

Alabama

Forest Products Industry



Alabama has the second largest timberland base in the United States with nearly 23 million acres. The forest products industry is the state's largest manufacturing industry, producing an estimated \$15.6 billion worth of products in 2005 at approximately 850 manufacturing operations. (Source: AU Forest Products Development Center)

Forest products exports were valued at \$1.16 billion in 2010, ranking the industry as the fourth largest exporter in the state. (Source: Alabama Development Office)

A study of the industry by the Forest Products Development Center at Auburn University in 2005 found that lumber and wood products industries produced an estimated \$5.2 billion worth of products, pulp and paper products industries produced an estimated \$7.9 billion worth of products, and furniture and other secondary wood industries produced an estimated \$2.5 billion worth of products.

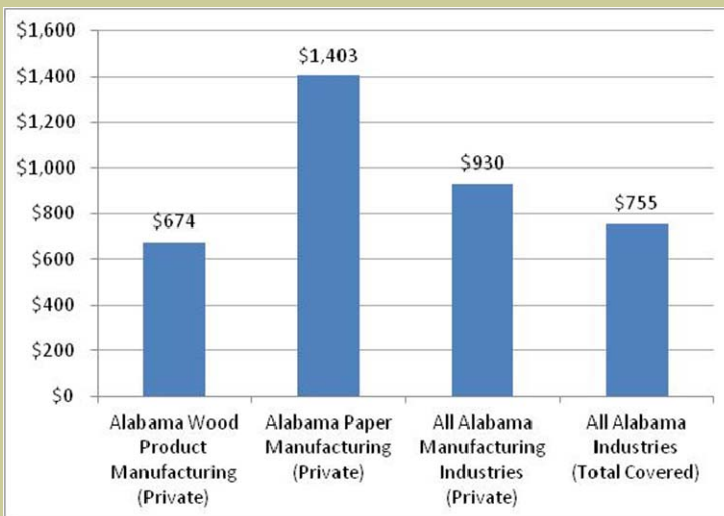
Alabama's forest industry has been the largest consistent source of new investment. During the 10-year period ending in 2005, the industry invested \$5.9 billion in capital for new plants, expansions and modernizations. (Source: Alabama Development Office)

Industry-University Collaboration: The Forest Products Development Center at Auburn University's School of Forestry provides a technical information and analytical support base to facilitate and encourage forest-based economic development in Alabama. The Center serves as a contact point for industry personnel wishing to explore new investment or market opportunities within Alabama.

Sources: U.S.D.A. Forest Service; Alabama Forestry Commission; Auburn Forest Products Development Center; Alabama International Trade Center

Average Weekly Wages

Outlook/Trends



The output of the wood products industry decreased by 5.3 percent to \$975 million in 2010. Output is expected to fall 1.8 percent in 2011.

In 2010, the real GDP of paper manufacturing industries rose by 4.9 percent to \$2.3 billion. Pulp and paper prices at the producer level are expected to increase 1.5 percent in 2010.

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2010 Annual Data; Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Alabama

Company	County	Product	Jobs	Investment (Millions)
2011				
Sonoco Products	Morgan	Wooden plugs for paper cores	28	\$4.6 (Expansion)
2010				
American Lumber	Jefferson	Remanufacturing lumber into packaging crates and other products	50	\$1.6 (New)
Rocky Creek Lumber Company	Monroe	Lumber and timber sawmill	20	N.A. (Expansion)
Thacker Caskets	Lauderdale	Casket components	40	\$1.6 (Expansion)
United Casework	Etowah	Industrial casework, cabinetry and millwork	30	N.A. (New)
United Treating, Inc.	Lawrence	Treated wood products	25	N.A. (New)
2009				
Boatright Companies	Chilton	Crossties for the railroad industry	60	\$40.0 (New)
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Coastal Forest Products LLC	Butler	Sawmill and plywood manufacturing	250	\$10.0 (New)
International Paper	Autauga	Paper	-	\$40.0 (Expansion)
Masterbrand Cabinets	Talladega	Cabinets	23	N.A. (Expansion)
2008				
Hixson Lumber	Houston	Preservation and treatment of lumber	40	\$2.0 (New)
Lonestar Forest Products	Fayette	Sawmill, lumber and hardwood flooring	60	\$5.5 (New)
Quality Mill Products	Blount	Cabinetry, railings doors and panels	40	\$2.1 (Expansion)
2007				
American Laminated Products	Franklin	Laminated wood products	10	\$2 (New)
Cascades Sonoco	Jefferson	Roll packaging products	19	\$6.8 (Expansion)
Cullman Cabinet	Cullman	Cabinets	20	\$2.2 (Expansion)
SCA Tissue North America	Colbert	Tissue paper products	30	\$145.0 (Expansion)
2006				
Forest Technologies Holdings	Pickens	Hardwood decking & flooring	30	N.A. (New)
Hardwoods, Inc. of Alabama	Shelby	Wood building products	28	\$4.0 (New)
International Paper	Lawrene	Paper	24	\$53.0 (Expansion)
Jim Bishop Cabinets	St. Clair	Semi-custom cabinets	20	N.A. (New)
SCA Tissue	Colbert	Tissue paper products	16	\$23.0 (Expansion)
2005				
Brown Wood Preserving	Lamar	Treated timber, lumber, utility poles	15	N.A. (Expansion)
C&S Door Corporation	Dale	Interior wood doors	80	\$10.0 (New)
D&S Cabinets, Inc.	Limestone	Cabinets	24	N.A. (Expansion)
Kronospan GmbH	Calhoun	Wood-based panels and particle board	700	\$500.0 (New)
LP Wood Polymers	Dallas	Wood building products	20	\$14.0 (Expansion)
Paragon Panels of Alabama	Barbour	Fiberboard	85	N.A. (New)
Perfection Cabinetry Co.	Cullman	Cabinets	30	N.A. (Expansion)
Pinnacle Enterprises	Etowah	Wood cabinet doors	11	N.A. (New)
Thacker Casket Mfg.	Lauderdale	Burial caskets	90	\$4.0 (New)
Windsor Cabinets	Blount	Frameless cabinets	20	\$1.0 (New)



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