	883	3 107	2 355	X	3 548	900	X	X	1 099	22 819	1 819	320	3 782	2 238	4 707	673	X	686
of which contributions for public services	20 716	29	688	188	299	25	269	0	230	208	490	684	X	132	0	X	X	155	13 393	265	15	1 978	1 090	X	174	X	262

Establishments and employees 2023⁴

Forestry enterprises	428	28	59	10	8	11	8	4	X	8	15	8	X	19	10	6	X	30	72	39	13	7	22	27	10	0	7
No. of persons employed in these enterprises	2 910	197	349	32	56	42	86	22	24	50	147	42	26	119	43	34	19	179	463	300	75	35	117	386	51	0	16
Logging enterprises and forestry services contractors	974	85	147	49	X	29	11	8	10	9	41	34	X	27	12	10	5	53	61	51	38	77	104	30	38	13	28
No. of persons employed in these enterprises	3 600	247	487	163	X	61	67	44	42	29	145	115	X	79	43	19	15	180	310	200	115	421	456	90	130	41	93

¹ Source: FSO – Swiss Forestry Statistics, Survey on wood processing in sawmills, Forest Enterprise Network; Federal Office for the Environment – Forest reserves ² Graubünden: 5 445 ha National Park ³ Forest owners who are registered in several cantons count as one forest owner in the CH total. ⁴ Source: FSO – Structural Business Statistics STATENT X: Not included due to data protection issues © FSO 2025

Forest land by forest area in 2024



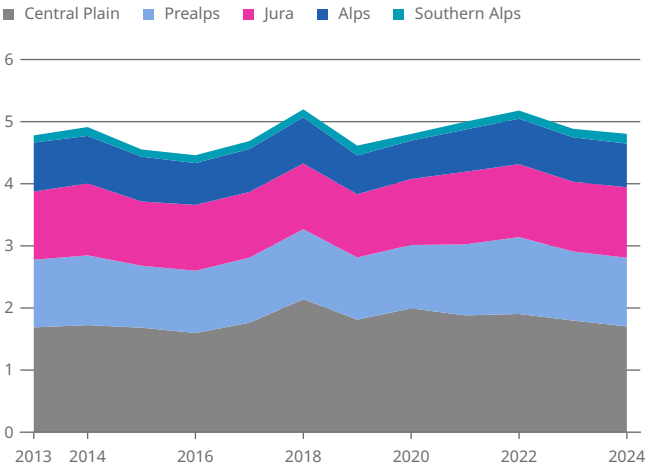
Forest land total: 12 759 km²

Data as on: 16.07.2025
Source: Swiss Forestry Statistics (FS)

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Wood harvest

Total 2024: 4.8 million m³



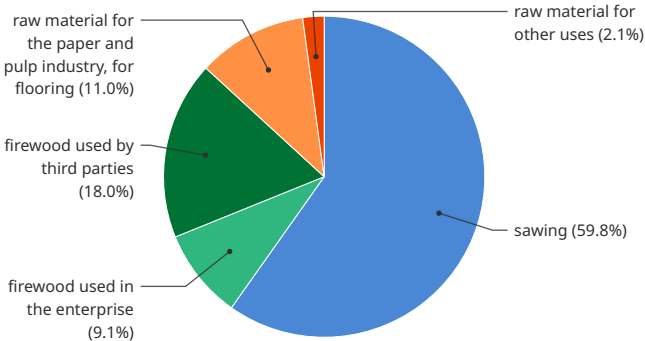
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Wood processing in swiss sawmills, 2024

Total 2.0 Mio. m³ roundwood

By-products: 40.2%



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Source: FSO – Federal survey on wood processing in sawmills

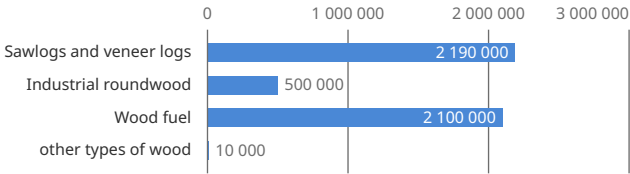
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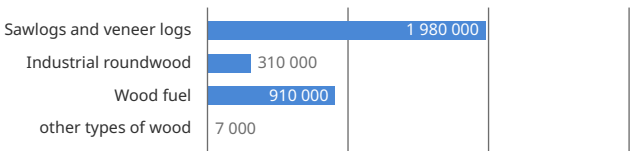
Wood harvest by use, 2024

Total softwood and hardwood: 4 803 397 m³

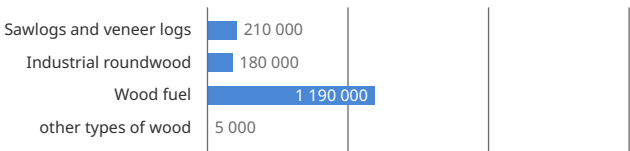
Total



Softwood (conifers)



