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Lumber shipments to Hawaii up

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The Hawaii Lumber Products Association, which promotes the use of wood in housing construction, says lumber shipments to Hawaii are up sharply.

"Lumber sales as a whole were up by in 2005 compared to the previous year here in Hawaii," said association president Hap Person.

Honolulu Wood Treating reports a 5.6 percent increase in the volume of wood treatment services in 2005.

"The volume of lumber we brought to Hawaii increased by nearly 15 percent in 2005," said Ron Coos, head of one of the largest lumber shippers to Hawaii.

Wood products make up 47 percent of all raw materials made in the United States. For housing construction, wood competes with aluminum framing, brick, and other products.