



OhioSE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The OhioSE region has over 30 billion board feet of standing timber with over 400 million board feet of hardwood harvested each year. The hardwood and paper products supply chain is well developed with logging, sawmills, kilns, stave mills, and specialized trucking operations across the region.

The region is a center for furniture, barrel, hardwood flooring, and paper manufacturing. Manufacturers have found great success with the OhioSE region's abundant and high-quality labor. Nearly 60 sawmills fuel many of these operations. An excellent four-lane highway system across the region links together the supply chain to get manufactured products to market.



Ohio is the #1 state for unupholstered wood furniture manufacturing and our region is home to coveted Appalachian Hardwoods.

WOOD + PAPER STATS



419

Businesses



7,847

Industry workers*

206%

More jobs in the Wood + Paper Products Industry than the national average



5,456

DEGREES COMPLETED

annually in relevant industry fields

*\$63,164 Average earnings per job

ABOUT OHIOSE

Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE) is the JobsOhio Network Partner for southern, eastern, and southeastern Ohio, providing economic development services and resources in 25 rural counties.

How we help

- A single point of contact
- Site selection assistance
- Regional data and research
- Connections to key partners
- Incentives
- Talent assistance

WHY OHIO SOUTHEAST



Wood products manufacturing is driven by a workforce 4x more specialized than the national average.



The industry added over \$900M into the region's GRP.



In Southeast Ohio, the industry employs nearly 7,000 people.



Average annual wages are 10% below the national average and up to 25% lower than nearby metro areas.



Rail service includes Norfolk Southern, CSX Transportation, local and regional railroads.

Southeastern Ohio is the Choice

"We take great pride in the furniture we produce and now offer one of the most complete custom dining lines in the country. We are most appreciative to OhioSE, JobsOhio and Holmes County Economic Development Council for their continued support."

BRYAN COBLENTZ

MAVIN

RECENT INVESTMENTS

Winesburg Chair, Ltd., now operating as Mavin, expanded its Holmes County campus, including an 80,000 SF building addition, to increase production capacity. The total investment was over \$4 million and will result in 50 new jobs.

KEY REGIONAL ASSETS

- ▶ Ohio has nine foreign trade zones and is the only state in the Midwest with direct shipping routes to Europe for both container and heavy goods.
- ▶ Our taxes, wage rates, and utility costs are below national and regional averages. Ohio taxes are some of the most favorable in the USA for manufacturing or any business selling goods and services outside of Ohio.
- ▶ In 2021, the Tax Foundation ranked Ohio 4th most favorable for capital-intensive manufacturers for mature firms and 3rd for capital-intensive manufacturing for new firms.



REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

\$42.9 billion

Gross Regional Product (GRP)



0%

State corporate income tax



20

Colleges + universities enroll 88,000 annually



89.2

Cost of living index

1,000,447

Regional Population

440,591

Regional Workforce

FAST FACTS

- ▶ Ohio is the #1 state for upholstered wood furniture manufacturing
- ▶ Ohio's forests are over 97% hardwood species
- ▶ 85% of Ohio's Commercial Logging employees work in Appalachian Ohio
- ▶ Ohio is the 3rd largest state measured by manufacturing output
- ▶ Taxes, wage rates, and utility costs below national and regional averages



LEADING WOOD + PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANIES IN THE OHIOSE REGION