Hardwood (deciduous)



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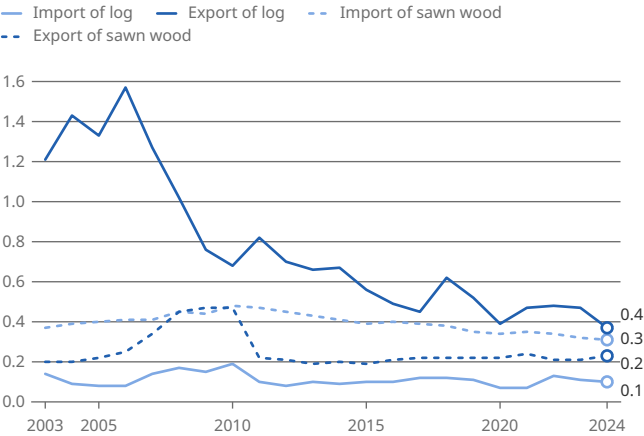
Source: FSO – Swiss Forestry Statistics

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Foreign trade of roundwood and sawings

million m³ of solid wood



Data as on: 2025

Source: FOCBS – Swiss foreign trade statistics; FOEN

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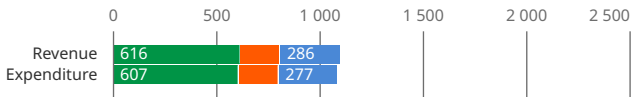
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Revenue and expenditure of selected forestry enterprises, 2024

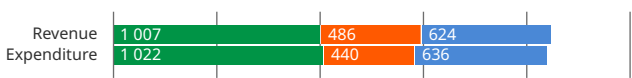
Swiss francs per ha of productive forest land

■ forest management ■ material goods production ■ services

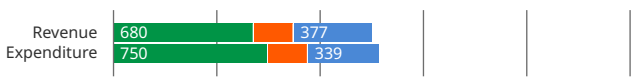
Jura



Central Plain



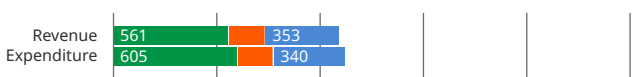
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Alps/Southern Alps



Switzerland



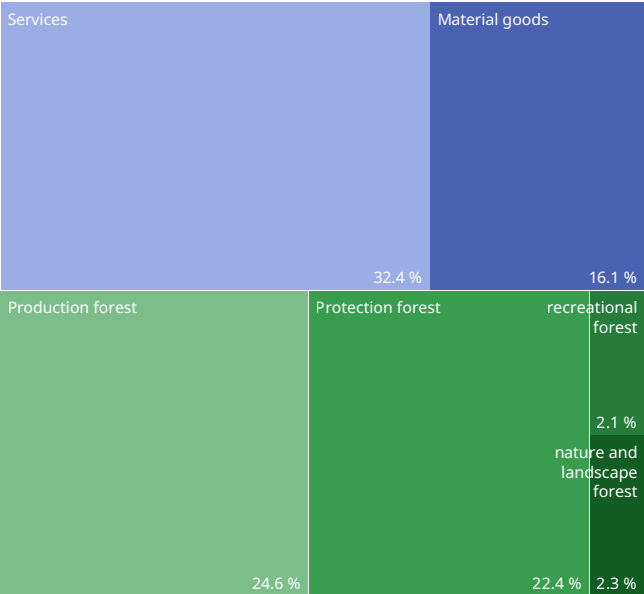
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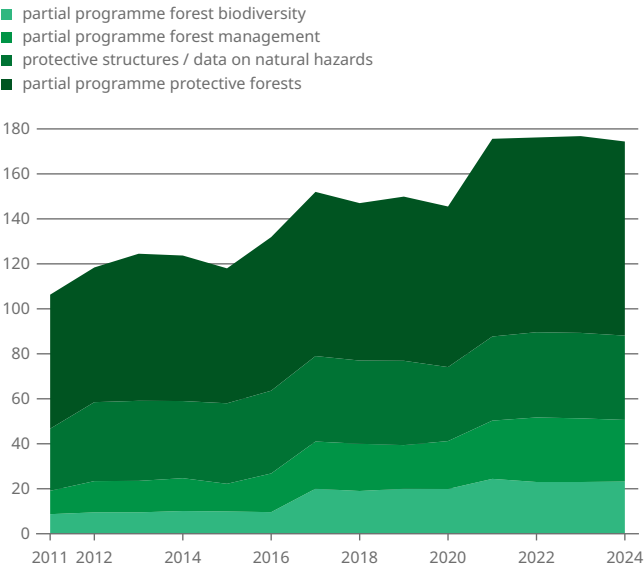
Revenue share of selected forest enterprises, 2024



Data as on: 30.09.2025
Source: FSO – Forest Enterprise Network (FEN)
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Public forestry expenditures

CHF million



Data as on: 2025
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