

# Sustaining Timber, Sustaining Rural Communities: Shared destiny or separate paths?

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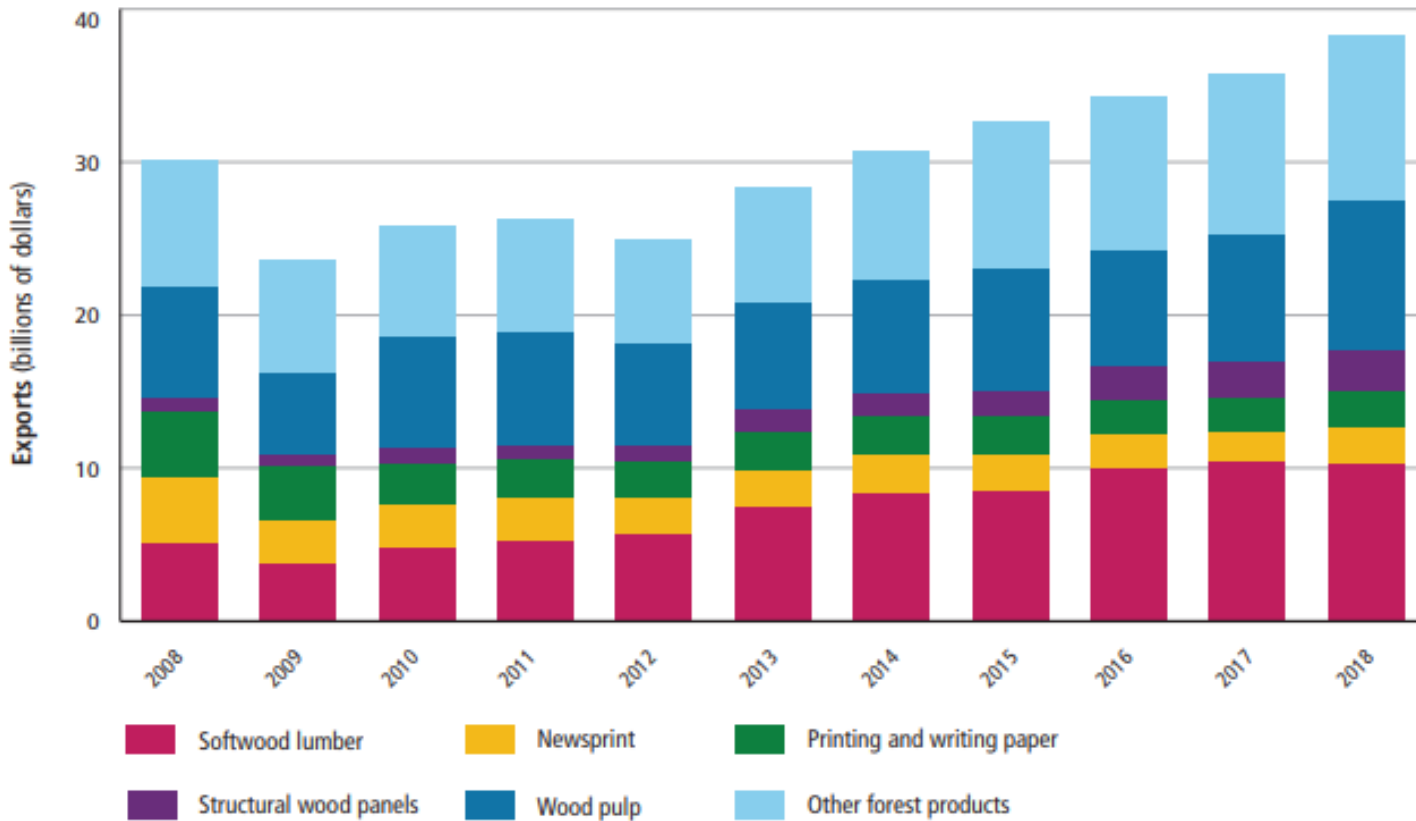
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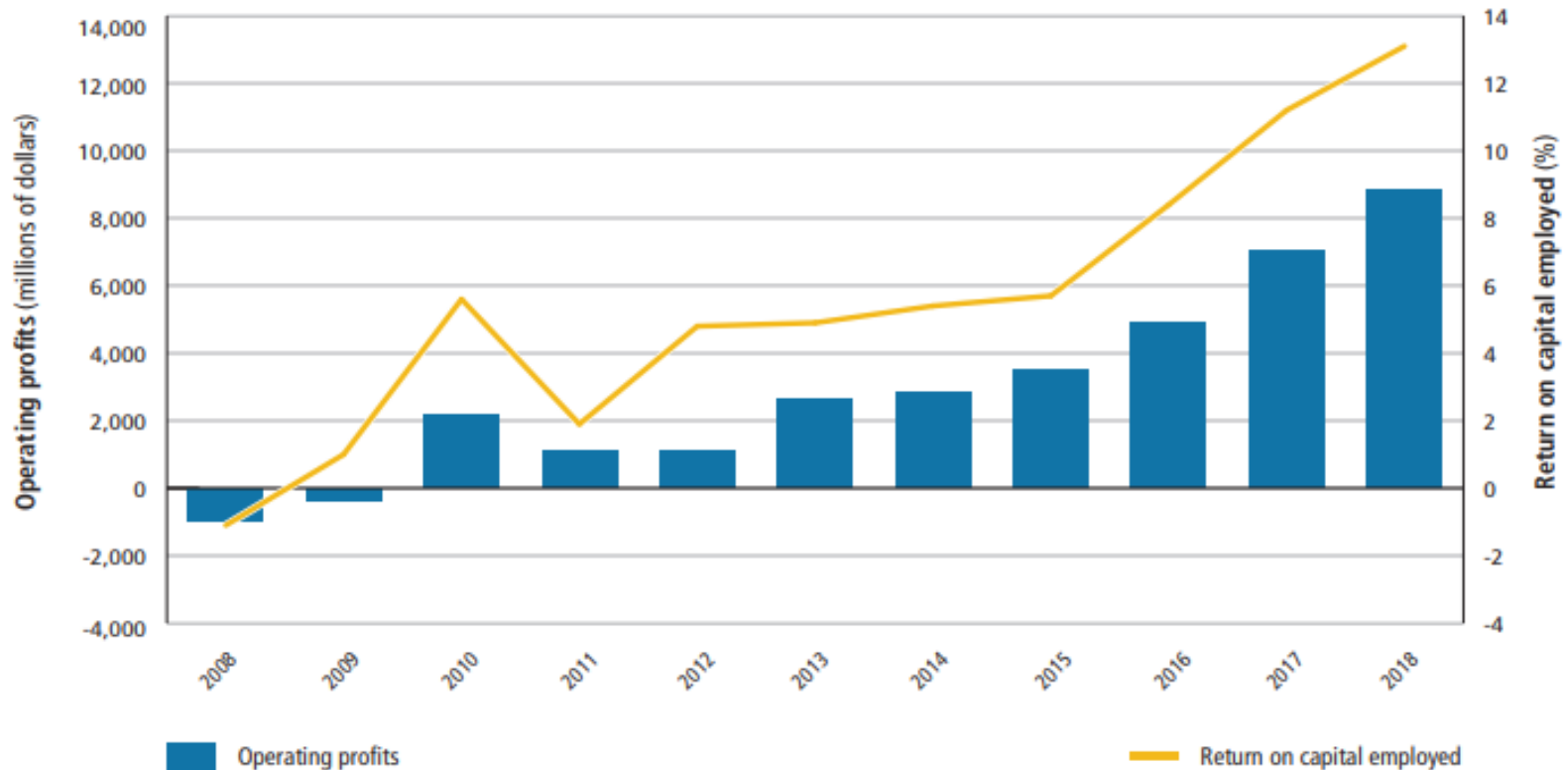
# Forest product exports

