

Indiana Forests and Forest Industry Quick Facts

- 🚩 Indiana has over 4.7 million acres of forestland (just over 20% of IN land base) and 4.6 million acres of timberland. (Source – Forest Inventory and Analysis Data 2005-2009)
- 🚩 The area of timberland in Indiana has steadily increased since the 1960's. Timberland increased from 3.896 million acres in 1967, to 4.342 million acres in 1998, to 4.631 million acres in 2008. (Source – Forest Inventory and Analysis Data)
- 🚩 95% of Indiana's forests are classified as hardwood forest types. Primary forest types are Oak / Hickory (3.4 million acres) and Elm/Ash/Cottonwood (580 thousand acres). (Source – Forest Inventory and Analysis 2004-2008)
- 🚩 Approximately 190,000 private landowners own approximately 87% of the timberland in Indiana. In 2008, 3.9 million acres of timberland was classified as "private" ownership. As of 1994, more than 150,000 private forest landowners owned over 370,000 acres. By comparison, in 1978 there were only about 50,000 forest landowners. In that 16-year period, the number of landowners tripled but the acreage increase amounted to only 30,000 acres. (Source – Forests of Indiana: A 1998 Overview, NA-TP-03-00, Sept. 2000; Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA) data 2003)
- 🚩 Over 635,000 acres (13,033 tracts) have been enrolled into the Classified Forest/Wildlands program.
- 🚩 On average, Indiana's forests are growing in volume more than 3.8 times the amount being removed. (Source – Forest Inventory and Analysis Data 2004-2008)
- 🚩 Indiana forest products industry employs over 35,000 people with most of the industry concentrated in the southern half of the state. An additional 86,139 jobs were generated in economic sectors supporting or supported by the hardwood industry (Source – Indiana Economic Census)
- 🚩 Forest products manufacturing is a \$3 billion a year industry in Indiana. Using regional economic modeling, that figure grows to \$17 billion (Source – Indiana's Hardwood Industry-Its Economic Impact)
- 🚩 Forest-based manufacturing provided \$3.77 billion in value-added, \$8 billion in value of shipments to Indiana's economy, and a payroll of \$1.4 billion in 2006 (Source- 2006 Economic Census)
- 🚩 Indiana ranks 9th nationally in total lumber production and third in hardwood lumber production. (Source – 2009-2010 Directory of Professional Foresters)
- 🚩 Indiana forest products industry is the 6th largest industry in Indiana. (Source – 2009-2010 Directory of Professional Foresters)
- 🚩 2008 Timber Product Output data determined there were approximately 150 primary mills in Indiana. Primary mills are those mills that use logs as their primary raw material to produce various forest products. Secondary manufacturing refers to the drying, planing, cutting, and assembly of lumber and other wood-based primary products into parts and finished products. 1997 Economic Census data reports over 900 secondary manufacturing facilities.
- 🚩 Every board foot of timber processed in Indiana has \$51 of economic impact
- 🚩 Each acre of Indiana's forests supports \$244 of hardwood wages paid annually.
- 🚩 \$164 million dollars were paid to Indiana landowners for their timber.
- 🚩 For every \$1 paid to landowners for timber, \$48 of value was added in the production of final products.

