

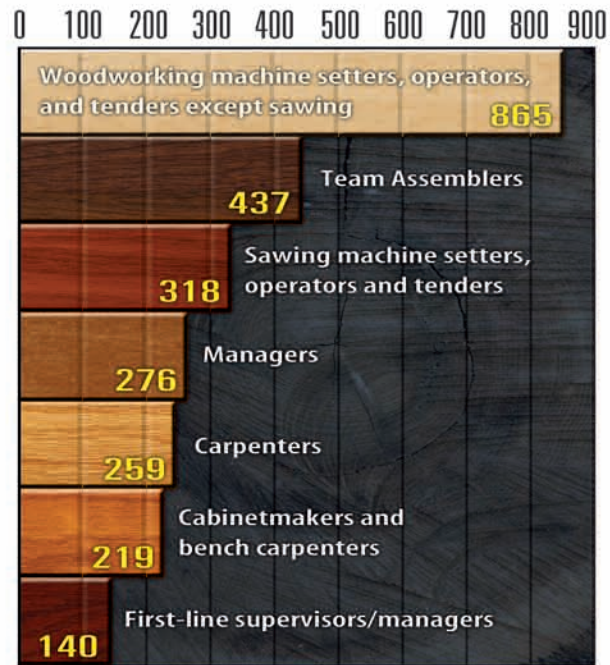
WOOD PRODUCTS IS A GROWTH INDUSTRY

Jobs in lumber and wood products are expected to grow in Pennsylvania by 11% between 2007 and 2017, which is greater than the growth for this industry across the U.S. Wood products will also grow faster than the expected growth of all industries in Pennsylvania.

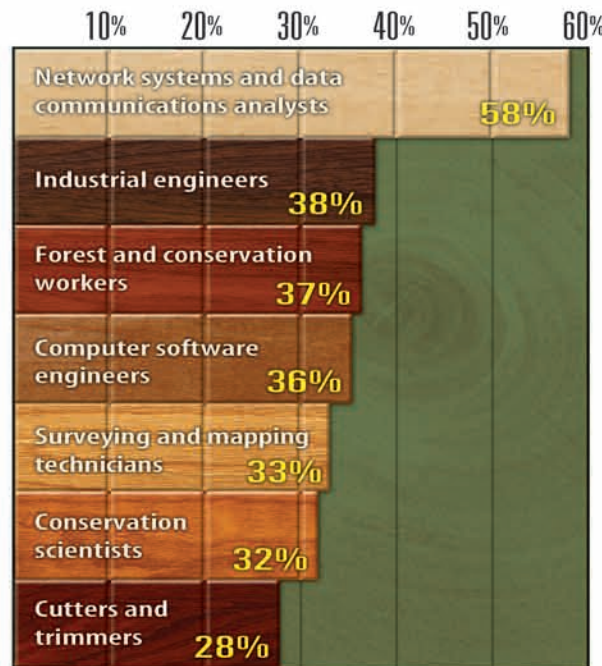
Many of the most prevalent occupations in lumber and wood products are expected to show growth. Additional openings are also expected to be available to replace retiring workers.



Fastest Changing Occupations by Job Volume (2007-2017)



Fastest Changing Occupations by Percentage Growth (2007-2017)



SELECT RESOURCES FOR WOOD PRODUCT CAREERS

Educational Resources

Penn State School of Forest Resources

University Park; (814) 865-7541
www.sfr.cas.psu.edu

Offering Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees in Wood Products, Forest Science and Wildlife & Fisheries Science, as well as outreach and professional continuing education in wood products and natural resource management.

Penn State Mont Alto

Mont Alto; (717) 749-6000
www.ma.psu.edu

Offering Associate Degree in Forest Technology and core courses for the transition into a B.S. program at Penn State School of Forest Resources.

Pennsylvania College of Technology

Williamsport; (800) 367-9222
www.pct.edu

Offering an Associate Degree in Forest Technology.

Industry Resources

Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group

Kane; (814) 837-8550
www.ahug.com

Keystone Wood Products Association

Lewisburg; (570) 522-0600
www.keystonewoodpa.org

Northern Tier Hardwoods Association

Wyalusing; (570) 746-0457
www.nthardwoods.org

These industry-driven hardwood utilization groups provide linkages to workforce development services, career promotion initiatives, technical and marketing assistance, through partnerships with local agencies and institutions.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative™ Pennsylvania State Implementation Committee

State College; (814) 867-9299
www.sfiopa.org

This industry-driven effort provides loggers with training on sustainable practices, safety and business management issues.

