

LUMBER SIZE CHART



What is Nominal Sizing?

This is what the various wood lumber board sizes are called at a hardware store, such as a 2" x 4."

Why is it called this? This is the size of the board when it's rough cut before it gets to the hardware store.

What is Actual Sizing?

This refers to the actual, final dimensions after the wood milling process and it's shipped to hardware store. For example, a common 2"x 4" is actually 1.5" x 3.5."

NOMINAL SIZE (inches)	ACTUAL SIZE (inches)
1 x 2	.75 x 1.5
1 x 3	.75 x 2.5
1 x 4	.75 x 3.5
1 x 6	.75 x 5.5
1 x 8	.75 x 7.25
1 x 10	.75 x 9.25
1 x 12	.75 x 11.25
2 x 2	1.5 x 1.5
2 x 3	1.5 x 2.5
2 x 4	1.5 x 3.5
2 x 6	1.5 x 5.5
2 x 8	1.5 x 7.25
2 x 10	1.5 x 9.25
2 x 12	1.5 x 11.25