

Forest Products Industries' Economic Contributions: New Hampshire - 2017

New Hampshire has 4.7 million acres of forest land that cover 83 percent of its land base, and most of this forest land can produce commercial timber. The majority, 72 percent, is privately owned; about 10 percent is managed by state and local government, and 18 percent by the federal government. New Hampshire ranks 12th in forest land acres among the 20 Northeast and Midwestern area states. These forests support a vibrant forest products industry.

Key Findings – Forest Products Industries:

- Provided 7,289 direct jobs and supported total employment of 12,881 jobs in 2017.
- Contributed \$1.62 billion in direct output and \$2.49 billion in total output or sales.
- Forest products ranked 7th among New Hampshire's manufacturing industries in direct jobs and labor income.

Economic Contributions:

Direct Contributions by Industry Group, 2017 (in number of jobs and thousands of dollars)

Industry Group	Employment	Labor Income	Value-added	Output
Forestry* **	1,250	\$31,586	\$28,655	\$35,685
Logging*	1,732	\$58,933	\$227,514	\$265,556
Primary solid wood products	1,107	\$74,477	\$151,205	\$441,289
Secondary solid wood products	1,170	\$66,404	\$85,063	\$229,118
Wood furniture	1,181	\$64,282	\$60,358	\$170,622
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	389	\$38,080	\$60,568	\$287,943
Secondary paperboard and other paper products	460	\$29,220	\$38,278	\$190,198
Total	7,289	\$362,982	\$651,642	\$1,620,412

Total Contributions by Industry Group, 2017 (in number of jobs and thousands of dollars)

Industry Group	Employment	Labor Income	Value-added	Output
Forestry* **	1,247	\$35,739	\$39,566	\$54,880
Logging*	1,801	\$67,212	\$207,579	\$257,422
Primary solid wood products	3,068	\$182,376	\$343,292	\$725,522
Secondary solid wood products	2,239	\$128,437	\$183,313	\$398,114
Wood furniture	2,019	\$112,065	\$134,693	\$297,675
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	1,461	\$105,043	\$166,006	\$467,952
Secondary paperboard and other paper products	1,045	\$65,117	\$93,567	\$284,053
Total	12,881	\$695,988	\$1,168,016	\$2,485,618

*Forestry and Logging are reported in this table; but most of their contributions are as indirect inputs or intermediate inputs that are used in the production in the other five industry groups – part of their jobs is included in the estimates for the other groups.

**In this summary, the forestry group includes maple syrup production.



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Top Forest Products Industry Sectors in New Hampshire:

Top 5 Industry Sectors by Direct Jobs

Industry Sector	Employment
Commercial logging	1,732
Sawmills	763
Maple syrup production	724
Wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing	527
Support activities for forestry	410

Top 5 Industry Sectors by Value Added (Thousands)

Industry Sector	Value Added
Commercial logging	\$227,514
Electric power generation - Wood	\$80,888
Paper mills	\$60,568
Sawmills	\$53,804
Prefabricated wood building manufacturing	\$29,938

Comparison with Neighboring States:

Forest Products Industries Direct Employment in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, and Maine, 2017

Industry	New Hampshire	Vermont	Maine	Massachusetts
Forestry*	1,250	3,342	3,558	1,030
Logging	1,732	1,737	5,052	835
Primary solid wood products	1,107	941	2,986	300
Secondary solid wood products	1,170	1,053	2,484	2,790
Wood furniture	1,181	1,318	1,590	3,195
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	389	641	3,137	1,845
Secondary paperboard and other paper products	460	76	1,312	6,087
Sum of Direct Contributions	7,289	9,107	20,119	16,083

*Includes maple syrup production.

Forest Products Industries in Context to other Industries:

Manufacturing Industries in New Hampshire, 2017 (in number of jobs and thousands of dollars)

Manufacturing Industries	Employment	Labor Income	Value-added	Output
Computer and electronic product	14,390	\$1,679,849	\$2,249,710	\$5,840,621
Fabricated metal	12,356	\$890,208	\$1,445,670	\$3,261,678
Machinery	6,727	\$633,478	\$866,605	\$2,094,85
Plastics and rubber products	5,649	\$398,538	\$520,888	\$1,789,578
Miscellaneous	4,970	\$426,595	\$499,356	\$1,416,848
Food	4,435	\$223,139	\$455,139	\$1,906,555
Forest products	4,136	\$252,899	\$314,584	\$1,167,290

About this Bulletin:

This bulletin summarizes economic contributions of forest products industry in New Hampshire in 2017, as part of an analysis of the 20 Northeast and Midwest states plus Nebraska supported by a U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service 2017 Landscape Scale Restoration Grant. Several measures of economic contribution are presented below; for more information, see the full report at <http://www.northeasternforests.org>. This analysis used 2017 IMPLAN data, for 32 industry sectors summarized in 7 industry groups.

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