

Bring Your Forest Products Business to Tennessee

Tennessee produces some of the highest quality forest products in the world and is among the top three hardwood lumber producing states in the U.S.

World-class sustainably managed forest resources & diverse industry

- The forest products industry contributes \$21.7 billion to Tennessee's economy per year and supports 85,000 jobs
- 52% of the state is forestland
- 83% of the forestland is privately owned
- Favorable growth-to-harvest ratio of 1.6 to 1
- Sawtimber comprises nearly 50% of the annual harvest volume
- Top timber species include red oak, white oak, ash, yellow poplar, hickory, soft maple, and cherry
- Top products include hardwood grade lumber, sawlogs, veneer logs, railroad crossties, casks, staves, pine lumber, paperboard, oriented strand board, millwork, and flooring
- 200+ primary mills and 300+ secondary solid wood and paper/paperboard manufacturing facilities
- The Tennessee Wood Products brand is used by 60+ businesses to market wood products made in Tennessee

With a favorable business climate, central location, and transportation infrastructure, Tennessee is the ideal location to start, relocate, or expand your forest products business.

Business Climate

- Tennessee is one of the most fiscally responsible states in the U.S.
- Pro-business regulatory environment
- Right-to-work state
- No personal income tax on wages and salaries

Location & Infrastructure

- Rated #1 in the Southeast for Best Infrastructure by CNBC
- 96,000+ miles of highway
- 1,200+ miles of interstate
- 6 commercial airports including the busiest cargo airport in the U.S.
- 970+ miles of navigable waterways and the 5th largest inland port in the U.S.
- 2,900+ miles of railroads and the 3rd largest rail center in the U.S.



With a commitment to workforce development, affordable housing, and recreational opportunities, Tennessee is a great place to live and work.

Workforce & Education

- Rated #1 in Workforce Development for the South Central Region by Site Selection
- Statewide focus to support development of qualified workers
- Continuing investments in post-secondary vocational and technical education initiatives
- Tennessee ForestryWorks and similar programs cultivate careers, build communities, and stimulate local economies

Quality of Life

- Cost of living is 10% below national average
- Housing costs are 20.6% below national average
- 130+ state parks and natural areas
- 30 national historic landmarks
- The Great Smoky Mountains is the most visited national park in the U.S.