

Wisconsin's forest industry



Forest products in Wisconsin contribute significantly to the economy accounting for 12% of the value of all shipments, as well as 14% of jobs and 13% of wages in the manufacturing sector. The paper industry alone ranks second out of 65 manufacturing industries.

There are over 72,000 employees employed in this sector (over half in paper mills) and 1,383 establishments. The average wage is \$44,400 and total wages contribute \$3.2 billion per year.

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Value of shipments and capital expenditures by industry



The value of shipments and 17% of all capital expenditures in the manufacturing sector.

The paper industry is a very significant contributor, ranking second out of 65 manufacturing industries in the state for value of shipments and capital expenditures.

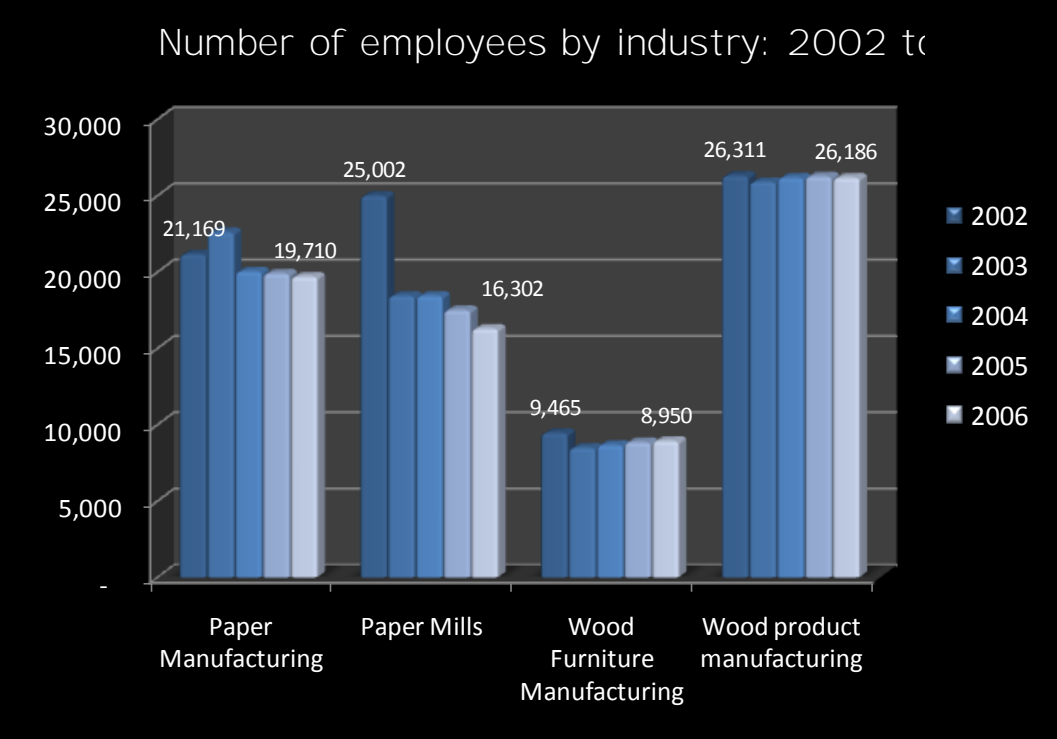
Industry	Total value of shipments (\$1,000)	Rank	Total capital expenditures (\$1,000)	Rank	Cost of materials (\$1,000,000)	Value added (\$1,000,000)
Pulp, paper, & paperboard mills	7,501,215	2	360,348	2	-	-
Converted paper product mfg	5,772,264	6	206,211	4	-	-
Other wood product mfg	3,821,844	12	85,954	12	-	-
Total forest products industry	17,095,323	-	652,513	-	\$10,438	\$1,208
Total all manufacturing	144,243,851	-	3,902,823	-	\$77,895	\$67,117
Percent of total manufacturing	11.9%	-	16.7%	-	13.4%	1.8%

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Number of employees by industry: 2002 to 2006

Wisconsin has over 72,000 employees in the forest products industry (including logging and forestry support activities). Over half of these jobs are in paper mills and manufacturing. Forest products jobs make up about 14.4% of all manufacturing jobs.

