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WOOD PRODUCTS

The Oregon Employment Department has released data on common occupations in the Wood Products sector, highlighting the 2024 numbers, average wages, and the typical entry-level education for each role. Below is a summary:

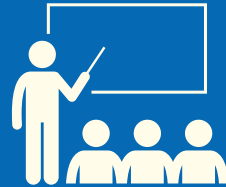
Occupation	2024 Average Annual Wages	Typical Entry Level Education
Adhesive Bonding Machine Operators and Tenders	\$49,342	High school diploma or equivalent
Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	\$40,963	High school diploma or equivalent
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$84,516	High school diploma or equivalent
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$59,763	Postsecondary training (non-degree)
Helpers--Production Workers	\$41,829	Less than high school
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$68,490	High school diploma or equivalent
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$50,128	Less than high school
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	\$47,431	High school diploma or equivalent
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$39,954	Less than high school
Logging Equipment Operators	\$61,724	High school diploma or equivalent

5,818
TOTAL
EMPLOYEES



6,384
NEW &
REPLACEMENT
OPENINGS BY
2032

2%
FORECASTED
GROWTH BY
2032



\$386
MILLION
IN LANE COUNTY
PAYROLL

223
TOTAL
ESTABLISHMENTS



\$66,466
AVERAGE
WAGE

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To meet the workforce needs of employers and individuals through partnerships and innovation.



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Constructing a Brighter Future students at McKenzie High School, September 2022.

Wood products have played a key role in Lane County's economy for generations, and with innovative technologies, continues to be an important economic sector today. All aspects of wood products production are part of the Lane County economy including planting, harvesting, and manufacturing. When initially tracking this industry sector, LWP focused on the narrow definition of advanced wood products manufacturing, but after extensive conversations with industry leaders, we pivoted to expand our definition to capture a broader list of activities in this industry sector. Numbers from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute show that the sector had 7,585 jobs and over \$419 million in total payroll in Lane County in 2019, the most of any county in Oregon.

Wood products manufacturing is by far the most prominent sector within overall manufacturing in Lane County and is more strongly concentrated in our area than almost any other in the country. In 2021, Lane County wood products manufacturing had approximately eight times more employment concentration than the U.S. and two times more than Oregon statewide.

The Oregon Employment Department forecasts that the sector will increase by 2 percent between 2022 and 2032, gaining 102 jobs over the period. However, replacement needs, largely due to retirements, are expected to create 6,283 replacement openings for 66,384 total openings over 10 years.

Wages are generally high in the wood products sector. The 2023 annual average wage for the sector in Lane County was \$66,466 compared to the overall average of \$56,320 for all industries.

The Lane County Sector Strategy Team (LCSST) utilizes the [Next Generation Sector Partnerships model](#), a nationally recognized approach. For more information, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/LaneWorkforce>