



**Wood industries.** The Standard Industrial Classification subdivides the wood industries group into sawmills and planing mills, shingle mills, veneer and plywood mills, sash, door and other millwork plants, manufacturers of prefabricated buildings, manufacturers of kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities, wooden doors and wooden window units and frames, wooden box and pallet industries, the coffin and casket industry, the wood preservation industry, particleboard, waferboard and miscellaneous wood industries.

Sawmills and planing mills, shingle mills, veneer and plywood mills and particleboard plants use mainly roundwood as a raw material and are called primary wood industries. Secondary wood industries manufacture part of the production of primary wood industries into a variety of products. However, most primary wood industries' production is not further processed.

**Sawmills and planing mill industry.** Lumber is the most important single commodity and British Columbia is the most important province in this field. A small amount of lumber is produced by establishments classified to other industries. The total value of shipments in 1984 amounted to nearly \$6.3 billion. Lumber accounted for \$4.7 billion.

**Shingle mill industry.** Most shingles and shakes in Canada are produced by British Columbia mills. Considerable quantities are produced by establishments classified to other industries and by individuals intermittently operating one or two shingle machines or producing shingles by hand, although production is not adequately recorded.

**Veneer and plywood industry.** Production of hardwood veneer is confined to the eastern provinces and production of softwood veneer almost entirely to British Columbia. Douglas fir is most commonly used because of its large diameter logs from which large sheets of clear veneer can be obtained. Of the hardwoods, birch is the most important species. Although most raw materials are of Canadian origin, some decorative woods are imported.

Most softwood veneers are further manufactured into plywood by Canadian mills. Some hardwood veneers are converted into plywood or shipped to industries, such as the furniture industry, for veneering. A significant portion is exported.

**Paper and allied industries.** The Standard Industrial Classification subdivides the paper and allied industries group into the pulp and paper industry, asphalt roofing manufacturers, paper box and bag manufacturers, and other paper converters.