Forestry Impacts Knox County’s Economy

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Knox County’s Forests

- **Forest Land**: 26%
- **Nonforest Land**: 74%

Knox County’s forest land ownership.

- **Privately Owned**: 100%

Knox County’s timberland growing stock distribution.

- **Eastern White and Red Pines**: 15%
- **Ash**: 12%
- **Yellow-poplar**: 9%
- **Red Oaks**: 9%
- **Soft Maple**: 11%
- **All Other Species**: 44%

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Knox County’s Forest Industries

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**Type SAM Economic Multipliers**

|                              |      |            |              |             |
| Forestry and Logging         | (----) | 1.35      | (----)       | (----)       |
| Wood Products Manufacturing  | 1.43 | 1.30       | 1.52         | 1.60         |
| Paper Manufacturing          | 1.80 | 1.28       | 1.44         | 1.66         |
| Wood Furniture Manufacturing | 1.35 | 1.31       | 1.39         | 1.54         |
| All Forest Industries        | 1.62 | 1.29       | 1.46         | 1.63         |

**Total Impacts of Knox County’s Forest Industries**

|                              |      |            |              |             |
| Forestry and Logging         | 7    | $1,040,000 | (----)       | (----)       |
| Wood Products Manufacturing  | 282  | $46,308,000| $8,487,000   | $14,021,000 |
| Paper Manufacturing          | 307  | $86,295,000| $16,341,000  | $23,416,000 |
| Wood Furniture Manufacturing | 30   | $3,874,000  | $891,000     | $1,392,000  |
| All Forest Industries        | 638  | $137,567,000| $25,967,000  | $39,162,000 |

**Location Quotients**

|                              |      |            |              |             |
| Forestry and Logging         | (----) | 0.36      | (----)       | (----)       |
| Wood Products Manufacturing  | 3.12 | 3.01       | 2.53         | 3.24         |
| Paper Manufacturing          | 2.75 | 2.07       | 2.90         | 2.05         |
| Wood Furniture Manufacturing | 0.49 | 0.38       | 0.39         | 0.36         |
| All Forest Industries        | 2.08 | 1.97       | 2.09         | 1.87         |

(----) is withheld data to prevent potential disclosure of individual company information. Note: total impacts should not be added across industries. This overestimates the contributions of all forest industries due to any interactions occurring between individual sectors.

Terminology

**Direct Impacts** - the effects generated by a county’s forest industries to meet the final demand for wood and fiber products.

**Type SAM (Social Accounting Matrix) Economic Multipliers** - figures quantifying the forest industries’ influences on other economic sectors. They are defined by dividing the sum of the direct, indirect, and induced impacts by the direct impact.

**Total Impacts** - the summed effects of the forest industries’ direct, indirect, and induced impacts on the county’s economy.

**Location Quotients (LQs)** - ratios comparing the forest industries’ relative contributions at the county level to their national share of the U.S. economy, which provides measures of specialization. Here, the forest industries’ LQs are defined as ≤ 1.00- not specialized; 1.01 - 5.00- specialized; 5.01 - 15.00- highly specialized; ≥ 15.01- very highly specialized.

Sources

_U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis; and Input-Output Models of the U.S. and Knox County, Ohio, IMPLAN LLC. All data are for the year 2012 and are reported in 2012 dollars._

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