The number of employees working in the forest products industry has decreased 16% since 2002, 38% in paper mills and 9% in paper manufacturing.



Number of employees by forest products industry

Industry	Number of employees
Converted Paper Product Manufacturing	19,710
Logging	957
Other Wood Product Manufacturing	19,291
Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills	16,302
Sawmills and Wood Preservation	3,116
Support Activities for Forestry	81
Veneer and Engineered Wood Products	3,778
Wood furniture manufacturing	8,950
Total	72,186

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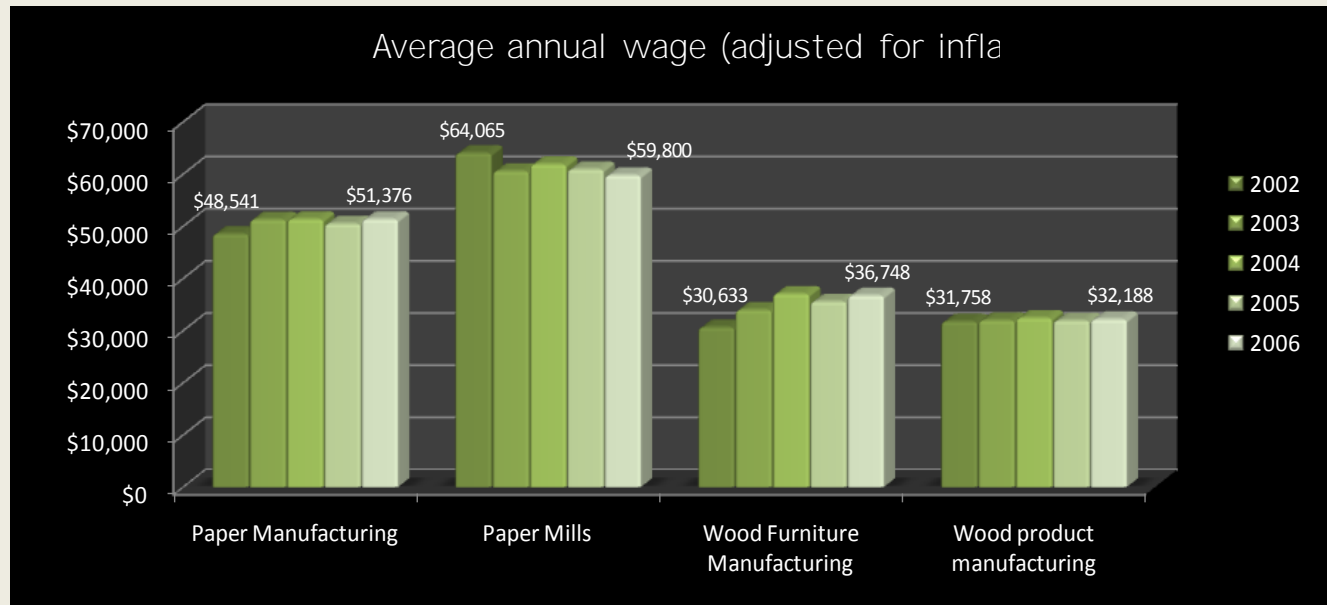
Wages in the forest products industry

Average annual wages 2002 to 2006



The average wage for forest products employees is over \$44,400 a year, which is about average for manufacturing jobs in Wisconsin and about 26% higher than the average wage for all industries combined.

Wages (adjusted for inflation) have increased in all sectors with the exception of paper mills. Average annual compensation for paper mill jobs has decreased about 4% in the last 5 years.



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Wisconsin's Forest Products Industry Wages contribute to our economy
 Total wages by industry 2002 to 2006

Overall, the forest products industry contributes about \$3.16 billion per year in wages to the Wisconsin economy. This amounts to approximately 13% of all manufacturing wages in Wisconsin.

Since 2002, total wages for the industry have decreased 16% (adjusted for inflation). Paper mills have been the largest contributor to this decline, from \$1.6 billion in 2002 to less than \$1 billion in 2006, a decrease of 39%. Wood furniture manufacturing has increased by 13% in this time period.

