



OVERVIEW

Alabama has the third largest commercial forestland base in the United States with nearly 23 million acres. Alabama's timberland area has increased by 1.3 million acres in the past three decades. The industry has a promising future—timber expansion outpaces removals by 37%. Forest products exports were valued at \$1.5 billion in 2018, averaging 1.2 million tons in exports annually.

A study of the industry by the Forest Products Development Center at Auburn University in 2013 found that lumber and wood products industries produced an estimated \$4.1 billion worth of products, pulp and paper products industries produced an estimated \$8.8 billion worth of products, and furniture and other secondary wood industries produced an estimated \$1.9 billion worth of products.

Alabama's forest industry has been a large and consistent source of new capital investment. During 2018, 54 new and expansion projects were announced. Among those announcements, \$1.3 billion has been invested.

(Source: Alabama Department of Commerce, AIDT, Alabama Forestry Commission, Amazing Alabama)



Overall, forestry activity produces \$2.1 billion in wages and \$16.3 billion in product shipments.

Source: Alabama Department of Commerce

The forestry invested \$5 billion in Alabama over the last decade, resulting in 8,800 jobs.

Source: Alabama Department of Commerce

Forestry accounts for 20% of total manufacturing jobs (direct and indirect) in Alabama.

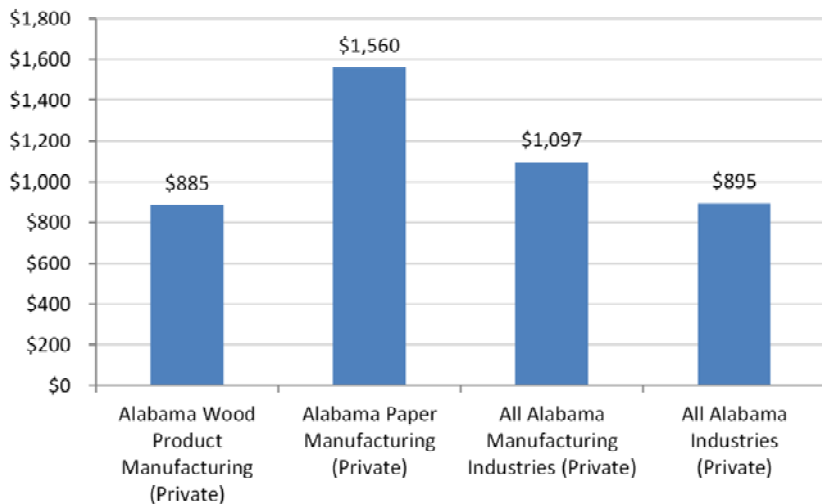
Source: Alabama Department of Commerce, New & Expanding Industry Announcements, 2016





## AVG WEEKLY WAGES

## ESTABLISHMENTS / EMPLOYMENT



**WOOD PRODUCT MFG**  
 ESTABLISHMENTS: 389  
 EMPLOYMENT: 17,303

**PAPER PRODUCT MFG**  
 ESTABLISHMENTS: 98  
 EMPLOYMENT: 11,824

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Annual Avg. 2018

## RECENT EXPANSIONS & NEW PROJECTS (PARTIAL LIST)

| Company                              | County     | Product   | Jobs | Investment (million) |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|------|----------------------|
| <b>2019</b>                          |            |   |      |                      |
| Enviva                               | Sumter     | Wood pellets  | 85   | \$175 (New)          |
| <b>2018</b>                          |            |   |      |                      |
| Essity (SCA Tissue)                  | Colbert    | Sanitary tissue paper products  | 10   | \$9.2 (Expansion)    |
| Great Southern Wood Preserving, Inc. | Colbert    | Treated lumber  | 28   | \$6.3 (Expansion)    |
| KyKenKee, Inc.                       | Tuscaloosa | Sawmill that produces hardwoods and southern yellow pine, specialty cut items, and Greenscape products (wood chips, bark, sawdust ) | 70   | \$28.2 (Expansion)   |
| Norbord Alabama                      | Chambers   | Forest products   | 0    | \$19.5 (Expansion)   |
| Overseas Hardwoods Company, Inc.     | Baldwin    | Hardwood manufacturing and importing  | 21   | \$2.3 (Expansion)    |
| Sunbelt Forest Ventures              | Dallas     | High tech sawmill   | 52   | \$21 (New)           |
| Zilkha Biomass Selma                 | Dallas     | Wood pellets (black) for export   | 63   | \$20 (New)           |
| <b>2017</b>                          |            |   |      |                      |
| Bishop Cabinets                      | Montgomery | Wood cabinets   | 10   | N.A. (Expansion)     |
| International Paper                  | Autauga    | Linerboard  | 20   | \$312 (Expansion)    |
| Pallet One of Alabama                | Dallas     | Wood pallets  | 20   | \$0.5 (Expansion)    |
| WestRock                             | Jackson    | Corrugated medium paperboard  | -    | \$11.9 (Expansion)   |
| Weyerhaeuser                         | Lamar      | Softwood lumber   | -    | \$164 (Expansion)    |
| RMR-Barton, KKC                      | Colbert    | Paper recycling   | 23   | \$1.8 (New)          |
| Resolute FP US Inc.                  | Talladega  | Pulp  | -    | \$3.98 (New)         |
| Two Rivers Lumber                    | Marengo    | Sawmill   | 95   | \$64 (New)           |