

Paper Manufacturing Summary

The January closure of the Groveton Paper Board, Inc. mill, idling 108 workers (Manchester Union Leader, *Groveton: Workers to get aid*, March 10, 2006), was followed by Fraser Papers' announcement that they would close their pulp mill in Berlin in early May, affecting another 250 workers (Berlin Daily Sun, *Fraser to close pulp mill*, March 8, 2006). These closings continue a trend in New Hampshire's paper manufacturing industry.

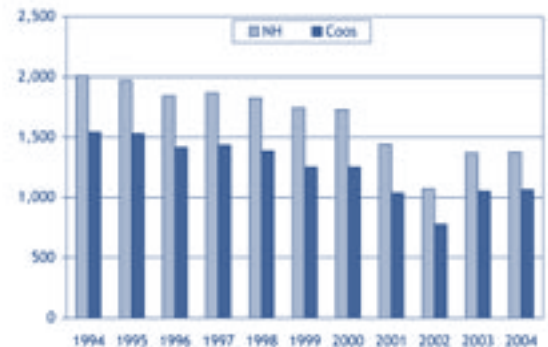
Statewide, as well as nationally, the manufacturing sector has been struggling. In New Hampshire, the number of manufacturing jobs has declined by 15.1 percent since 1994. Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills have experienced more substantial cutbacks, to the tune of a 31.6 percent over the same time period.

Despite the reductions in employment levels, the concentration of paper

manufacturing in Coos County has not changed much. In 1994, 76.8 percent of state's pulp, paper, and paperboard manufacturing employment was in Coos County. In 2004 Coos accounted for 77.4 percent of New Hampshire's pulp, paper, and paperboard manufacturing jobs.

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New Hampshire's pulp, paper and paperboard manufacturing is concentrated in Coos County



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