

Forest Products Industries' Economic Contributions: Nebraska - 2017

Nebraska has 1.5 million acres of forest land that cover 3 percent of its land base, and most of this forest land can produce commercial timber. The majority, 89 percent, is privately owned; about 5 percent is managed by state and local government, and about 6 percent by the federal government.

Key Findings- Forest Products Industries:

- Provided almost 5,800 direct jobs and supported a total of 11,214 jobs in 2017.
- Had greater direct labor income, direct value-added, and output than commercial fishing, hunting, and trapping, and mining and oil and gas production.
- Accounted for 5.5 percent of Nebraska's direct manufacturing jobs, and 9.1 percent of non-food manufacturing jobs.
- In Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri employed over 49,300 workers and accounted for \$13.5 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*	36	\$1,293	\$1,411	\$1,549
Logging*	197	\$885	\$5,434	\$9,768
Primary solid wood products	246	\$10,471	\$17,624	\$91,874
Secondary solid wood products	2,121	\$94,830	\$124,545	\$415,319
Wood furniture	1,649	\$73,162	\$107,901	\$296,447
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	17	\$1,263	\$2,402	\$12,454
Secondary paperboard and other paper products	1,534	\$101,311	\$145,659	\$707,147
Total	5,800	\$283,216	\$404,977	\$1,534,558

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

Industry Group	Employment	Labor Income	Value-added	Output
Forestry*	23	\$623	\$563	\$242
Logging*	113	\$1,282	\$4,000	\$7,015
Primary solid wood products	610	\$27,815	\$48,145	\$136,563
Secondary solid wood products	3,802	\$181,542	\$269,770	\$674,092
Wood furniture	2,797	\$131,350	\$203,929	\$468,388
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	61	\$3,870	\$6,807	\$19,474
Secondary paperboard and other paper products	3,807	\$224,587	\$350,085	\$1,059,212
Total	11,214	\$571,068	\$883,299	\$2,364,985

*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.



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Top Forest Products Sectors in Nebraska:

Top 5 Industry Sectors by Direct Jobs

Industry Sector	Employment
Paperboard container manufacturing	1,259
Showcase, partition, shelving, and locker manufacturing	697
Wood container and pallet manufacturing	538
Wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing	508
Engineered wood member and truss manufacturing	451

Top 5 Industry Sectors by Value Added (Thousands)

Industry Sector	Value Added
Paperboard container manufacturing	\$112,170
Showcase, partition, shelving, and locker manufacturing	\$46,435
Wood windows and door manufacturing	\$27,122
Engineered wood member and truss manufacturing	\$25,318
Wood container and pallet manufacturing	\$25,289

Comparison with Neighboring States:

Forest Products Industries Direct Employment in Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri, 2017

Industry	Nebraska	Iowa	Missouri
Forestry*	36	94	536
Logging	197	610	2,270
Primary solid wood products	246	590	3,053
Secondary solid wood products	2,121	9,038	5,989
Wood furniture	1,649	3,751	7,063
Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	17	63	460
Secondary paperboard and other paper products	1,534	3,688	6,329
Sum of Direct Contributions	5,800	17,834	25,699

Forest Products Industries in Context to other Industries:

Natural Resources and Agricultural Production Industries in Nebraska, 2017

Manufacturing Industries	Employment	Labor Income (Thousands)	Value-added (Thousands)	Output (Thousands)
Forest products	5,800	\$283,216	\$404,977	\$1,534,558
Commercial fishing, hunting, and trapping	209	\$(10)	\$1,899	\$2,081
Mining and oil and gas production	3,538	\$108,179	\$221,253	\$518,210
Agricultural production (plant crop and animal)	67,028	\$5,596,888	\$7,335,543	\$22,342,748

About this Bulletin:

This bulletin summarizes economic contributions of forest products industry in Nebraska in 2017, as part of an analysis of the 20 Northeast and Midwest states 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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