



Georgia Forest Inventory & Analysis¹, 2019-2023

Georgia Land & Water, 2023 = 38,032,098 acres						
Georgia Forested Land Classes, 2019-2023						
Forested Land Class	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Δ '22-'23
Forest Land ² - acres	24,418,249	24,402,035	24,342,482	24,248,035	24,172,679	(75,356)
Timberland ³ - acres	23,829,107	23,811,509	23,753,271	23,669,371	23,596,942	(72,429)
Timberland, private - acres	21,697,541	21,630,779	21,566,122	21,457,685	21,383,934	(73,751)
Timberland, private - %	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%	–
Georgia Average Annual Net Growth Exceeds Removals, Timberland ⁴ , 2019-2023						
All Species Combined - %	+46	+48	+48	+53	+42	(11)
Softwoods - %	+30	+31	+31	+33	+22	(11)
Hardwoods - %	+111	+115	+114	+131	+126	(5)
Georgia Growth & Removals, Timberland ⁵ , 2023						
Species	Growth	Removals	Difference	% Difference		
All Species, total - ft ³	2,171,248,177	1,526,233,386	645,014,791	+42		
Softwoods - ft ³	1,491,549,548	1,225,269,384	266,280,164	+22		
Hardwoods - ft ³	679,698,629	300,964,002	378,734,627	+126		
Georgia Growth & Removals, Forest Land ⁶ , 2023						
Species	Growth	Removals	Difference	% Difference		
All Species, total - ft ³	2,192,875,955	1,533,278,383	659,597,572	+43		
Softwoods - ft ³	1,501,737,572	1,232,171,764	269,565,808	+22		
Hardwoods - ft ³	691,138,383	301,106,619	390,031,764	+129		

¹ <https://apps.fs.usda.gov/Evalidator/evaluator.jsp>; accessed July 16, 2025.

² Forest land – land at least 10% stocked by trees of any size, including land that formerly had such tree cover and that will be naturally or artificially regenerated.

³ Timberland – forest land that is producing or is capable of producing crops of industrial wood and not withdrawn from timber utilization by statute or administrative regulation.

⁴ Sound bole volume for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023.

^{5,6} Sound bole volume.

⁷ Cubic feet to tons (green wood + bark) conversions: softwoods-69.76 lbs./cubic feet; hardwoods-75.45 lbs./cubic feet

2023 Highlights:

- Georgia’s total area = 38,032,098 acres: 64% forested; 33% non-forest; 3% water.
- Forest land, timberland, & private timberland declined from 2021 by 75356; 72,429; and 73,751 acres, respectively.
- Georgia national rankings: #2 in timberland – 23,596,942 acres; #2 in private timberland – 21,383,934 acres.

State Comparisons	Forest Land	Timberland	Private Timberland
Alabama – 2024	23,000,827	22,920,676	21,392,465
Alaska – 2020	12,023,426	5,874,145	1,237,298
Georgia – 2023	24,172,679	23,596,942	21,383,934
Oregon – 2021	29,765,520	23,847,737	9,234,789

- 91% of Georgia’s timberland is privately-owned.
- Total timberland volume (all species) growth exceeds removals by 42%, 22% and 126%, respectively.
- Total timberland volume growth equaled 2,171,248,177 cubic feet, or 77,666,879 green tons⁷ – that is 69 cubic feet per second, or 2.5 tons per second!

Other Georgia Stats:

- Family forest owners & ownerships with ≥ 10+ acres – 214,676 owners; 131,000 ownerships.
 - The average forest holding size = 98.7 acres per ownership; median = 36 acres per ownership.
 - The average number of owners = 1.6 per ownership; mean = 2 owners per ownership.
(National Woodland Owners Survey, 2018)
- Non-industrial private forest land – 12,505,200 acres, 52% of total forest land
(FIA, 2022; private individuals only; there are additional acres under corporate & various organization NIPFL’s; from USFS core table 3; not available to the public)

All forest land	
Ownership class	GA 2023
<i>thousand acres</i>	
U.S. Forest Service	
National forest	859.0
Total	859.1
Other Federal	
National Park Service	34.6
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	374.9
Dept. of Defense/Dept. of Energy	572.2
Other Federal	32.8
Total	1014.5
State and local government	
State	547.1
Local	362.4
Total	909.5
Forest industry	
Corporate	1,393.7

Individual	34.4
Total	1428.1
Nonindustrial private	
Corporate	7,43.7
Conservation/natural resources organization	84.8
Unincorporated local partnership/association/club	234.9
Individual	12,398.3
Total	19,961.7
All classes	24,172.40

Area by Land Use - Major		
Total Area (land & water)	38,032,098 acres	
Timberland	23,596,942 acres	24,172,678 acres; 64%
Reserved Forest Land	575,736 acres	
Non-Forest	12,688,345 acres	33%
Non-Census Water	228,462 acres	1,162,057 acres; 3%
Census Water	942,613 acres	