The Timber Economy in Lane County and Oregon

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Defining economic impact – not always straightforward



Employment and Wages in Lane County, Annual Average 2023

Industry	Employment	Total Wages	Average Wage
All Sectors	157,204	\$8.9 Billion	\$56,320
Wood Products	5,818	\$390 Million	\$66,466

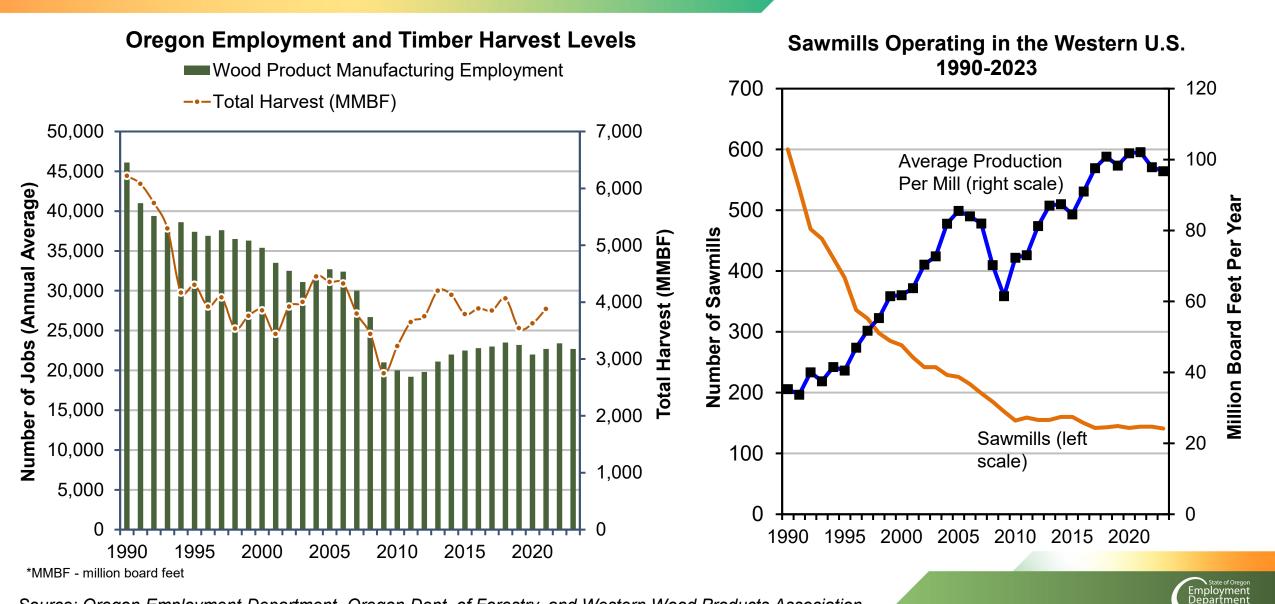
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Oregon Employment Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Wood Products represents: 3.7% of local employment 4.4% of local wages \$10,000 higher average wage per worker

Wood Product Manufacturing has a location quotient (or employment

concentration) of 8.5

More jobs in that sector here than L.A. or Seattle metro areas

Wood product manufacturing is more concentrated and less labor intensive



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, and Western Wood Products Association

