

# 35 Forestry



In our daily life, we utilize wood in various ways: as raw material for buildings and furniture, to make paper and charcoal, or as fuel in the form of firewood. The main jobs of the forestry industry are planting trees, and turning those trees into lumber.

Preventing natural disasters like mudslides and floods through appropriate management and maintenance of forests is another important job that members of the forestry industry do. If you wish to work in the forestry business, you should seek work at a forestry cooperative or a private forestry company.

Since the working conditions for forestry tend to depend on weather, workers in this field work an average of 20-24 days per month. It is common for workers to be paid on a daily or contract basis in this field, with the daily wage averaging between 10,000 yen and 15,000 yen. The average annual income for individuals in this field is about 3.3 million yen.



## **Finding work in the forestry business:**

No qualifications are required to work in forestry.

If you wish to be employed by a forestry cooperative or a private forestry company, contact those organizations directly or check the recruitment information at a job center (known as “hello work” in Japanese).

The Support Center for Forestry Labor (Mie Prefectural Support Center for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries) provides consultation and information for individuals considering and seeking work in forestry.

The Support Center for Forestry Labor also conducts classes for individuals seeking work in forestry, which may make finding work in the field easier.