

# ***Woodworking and construction: State of the trade***

## **A meeting with French officials from the Ministry of Education**

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## ***Dynamism of the house building sector***

According to a survey published in November 2007 by the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, the construction sector obtains the following annual results.

- a 4.3% growth ( *twice as much as the country's economic growth*), beneficial both to public works(+ 7,3 %) and house-building(+ 3,5 %) ;
- 60 000 jobs were created.

The construction sector is close to its record level of activity and confirms its leading role in the French economy.

## ***Wood working a booming industry***

Wood is currently very much appreciated by all (construction professionals , public authorities and consumers alike). Everyone agrees that wood adds value to construction , improves our living environment, and is more ecological.

In order to expand the French woodworking sector, on March 28, 2001, an outline-agreement dubbed « Wood, construction , environment » was signed between French professionals and their government.

***The aim of this outline- agreement is to increase of the importance of wood working in construction from 10% to 12.5% in 2010.***



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# Trades involved

## **Wood working in construction**

several wood working professionals are involved in construction: joiners, carpenters, flooring workers, stairbuilders, etc.

For purposes of clarity, we will only deal with the two most important trades: joiners and carpenters.

The naf codes for these professions are:

- 45.2L *carpentering,*
- 45.4C *wood working and plastic materials.*

***Under favourable circumstances these trades evolve in a positive way...***



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# How many businesses?

## Businesses in activity (France)

	carpentry	Wood working
By December 31, 2001	5 624	32 602
By December 31, 2005	5 919	33 384
Annual variation	<b>+ 5,2 %</b>	<b>+ 2,4 %</b>

Most dynamic regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Corse</i> : + 50 % (6 -&gt; 9)</li> <li>▪ <i>Limousin</i> : + 16,5 % (91 -&gt; 106)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Corse</i> : + 6,3 % (158 -&gt; 168)</li> <li>▪ <i>Basse-Normandie</i> : + 4,2 % (1226 -&gt; 1278)</li> </ul>
Least dynamic regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Basse-Normandie</i> : - 1 % (151 -&gt; 150)</li> <li>▪ <i>Champagne-Ardenne</i> : 0 % (94 -&gt; 94)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Limousin</i> : - 1,3 % (619 -&gt; 611)</li> <li>▪ <i>Alsace</i> : - 1,1 % (879 -&gt; 870)</li> </ul>

Evolution of the number of businesses since 1995	Regular growth if one excepts a slight fall in 1999, erased by the good figures in 2000.	Two stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ until 1999, almost continual fall (slight recovery in 1998) ;</li> <li>▪ since 2000 an important and steady growth</li> </ul>
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## Number of businesses

# Businesses in activity (Ile de France)

	carpentry	woodworking
By December 24, 2001	227	3 140
By December 31, 2005	237	3 195
Annual variation	<b>+ 4,4 %</b>	<b>+ 1,8 %</b>
Mainland figures	+ 5,2 %	+ 2,4 %
Number of businesses in 1995	177	2 754



# Number of workers

## France

	carpentry	Wood working
2005 figures	23 710	83 231
2006 figures(provisoire)	25 257	86 802
Annual variation	<b>+ 6,5 %</b>	<b>+ 4,3 %</b>

Average number of workers(2005)	<b>4 employees</b>	<b>2,5 employees</b>
businesses > 50 employees	25 (20 in 2004)	52 (64 in 2004)
Businesses < 6 employees	5 083 (80 % of businesses)	29 958 (88 % of businesses)
Proportion of women(2005)	<b>7,8 %</b>	<b>10,8 %</b>



# Number of workers

## Ile-de-France

	<b>Carpentry</b>	<b>Wood working</b>
2005 figures	889	8 270
2006 figures	1 022	8 634
Annual variation	<b>+ 15 %</b>	<b>+ 4,4 %</b>
France	+ 6,5 %	+ 4,3 %
Average number of workers(2005)	<b>5 salariés</b>	<b>3 salariés</b>
France	4 salariés	2,5 salariés
Proportion of women(2005)	<b>9 %</b>	<b>11 %</b>
Proportion of women in France	7,8 %	10,8 %

## Conclusion

**Woodworking professionals in construction are waiting for new collaborators:**

- at all levels of qualification;
- In a mutating and booming industry, businesses offer wonderful career opportunities.