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Role of Wood Products in the Economy of Adams, Dauphin, and York Counties

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The **wood products industry** is an important part of the history and economy of Adams, Dauphin, and York counties in Pennsylvania. The industry creates jobs and compensation for workers throughout these counties and influences tax revenues in the counties.

The impact of jobs in wood products in Adams, Dauphin, and York counties:

- *For every 100 jobs* — Due to the need to supply the wood products industry, other industries in Adams, Dauphin, and York counties employ an additional 37 workers. Spending of income earned by wood products employees and by workers in Adams, Dauphin, and York industries that supply wood products on such items as housing, food, health care, and other retail goods and services creates an additional 45 jobs in Adams, Dauphin, and York counties. In short, every 100 jobs in the Adams, Dauphin, and York wood products industry are associated with 182 total jobs in the counties.
- *For every 100 jobs* — The wood products industry generates \$5 million compensation (wages, pensions, income of proprietors) for its own Adams, Dauphin, and York employees and \$1.7 million compensation for employees whose jobs are created because their Adams, Dauphin, and York firms supply the wood products industry in the counties. Spending of income by wood products employees and workers in supplying industries generates an additional \$1.5 million compensation for other Adams, Dauphin, and York workers. In this way, the wood products industry is responsible for generating \$8.2 million annual compensation for every 100 wood products workers employed in Adams, Dauphin, and York counties.
- *For every 100 jobs* — Business activity by the wood products industry, the industry's impact on Adams, Dauphin, and York industries that supply it, and the effect of spending by workers employed in the wood products industry and its supplying industries generate \$267,000 in property taxes that are paid annually by businesses and individuals in Adams, Dauphin, and York counties to local governments.

This Brief contains an analysis of activity of establishments primarily engaged in wood products in North American Industry Classification System codes 321912 and 321918. Information provided in this Economic & Workforce Brief was calculated using IMPLAN, a macroeconomic model applied by Penn State's Office of Economic and Workforce Development to identify the impact of economic activity on Pennsylvania and its counties. For more information, contact Rose M. Baker (rmb194@psu.edu; 814.865.9919) or David L. Passmore (dlp+irttd@psu.edu; 814.863.2583). Dollar values reported in the Brief are expressed as year 2006 dollars.