

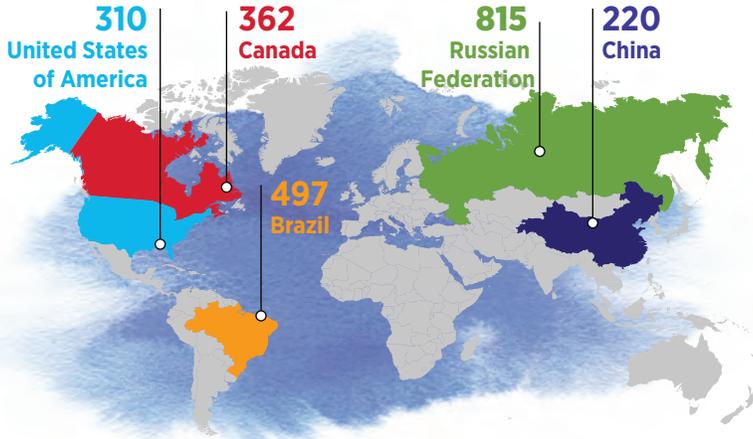


Finding solutions within Canada's forests

Key facts and figures about Canada's forests and forest sector

Canada has **362 million hectares (ha)** of forest, making it the **third most forested country** in the world. (2020)

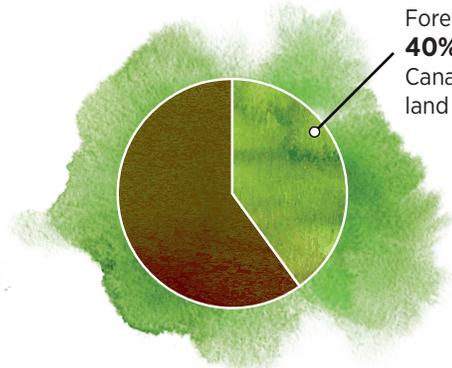
Forest area (million ha)



Canada has **9% of the world's forests** and **one quarter** of the world's boreal forest.

How big is a hectare?

A hectare is 10,000 m² or 100 m by 100 m. It's the same as 2.47 acres or the size of 15 tennis courts!



Forests cover **40%** of Canada's land area.



There are about **140 native tree species** in Canada. The most common species is **black spruce**.

Canada's forests are important to the economy and are a model in sustainable management

Canada has **164 million ha** of forest certified to third-party standards of sustainable forest management. (2020)

74% of Crown forest land managed in Canada is certified to third-party standards of sustainable forest management. (2020)

Canada's forest sector contributed **\$25.2 billion** to Canada's nominal GDP in 2020.

Percentage of forest area with long-term forest management plans that is Indigenous-held tenure area (2019)

12.9%

8.1%

About 17 million ha of forestry tenure is **Indigenous-held**. This estimate incorporates both area and volume allocated to Indigenous Peoples.

In 2020, Canada's forest sector **employed 184,510 people**.

Average earnings were about **\$53,000 annually**. (2020)

3.6%

New Zealand

Canada

United States of America

How have disturbances shaped Canada's forests?

Type of disturbance	Area (ha)	Percentage of forest area (%)
Area affected by insects (2019)	14,473,760	4.00
Area harvested (2019)	756,875	0.21
Area burned (2020)	227,477	0.06
Area deforested (2019)	49,046	0.01

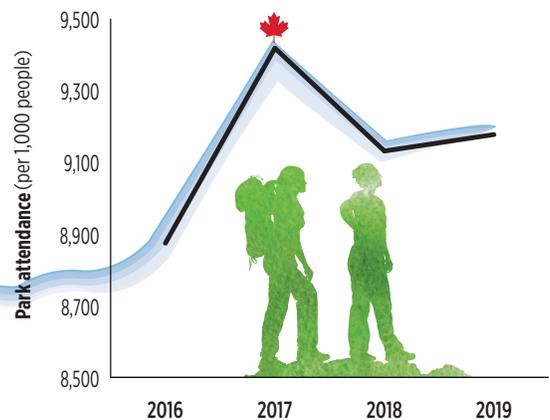


Canada's forest land (2020)
362 million ha

Canadians are closely connected with forests and the forest sector

Over **23 million people** lived in or near forests in Canada (about two thirds of the total population in 2016).

Attendance in national parks with boreal forest remained high across Canada from 2016 to 2019.



As demand outpaced supply, benchmark prices for Eastern and Western Spruce-Pine-Fir lumber **increased more than 290%** between May 2020 and May 2021.



The peak in 2017 was a result of free parks passes for Canada 150.

The Canadian forest sector is a leader in product innovation



Since 2007, over **480 mass timber** projects have been built, are under construction, or are planned across Canada.



Artificial intelligence, along with other breakthrough digital technologies, are currently being used to strengthen the sustainability, efficiency and agility of supply chains.



Between 2005 and 2018, the forest sector reduced fossil greenhouse gas emissions by **46%**.