

About this study

Forest products industry sectors impact Illinois' economy in three ways.

First, these sectors impact the state economy directly through their own employment, wages, production, and value-added.

Second, there is an indirect effect resulting from the industry's purchase of goods and services from supporting industries located in the state, resulting in increased employment, wages, production, and value-added in these supporting industries to meet the demands of the forest products industry.

Finally, there is an induced effect, resulting from purchases of consumer goods and services by employee households associated with both the forest products industry and its supporting industries.

Other important facts about forestry in Illinois

- In 2010, landowners received \$16.66 million for their standing timber.
- Illinois grows some of the finest hardwoods in the nation, such as black walnut, red oak, white oak, yellow poplar, ash, hickory, hard maple, and soft maple.
- Illinois currently produces much more timber annually than is harvested or lost to mortality.
- More than 90 percent of the forest land in Illinois is privately owned.
- In addition to their economic contribution, Illinois forests provide significant environmental, and outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the state.
- Illinois forest acres contain 61 percent of the native flora and 75 percent of the wildlife habitat in the state.
- Illinois forests provide habitat for more than 420 vertebrate species and nesting for 120 bird species.



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This study was commissioned by the Illinois Forestry Development Council. The Council was created by the Illinois Forestry Development Act of 1983 to study and evaluate the forest resources and forest industry of Illinois. This includes understanding the magnitude of ownership of forest resources, the uses of the resources and the economic impacts derived from these resources. It also includes support for soil, water and wildlife habitat benefits of forestry practices.

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Forestry and Forest Products



Illinois'
23 BILLION
DOLLAR
INDUSTRY

131,459 JOBS
full- and part-time
\$8.10 BILLION
annual payroll
\$2.49 BILLION
tax revenue



FORESTRY IN ILLINOIS

Forest resources are a major component of Illinois' resource base. Timberland accounts for 13.4% of the state's total land area, covering over 4.78 million acres. The forest products industry includes four main sectors, logging, solid wood products, pulp and paper, and wood furniture manufacturing, and two related sectors, miscellaneous forest products and urban forestry. In 2010, total industry output related to the forest products industry exceeded \$23.08 billion in Illinois. Related value-added was over \$11.4 billion. Related employment totaled 131,549 full- or part-time jobs with an associated annual payroll of \$8.10 billion.



LOGGING

1,190 jobs

\$45.35 million in wages

\$122.1 million
total industry output

\$61.68 million
value-added

Includes all establishments engaged in cutting timber and producing rough, round, hewn, or riven primary forestry and wood raw materials, including wood chips, in the field.



SOLID WOOD

18,316 jobs

\$917 million in wages

\$2.59 billion
total industry output

\$1.37 billion
value-added

Includes sawmills, plywood mills, veneer mills, reconstituted wood product mills, and firms manufacturing articles made primarily of wood.



PULP & PAPER

90,425 jobs

\$5.38 billion in wages

\$17.6 billion
total industry output

\$8.35 billion
value-added

Includes pulp mills, paper mills, paperboard mills, and manufacturers of paperboard containers and boxes, converted paper and paperboard products and other related paper products.



FURNITURE

20,267 jobs

\$1.05 billion in wages

\$2.83 billion
total industry output

\$1.58 billion
value-added

Includes firms that manufacture wood household furniture, upholstered furniture on wood frames, wood office furniture, and wood partitions and fixtures.



URBAN FORESTRY

5,214 jobs

\$208.96 million in wages

\$521.53 million
total industry output

\$316.87 million
value-added

Includes all firms engaged in urban forest management, tree pruning, removal, trimming, arboriculture, and related services.



MISCELLANEOUS

965 jobs

\$38.49 million in wages

\$110.9 million
total industry output

\$63.6 million
value-added

Includes all establishments engaged in activities affiliated with forestry, such as tree nurseries, forestry consultants, and support activities for forestry.