

# The Benefits of Family Forests



## Forestry in Wisconsin

**Landcover:** Wisconsin has nearly 15 million acres of forestland, covering half of the state.

**Ownership:** Over 9 million acres of Wisconsin’s forestland are owned by 352,000 family forest owners.

**Certified Tree Farms:** There are 2,734 certified tree farms in the state ATFS program for nearly 626,648 acres.

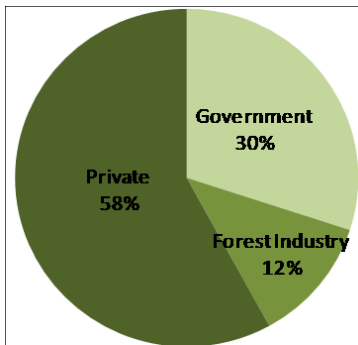
**Jobs:** The forest industry employs over 89,000 people and ranks first in state economic impact.

**Wood:** Privately owned forests produce 64% of the wood used in Wisconsin’s forest product industries.

**Wildlife:** Wisconsin’s forests provide habitat for such endangered species as the gray wolf and the Canada lynx.

**Recreation:** There are 697,000 licensed hunters in Wisconsin who benefit from well-managed forests.

State Timberland Ownership



Acreage & Ownership of Forestland by Target District

Congressional District	Total	Family Owned	Public	Private Industry
WI 02 Tammy Baldwin (D)	366,191	290,675	50,828	24,688
WI 03 Ron Kind (D)	3,527,815	2,677,030	671,376	179,410
WI 07 Sean P. Duffy (R)	7,764,757	4,082,130	2,777,406	905,221
WI 08 Reid Ribble (R)	3,899,794	1,746,032	1,389,792	763,970

## National Statistics and Facts

**Landcover:** More than half (56%) of the nation’s forests are privately owned.

**Jobs:** Every 1,000 acres of private forests supports eight well-paying jobs.; each job created in private forests creates an additional 2.95 jobs.

**Carbon:** Wood building materials—the majority of which are from private forests—reduce energy use and carbon emissions in manufacturing from 70% to 88%.

**Wood:** Family forests are the economic lynchpin of small towns and rural areas around the nation.

**Water:** More than 25% of our drinking water originates in private forests.

**Wildlife:** 60% of all at-risk species rely on America’s private forests.



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