



“If you have a creative mind, like doing things yourself, and learning how something works, then this industry is for you.”

- Thomasz, Software Engineer

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Annual Growth ('13-18): **4.5%**  
(Source: IBISWorld.com)

## Wage Ranges:

Engineer: \$60-85k/yr

Sales: \$62-120k+/yr

Finishing: \$22-28/hr

Estimating: \$20-25/hr

Cabinetmaking: \$25-30/hr

Installing: \$35-40/hr

(Source: Cabinet Makers Association)



“There are millions of people worldwide working in construction and wood-products manufacturing. These industries are HUGE. There is enormous potential and need for innovation, growth, and advances which will benefit the people working in the industry as well as end-users of the products. With continued advances we will make a positive impact in the world. I am passionate about making real, meaningful, positive advances for people in their day-to-day lives, and this industry allows me an opportunity to achieve that.”

Whitney Pyle,  
COO, JGBowers, Inc.



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## Meet the New Face of Manufacturing

We are the Wood Products Manufacturing Industry



“Right now everyone wants furniture and industry is booming, we need people who are really good in CAD, engineering things, figuring out what it takes to build something, and identifying the balance between something that looks good and is affordable and efficient.” - Adam, Furniture Company Project Manager

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### Jobs available:

- CNC Technicians
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- Cabinetmakers
- Draftspeople
- Engineers
- Estimators
- Furniture Designers
- Millworkers
- Product Developers
- Project Managers
- Purchasing Agents
- Salespeople
- Shop Managers
- Veneer Press Operators
- Woodworking Educators
- ...and many more!



**Average hourly wage for jobs in the wood products manufacturing industry within the first five years:**

**\$20-25**

(Source: Cabinet Makers Association)



“Manufacturing is such a creative field. It requires engineering, design, innovation, planning, and forward thinking. From designing features on a machine, where the machine will go in the plant, what machines will be connected to it for the process...Being able to problem solve is as much a creative process as a strategic and scientific one. As Marketing Manager, I also get to be creative and tell the story of the machine, which gives me satisfaction. You almost HAVE to be creative to be in a manufacturing setting!”

Audrey Brewer,  
Marketing Manager,  
WEIMA America



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