Exports of Canadian forest products, 2008–2018



# Financial performance

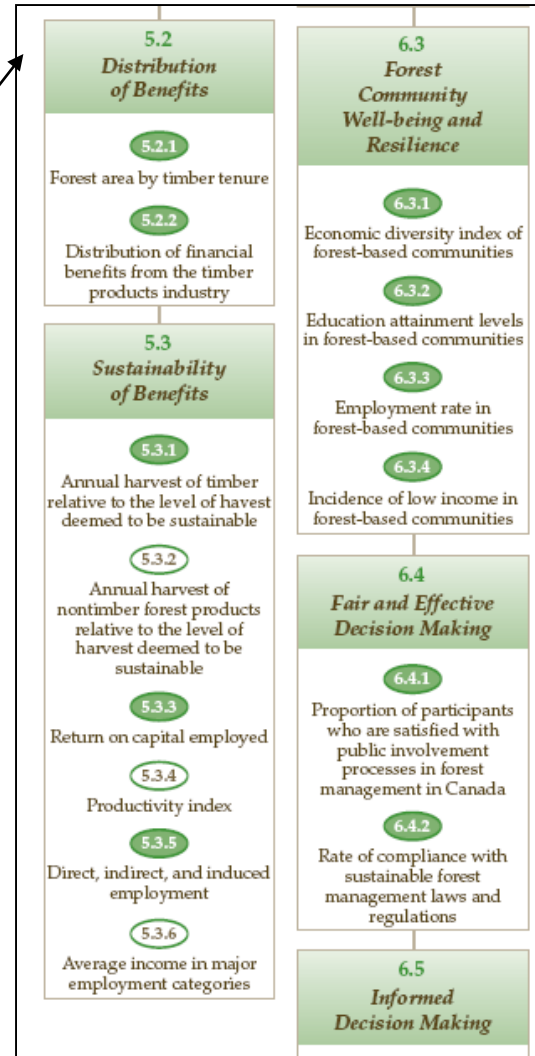
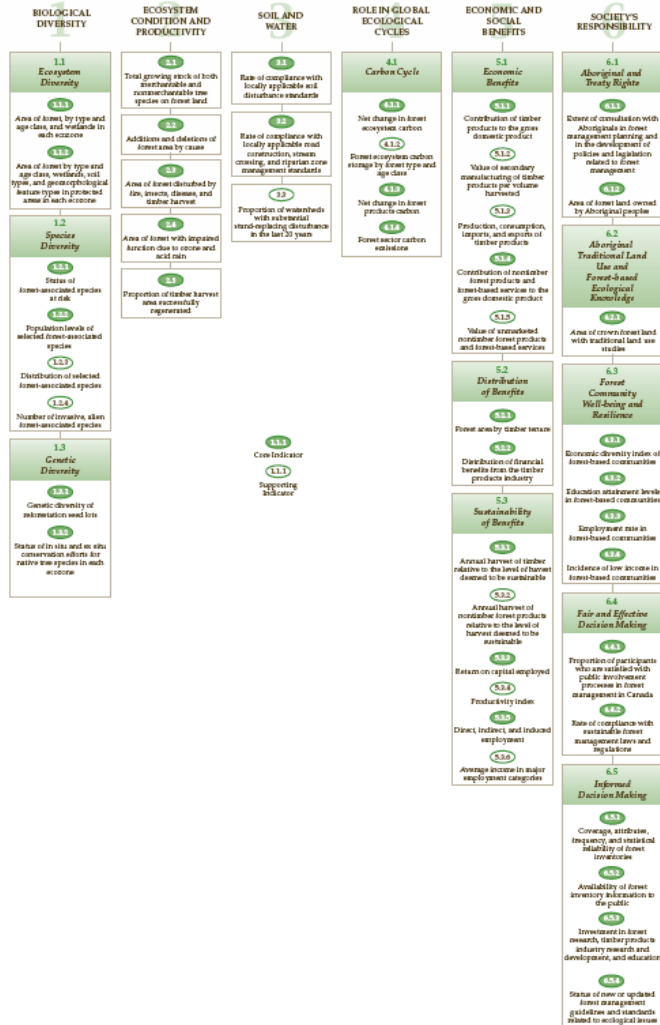
Financial performance by Canada's forest industry, 2008–2018



