

Table 2 — Selected economic characteristics for wood-based sectors(State of Wisconsin, 1994)

	Industry output (MMS)	Employee compensation (MMS)	Employment (# of jobs)
Wood-based sectors			
Timber production	209.001	34.303	3152
Primary wood processing	956.862	152.635	7346
Secondary wood processing	3412.918	954.96	37925
Reconstituted wood products	10346.688	2510.89	50895
Total in wood- based sectors	14925.469	3652.788	99318
Total (all sectors)	242,514.17	76201.309	3070532

In 1994, timber production provided a partial basis for primary, secondary and reconstituted wood products sector activity that accounted for approximately 6% of Wisconsin's gross state product (roughly \$15 billion of \$242 billion). The bulk of timber production appears to occur on non-industrial private forest lands with a surprising amount of sawtimber value being realized in the southwestern part of the state.

The market value of timber is influenced by the species or type of tree harvested the size or product class, and the harvest costs. In general, hardwood species are more valuable than softwoods. Some of the more valuable species include red and white oak, walnut and hard maple. Less valuable hardwoods include aspens, birch, and soft maples. Softwood species (conifers) tend not to vary as much in value from species to species.