

Careers IN TODAY'S LUMBER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LUMBER INDUSTRY ARE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF ABILITIES, SKILLS, AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUNDS.



INDUSTRY CHARACTERISTICS



Myth

**MANUAL LABOR
OLD FASHIONED
CLEAR CUTTING**

Reality

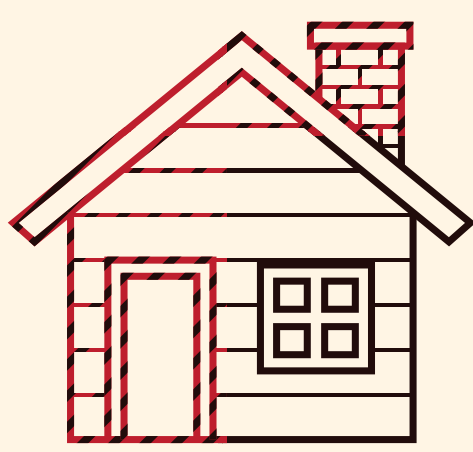
**HIGH-TECH
FORWARD LOOKING
ENVIRONMENTALLY-
SUSTAINABLE**

MODERN JOBS

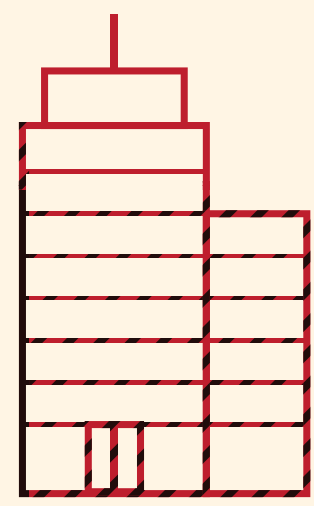
**Information Technology • Computer Systems
Sales and Marketing • Finance • Millwright
Log Scaler • Sawyers • Planer Operators • Electricians
Lumber Grading • Equipment Maintenance • Mechanics**

LUMBER INDUSTRY FACTS

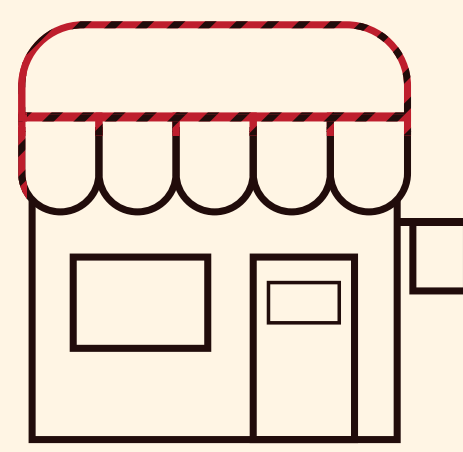
**WHERE
IT GOES**



**SINGLE and
MULTI-FAMILY** home
construction, more
than 1.2 million a
year in the U.S.



SKYSCRAPERS: tall
wood structures



**COMMERCIAL
BUILDINGS:** hotels,
restaurants, and
shopping centers



**PALLETS, BOXES,
and CRATES:**
lifeblood of moving
goods across the
country and
the globe

RENEWABLE

Wood is **THE ONLY MAJOR BUILDING MATERIAL THAT GROWS NATURALLY AND IS RENEWABLE.** Modern forestry standards help ensure that wood is harvested and processed into wood products in a sustainable way to preserve forest health. (USDA)

Reforestation in the U.S. continues to exceed harvested timber. The current volume of standing tree growth available for harvest is **51% HIGHER THAN THE VOLUME AVAILABLE IN 1953.** (USDA)

**THE JOBS ARE
CLOSE TO HOME**

MAINE

(Forest for Maine's Future)
About 90% of Maine is forested, the highest percentage of any state. Maine has over 200 forest products businesses that employ 24,000 people, and directly contributes \$1.8 billion to the economy each year

NEW HAMPSHIRE

(NH Timberland Owners Assn.)
84% of NH is forested
Over 16,000 employed in the forest industry
Contributes \$1.7 billion to economy annually

VERMONT

(Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund)
78% forested
Net growth of the forest has exceeded removal since stats first became available in 1948
Over 10,000 jobs and contributes roughly \$1.5 billion to economy annually

MINNESOTA

(Minnesota Forests)
More than 9,000 jobs directly in lumber manufacturing, with another 3,000 employed in logging and sawmill support
Total forest products value of all industries, \$8.2 billion to the annual economy

MICHIGAN

(MI Dept. of Natural Resources)
More than 11,000 employed in the wood products manufacturing industry
Nearly \$4 billion added to the economy from the lumber and wood products manufacturing industry

WISCONSIN

(WI Dept of Natural Resources)
24,000 employed in lumber mills and secondary wood product manufacturers
Contributes \$4.9 billion to the annual economy

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