Pennsylvania Forest Products Association

Harrisburg; (717) 901-0420
www.paforestproducts.org

The statewide trade association for the industry, engaged in governmental affairs, public relations and industry outreach.

Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council

Harrisburg; (717) 772-3715
www.agriculture.state.pa.us

A bureau-level office in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the HDC is responsible for the development, expansion and promotion of the state's hardwoods industry.

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PENNSYLVANIA FORESTS AND YOU CAREERS IN WOOD PRODUCTS



CAREERS IN WOOD PRODUCTS

Pennsylvania is home to a large and competitive wood products industry which is projected to grow during the next decade. Energetic and hardworking individuals of all skill and education levels are in high demand by industry.

Wood products are a true 'green' product. Wood is natural, renewable and recyclable. The sustainable management and use of Pennsylvania's 17 million acres of world renowned hardwood forests (the largest in the U.S.), ensure long term job opportunities.



Pennsylvania is a national leader in the production of hardwood lumber. But the state's wood products industry is much more. Hundreds of companies across the Commonwealth produce a diverse range of wood products that add beauty to our homes and are used in our lives each day.

Pennsylvania's wood product companies utilize the latest technology, management and marketing strategies to maximize the use of the harvested material and position themselves as leaders in the global marketplace.

There are a wide range of well-paying career opportunities in wood products. Challenging and fulfilling opportunities are projected in areas of management, supervisory, skilled trades, production, sales and technical support.

Options exist from small, cutting edge firms to large publicly traded corporations. Or be an entrepreneur and run your own company. Work in an office, production floor, workshop or the woods. Pennsylvania's wood product companies are located from Center City Philadelphia to the beautiful small towns of rural Pennsylvania.

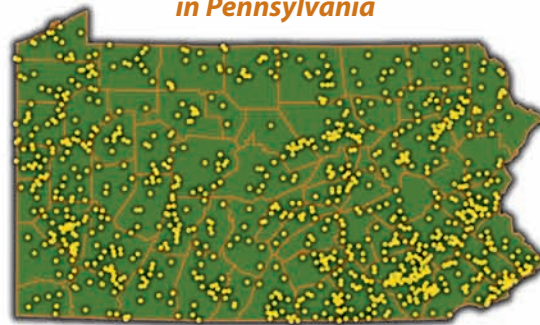
THE WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

Wood products are part of Pennsylvania's \$16 billion forest products industry.

Wood products companies include the producers of lumber and products such as millwork, flooring, components for cabinetry and furniture, engineered wood products (such as fiberboard), pallets and containers and manufactured and prefabricated homes.

Pennsylvania leads the nation in the production of hardwood lumber and is a leading producer of millwork, flooring, cabinetry and pallets.

Lumber and Wood Products Companies in Pennsylvania



There are nearly 1,400 logging, lumber and wood product establishments in Pennsylvania, contributing about 39,000 jobs in the state.

Wood product companies are located in every county of Pennsylvania, with the largest concentration of establishments and jobs being located in southcentral Pennsylvania, the Susquehanna Valley region of central Pennsylvania, northcentral and northwestern Pennsylvania.

Because of its global competitiveness and strategic importance to the Commonwealth's economy, lumber and wood products has been identified as one of only nine "Targeted Industry Clusters" that are utilized to focus workforce development strategies and resources.



GREAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Wood products industry offers a wide variety of career opportunities for individuals, including positions in the areas of management and supervisory, skilled trades, professional and technical, sales and production. Good, well paying careers are available for individuals with varying educational levels.



Top Lumber and Wood Products Occupations

Description	2007 Jobs	2007-2017 Growth	Median Wage
Woodworking machine setters, operators, and tenders, exc. sawing	3,556	24%	\$13.29
Team assemblers	2,999	15%	\$13.31
Sawing machine setters, operators, and tenders	2,382	13%	\$15.68
Laborers and freight stock, and material movers	2,020	(-3%)	\$11.40
Carpenters	1,830	14%	\$20.20
Cabinetmakers and bench carpenters	1,479	15%	\$19.44
Managers	1,393	20%	\$64.30

Other Select Wood Products Occupations

Description	2007 Jobs	2007-2017 Growth	Median Wage
Logging equipment operators	1,157	4%	\$16.69
Supervisors of production and operating workers	1,095	13%	\$28.11
Sales Representatives	714	13%	\$29.36
Woodworkers	638	21%	\$24.61
Chief Executives	352	18%	\$52.58
Industrial Machine Mechanics	280	24%	\$19.61
Foresters	253	25%	\$25.27
Conservation scientists	196	32%	\$18.63
Electricians	171	13%	\$24.25

Sources: Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation; Pennsylvania State University School of Forest Resources; Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry; Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council