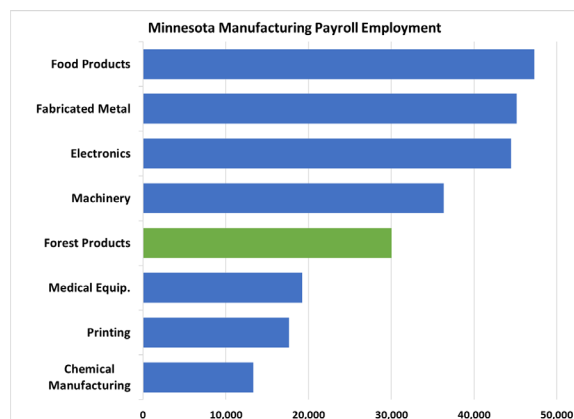


# Minnesota's Forest Products Industry at a Glance

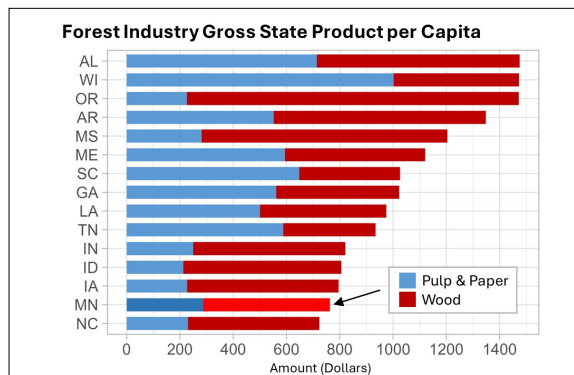
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The forest products industry is a cornerstone of the state's economy:

- ❖ **\$25.6 billion value of shipments (gross sales) effect** and 8.5 percent of all manufacturing payroll employment
- ❖ **5th largest manufacturing sector in Minnesota by payroll employment**



- ❖ **72,635 jobs** total employment effect
- ❖ **\$291 million** total state & local tax payments effect
- ❖ **14th ranked nationally in forest industry value added (Gross State Product) per capita**



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Updated annually when value of shipments data is released. Data compiled for the DNR by Steigerwaldt Land Services.

***Pulp, Paper, Oriented Strand Board (OSB) Sheathing and Siding, Pallets, Railroad Ties, Utility Poles, Cabinets, Millwork, Wood Furniture, Veneer, Specialty Products, Bio-Energy, Bio-Chemicals, Logging, and Forestry***

Direct Economic Effect <sup>1</sup>	2023d	2022
Payroll & Self-Employed	31,449 jobs	31,151 jobs
Labor Income	\$2.15 billion	\$2.1 billion
Value of Shipments (Gross Sales)	\$14.2 billion	\$14.0 billion
Value Added (Gross State Product)	\$5.0 billion	\$4.9 billion
State Income Taxes Paid	\$132 million	\$129 million

Total Economic Effect <sup>2</sup>	2023d	2022
<b>Payroll &amp; Self-Employed</b>	<b>72,635 jobs</b>	<b>71,650 jobs</b>
Labor Income	\$4.7 billion	\$4.6 billion
<b>Value of Shipments (Gross Sales)</b>	<b>\$25.6 billion</b>	<b>\$25.3 billion</b>
Value Added (Gross State Product)	\$11.0 billion	\$10.8 billion
State Income Taxes Paid	\$291 million	\$283 million

Number of Facilities	2023	2022
Primary Pulp & Paper Mills	3	3
Recycled Pulp & Paper Mills	3	3
Converted Paper Products	84	84
Lumber & Wood Products	357	350
Millwork & Wood Furniture	366	375

Timber Harvest (1,000s of cords) <sup>3</sup>	2023	% Harvest
Pulpwood	1,616.9	63.1%
Sawlogs & Specialty Products	697.7	27.2%
Fuelwood	246.6	9.6%
Total	2,561.1	100.0%

Timberland (1,000s of acres) <sup>4</sup>	2022	% Acres
National Forest System	1,810	11.5%
Other Federal	18	0.1%
State	3,716	23.6%
County & Local Govt.	2,517	16.0%
Private & Tribal	7,690	48.8%
Total	15,752	100.00%

## Table Notes:

Abbreviations: (d) = draft, (r) = revised.

<sup>1</sup>Data sources: MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development, MN Dept. of Revenue, U.S. Census, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, BEA, and U.S. EIA.

<sup>2</sup>Economic multipliers: direct, indirect, and induced effects.

<sup>3</sup>Standard cord = 79 cubic feet of solid wood. Decorative products, e.g. spruce tops, balsam boughs, and birch bark not included.

<sup>4</sup>Timberland = acres capable of growing commercial forest products and not reserved from harvest. Data sources: USDA Forest Service FIA, Minnesota DNR, and Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners.