

Forestry's Impact *in Alabama*

\$36 billion

total annual economic impact

54,265

Alabamians directly employed
in the forest industry

123,624

direct, indirect and induced jobs
that exist because of the forest
industry

\$8 billion

total annual labor income

4th in the nation

in production of lumber

2nd in the nation

in production of pulp and paper

\$840 million

on average invested every year
by the forest industry in Alabama



With Alabama's thriving 23.1 million acres of forests, it's no surprise that Alabama's economy, especially in rural areas, relies heavily on the forest industry.

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Economic impact study conducted by Jacksonville State University's Center for Economic Development and Business Research (2022 data).

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Alabama



Forestry Quick Facts

93% of Alabama forests
are owned by private landowners

75 million tons
of timber are grown annually in
Alabama's forests

41 million tons
of the timber grown is harvested
annually

83% more tons
are grown each year than are
harvested

5th in the nation
in biodiversity (#1 east of the
Mississippi River)

1st in the nation
in navigable stream miles

15% of US surface water
in the lower 48 states passes
through Alabama

553 trillion gallons
of fresh water are found in 19 major
aquifers in Alabama

41% of all CO2
emissions produced in the entire state are
removed by our forests (vs 14% in US)

47 years
of all CO2 emissions produced in the
state are currently stored in our forests

