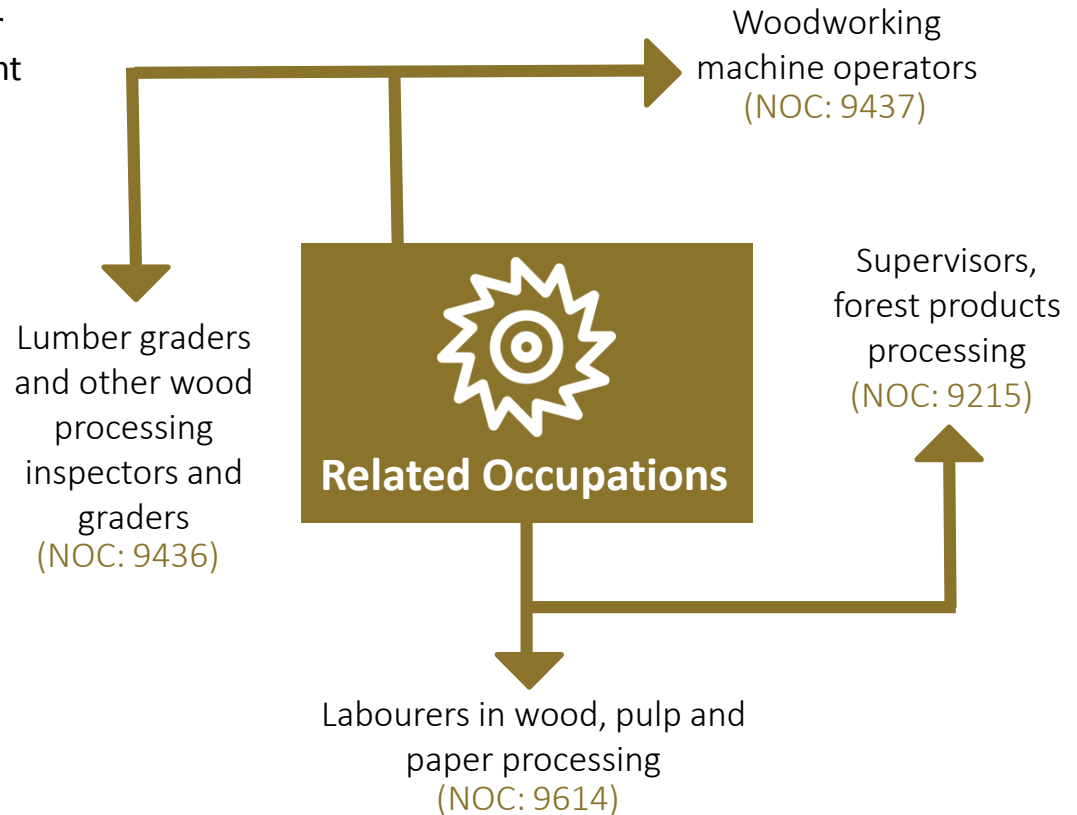# SAWMILL MACHINE OPERATORS
(NOC: 9431)

Sawmill machine operators operate, monitor and control automated lumbermill equipment to saw timber logs into rough lumber; saw, trim and plane rough lumber into dressed lumber of various sizes; and saw or split shingles and shakes. They are employed in sawmills and planning mills.
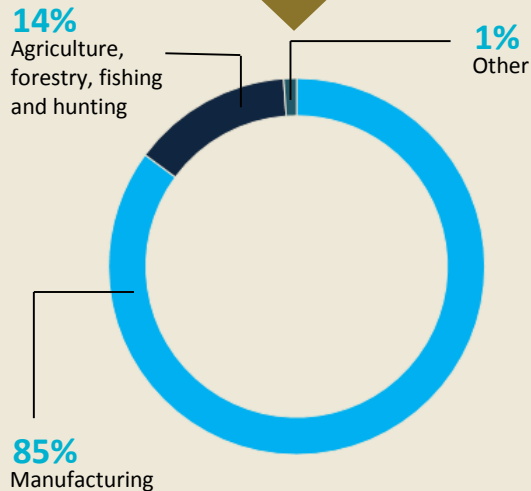
Completion of **secondary school** and college courses in wood processing technology may be required.
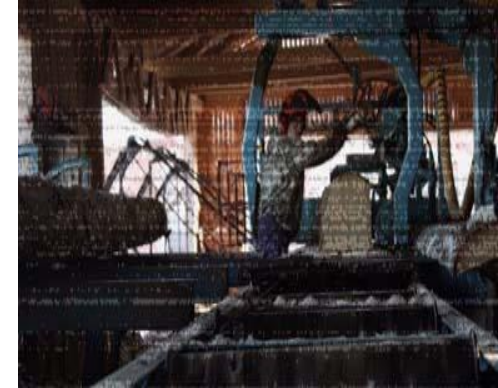
Work Prospects
(2018 - 2020): **Fair**

Woodworking machine operators (NOC: 9437)

Lumber graders and other wood processing inspectors and graders (NOC: 9436)

Related Occupations

Supervisors, forest products processing (NOC: 9215)

Labourers in wood, pulp and paper processing (NOC: 9614)

Employment by Industry

14%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting

1%
Other

85%
Manufacturing

Examples of duties performed

- Operate front-end loaders and stationary deck cranes to feed logs into the sawmill
- Examine logs and rough lumber to determine size, condition, quality and other characteristics to decide best lumber cuts to carry out, or use automated equipment to convey logs through laser scanners which determine the most productive and profitable cutting patterns
- Operate automated lumbermill equipment from control rooms or consoles to saw logs into rough lumber; saw, trim and plane rough lumber into dressed lumber of various sizes; and saw or split shingles and shakes
- Start conveyor system to move logs and lumber to and from saws

Sample Job Titles

Shake splitter

Circular saw operator

Edgerman/woman

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**Job Openings
2017-2026**

$18.00

**Median
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