

Forest Products Industries' Economic Contributions: Connecticut - 2017

Connecticut has 1.8 million acres of forest land that cover 58 percent of its land base, and most of this forest land can produce commercial timber. The majority, 72 percent, is privately owned; about 28 percent is managed by state and local government, and less than half a percent by the federal government. Connecticut ranks 18th 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 almost 7,700 direct jobs and supported a total of almost 16,000 jobs in 2017.
- Had greater direct labor income and output than: commercial fishing, hunting, and trapping; mining, oil and gas production; and plant crop and animal farming.
- Connecticut and adjacent states employed over 83,200 workers and had \$24.2 billion in direct output.

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* **	90	\$1,683	\$1,642	\$2,506
Logging*	569	\$25,807	\$27,016	\$39,521
Primary solid wood products	276	\$37,889	\$42,710	\$116,580
Secondary solid wood products	1,268	\$74,468	\$70,756	\$230,835
Wood furniture	2,535	\$209,721	\$194,252	\$450,940
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	828	\$86,036	\$119,908	\$611,003
Secondary paperboard and other paper products	2,164	\$176,709	\$216,730	\$964,105
Total	7,730	\$612,313	\$673,015	\$2,415,490

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

Industry Group	Employment	Labor Income	Value-added	Output
Forestry* **	64	\$960	\$1,176	\$2,136
Logging*	278	\$13,343	\$16,156	\$24,085
Primary solid wood products	859	\$74,253	\$99,062	\$197,897
Secondary solid wood products	2,257	\$143,030	\$178,505	\$401,791
Wood furniture	4,480	\$340,479	\$400,878	\$781,487
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	3,130	\$260,081	\$388,544	\$1,041,880
Secondary paperboard and other paper products	5,074	\$392,553	\$553,282	\$1,508,395
Total	16,141	\$1,224,699	\$1,637,604	\$3,957,671

*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.



Top Forest Products Industry Sectors in Connecticut:

Top 5 Industry Sectors by Direct Jobs

Industry Sector	Employment
Wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing	1,215
Paperboard container manufacturing	1,179
Paper bag and coated and treated paper manufacturing	751
Paper mills	685
Custom architectural woodwork and millwork	549

Top 5 Industry Sectors by Value Added (Thousands)

Industry Sector	Value Added
Paperboard container manufacturing	\$111,721
Paper mills	\$99,723
Wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing	\$92,297
Paper bag and coated and treated paper manufacturing	\$79,601
Custom architectural woodwork and millwork	\$45,543

Comparison with Neighboring States:

Forest Products Industries Direct Employment in Connecticut and Adjacent States, 2017

Industry	Connecticut	Massachusetts	New York	Vermont	New Hampshire
Forestry*	90	1,030	1,658	3,342	1,250
Logging	569	835	4,013	1,737	1,732
Primary solid wood products	276	300	2,861	941	1,107
Secondary solid wood products	1,268	2,790	7,113	1,053	1,170
Wood furniture	2,535	3,195	11,791	1,318	1,181
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	828	1,845	4,898	641	389
Secondary paperboard and other paper products	2,164	6,087	10,689	76	460
Sum of Direct Contributions	7,730	16,083	43,024	9,107	7,289

*Includes maple syrup production.

Forest Products Industries in Context to other Industries:

Natural Resources and Agricultural Production Industries in Connecticut, 2017

Manufacturing Industries	Employment	Labor Income (Thousands)	Value-added (Thousands)	Output (Thousands)
Forest products	7,730	\$612,313	\$673,015	\$2,415,490
Commercial fishing, hunting, and trapping	389	\$19,521	\$43,721	\$44,292
Mining and oil and gas production	3,311	\$286,909	\$706,607	\$989,300
Agricultural production (plant crop and animal)	12,079	\$289,578	\$325,589	\$742,682

About this Bulletin:

This bulletin summarizes economic contributions of forest products industry in Connecticut 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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