










PA Pennsylvania's Lumber and Wood Products Industry

Career Facts About One of Pennsylvania's Top 10 Industries

The lumber and wood products industry is part of the larger Pennsylvania "forest products" industry. This fact sheet refers to companies making lumber and wood products from Pennsylvania-grown hardwoods. There are additional employment opportunities with companies producing pulp and paper, as well as making furniture from wood grown outside the state.



-  An \$11.7 billion industry based on Pennsylvania's locally grown world-class hardwoods as of 2005.
-  Number one producer of hardwood lumber in the United States.
-  Leading producer of millwork, flooring, cabinetry, pallets and more.
-  Over 1300 business establishments statewide.
-  Approximately 36,500 jobs.
-  More than 225 job categories — from forestry to manufacturing, management to sales and more.
-  Good career opportunities for energetic, hardworking people of all education and skill levels.
-  \$44,620 — average earnings including benefits as of 2008.
-  Targeted for workforce development and resources.



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Pennsylvania Wood Industry Career Facts

Top 20 Jobs by Number of Opportunities Projected for 2017

DESCRIPTION	2017 Jobs	Median Hourly Earnings (2007)	TRAINING REQUIRED
Woodworking machine setters, operators, and tenders	2,871	\$13.57	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Team assemblers	2,758	\$13.72	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Sawing machine setters, operators, and tenders	2,157	\$12.00	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Carpenters	1,409	\$17.30	Long-term on-the-job training
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers	1,350	\$11.83	Short-term on-the-job training
Production workers	1,072	\$11.23	Short-term on-the-job training
Machine feeders and offbearers	904	\$13.36	Short-term on-the-job training
Cabinetmakers and bench carpenters	894	\$15.18	Long-term on-the-job training
Managers	850	\$18.13	Work experience in a related field
First-line supervisors and production managers	843	\$24.56	Work experience in a related field
Industrial truck and tractor operators	807	\$14.67	Short-term on-the-job training
Logging equipment operators	775	\$15.71	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Fallers	608	\$17.00	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Sales representatives	578	\$25.43	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Supervisors, farming, fishing, and forestry workers	575	\$19.75	Work experience in a related field
Log graders and scalers	572	\$17.79	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Logging workers	452	\$18.96	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Woodworkers	345	\$15.59	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Office clerks	315	\$12.26	Short-term on-the-job training
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers	314	\$15.97	Moderate-term on-the-job training