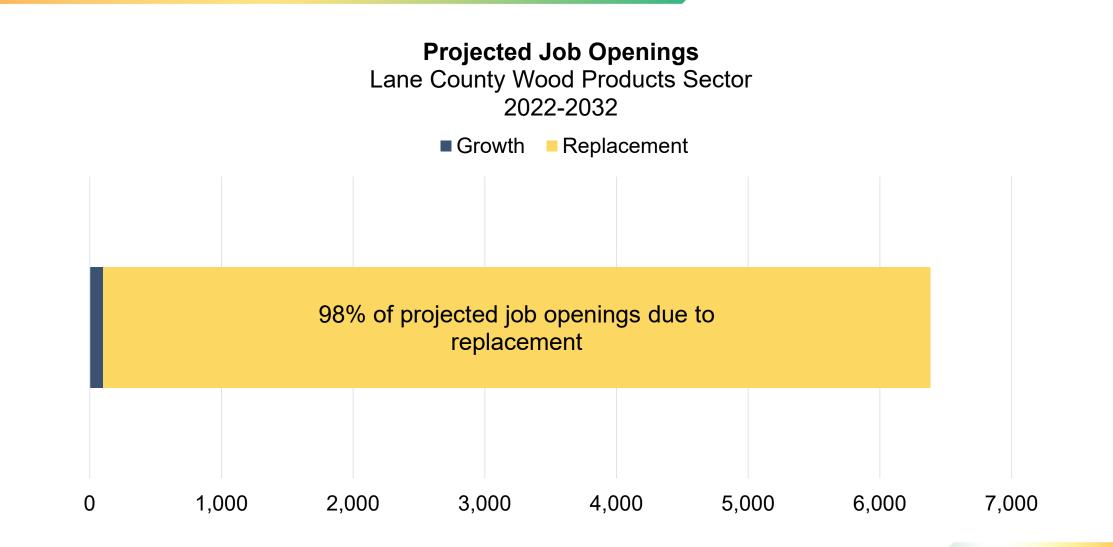
Employment declined steeply during the 2008 recession



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages



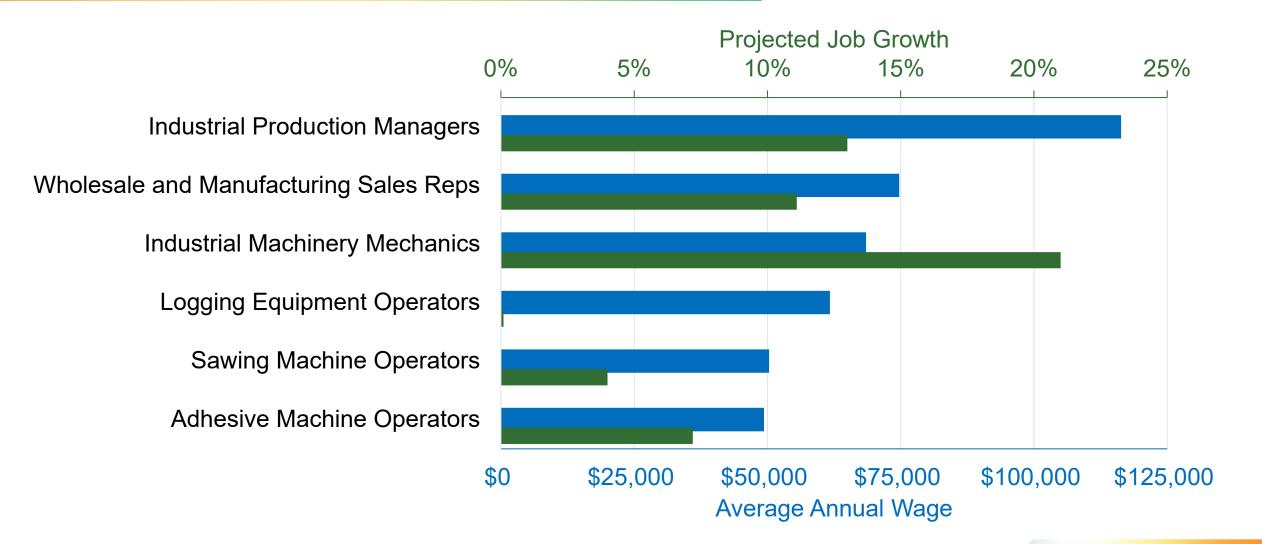
Projected growth slow and steady, with strong replacement needs



Source: Oregon Employment Department, 2022-2032 Industry Employment Projections



High wage and demand careers exist at multiple education levels



Source: Oregon Employment Department, 2024 Wage Estimates and 2022-2032 Occupational Projections



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