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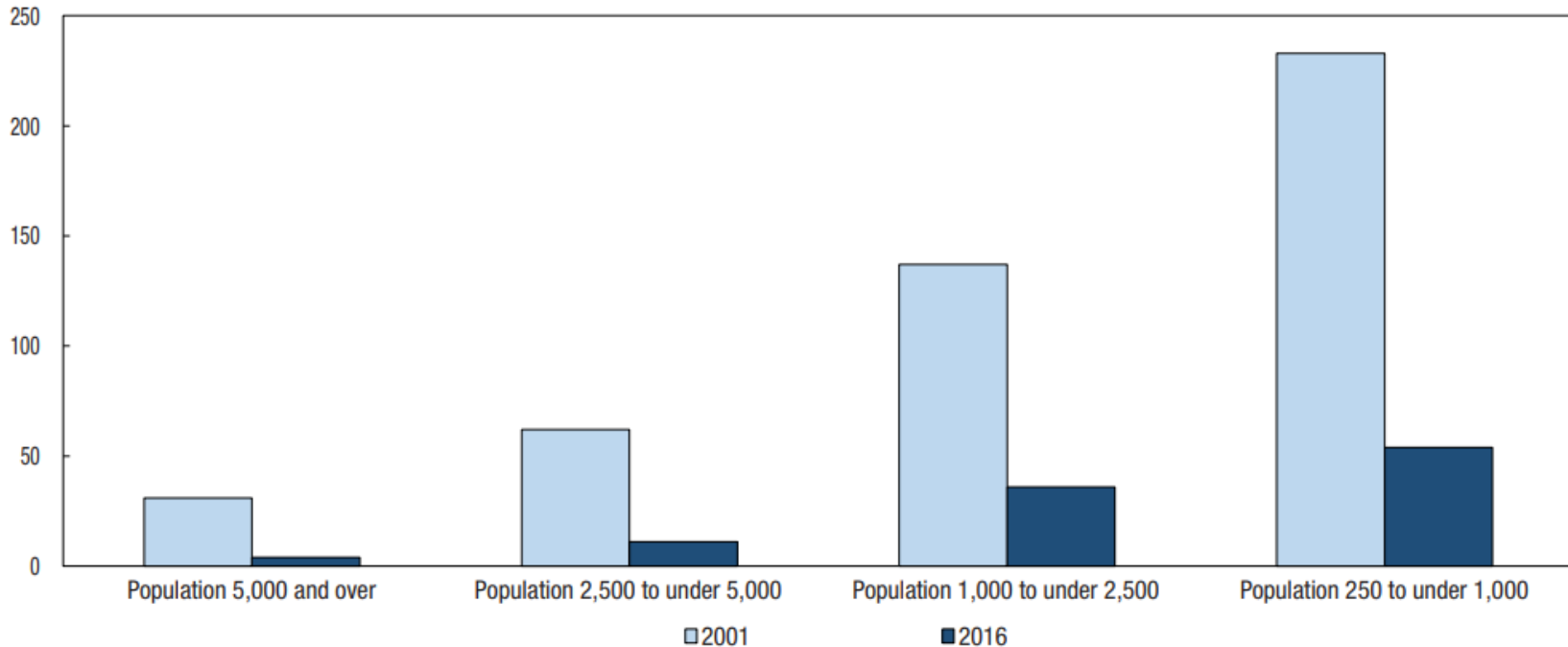


# Forest communities

## Human Activity and the Environment 2017: Forests in Canada

**Chart 2.17**  
**Forest sector-based communities by size, 2001 and 2016**

number of census subdivisions



<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/16-201-x/16-201-x2018001-eng.pdf>

Note: Forest community = 20% or more of market income.

# Forest communities

## COMMUNITIES FOR WHICH THE FOREST SECTOR WAS A MAJOR SOURCE OF INCOME

The forest sector continues to be an important provider of jobs and income in communities across the country, particularly in smaller and Indigenous communities. It was a major economic driver for 105 communities in 2016 compared to 463 in 2001.

2001  
463 communities



2016  
105 communities



**Source:** Statistics Canada, 2018, "Forests in Canada," Human Activity and the Environment, Catalogue no. 16-201-X. Based on data from Statistics Canada and Canada's National Forestry Database.

# Delinking of industry and community

- Many forestry towns are in decline and are not sustainable
  - Declining opportunities for local employment
  - Industry success is de-linked from community success



# Are there solutions?

- No easy answers – same problem in all primary industries
- Pathways forward
  - Think less about Stability and more about Resilience (how can forest sector contribute?)
  - New governance and tenure models – e.g., community forests (is there scope for alternative tenures?)