

The Economic Contribution of Forestry and Forest Products in Tippah County

Tippah County

The forestry and forest products industries are a major component of Tippah County's economy. The forest-related economic sectors generate value not only within their own sectors but also in other sectors of the economy. The multiplier effect of economic activity in one sector and the impacts on other sectors can be estimated using input-output analysis. Using 2022 data, this study estimates the economic contribution of the forestry and forest products industries to Tippah County, Mississippi.

Employment and Income Contributions

Forest-related economic activity in Tippah County during 2022 generated 1,925 jobs and nearly \$88.55 million in income. That's about 18.18 percent of jobs and 18.68 percent of income in the county. Employment is the number of full- and part-time jobs in all sectors of the economy. Income includes all forms of employment income, including employee compensation (wages and benefits) and proprietor income, also referred to as labor income.

Total Output and Value- Added Contributions

Over \$387.07 million, or about 21.87 percent of economic output in Tippah County, is generated by the forestry and forest products industries. Forest-related value-added amounted to over \$128.99 million, or about 16.54 percent of all value-added in the county. The value of all goods and services produced is defined as total output. Value-added is a portion of total output and represents the creation of new wealth.

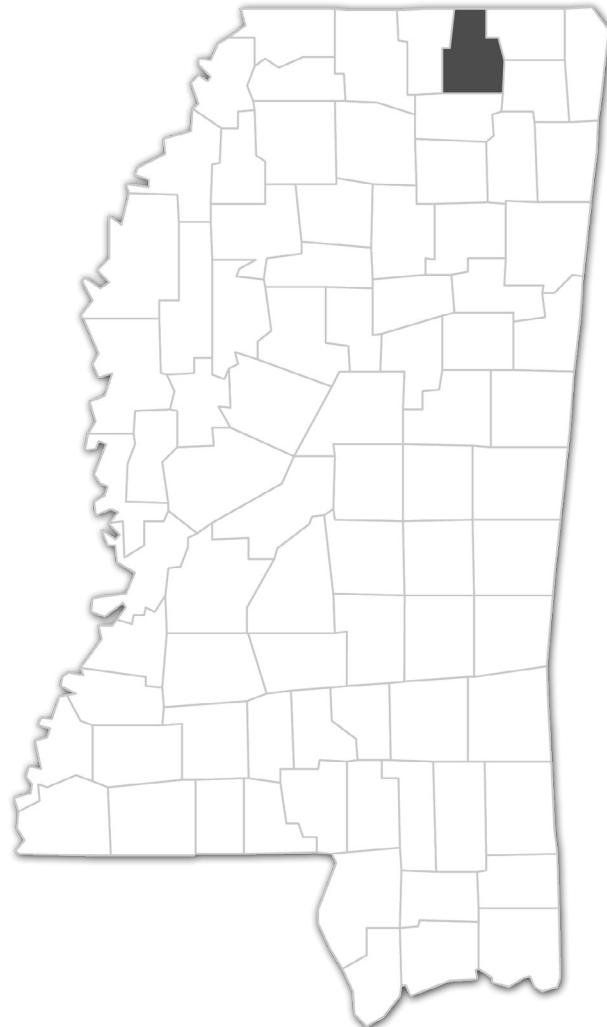


Table 1. Contributions from forest-related sectors on employment and income in Tippah County, Mississippi, 2022.

Sectors	Number of Jobs	% of County	Income (\$)	% of County
Direct Contribution from Forest Related Sectors				
Forest Support Service	16	0.15	60,254	0.01
Logging	76	0.72	2,997,624	0.63
Solid Wood Product	78	0.74	5,529,482	1.17
Pulp and Paper	0	0.00	26,890	0.01
Wood Furniture	1,133	10.70	55,165,704	11.64
Subtotal	1,303	12.31	63,779,954	13.45
Indirect and Induced Contributions on Sectors				
Retail and Wholesale Trade	197	1.86	8,218,099	1.73
Real Estate, Finance, and Insurance	57	0.54	1,400,161	0.30
Services	114	1.08	3,966,594	0.84
Construction and Manufacturing	56	0.53	3,359,144	0.71
Health Care	26	0.25	1,330,855	0.28
Transportation and Warehousing	53	0.50	3,336,197	0.70
Government	13	0.12	810,681	0.17
Agriculture Production and Services	9	0.09	102,573	0.02
Food and Fiber	82	0.77	1,761,000	0.37
Hotels and Entertainment	5	0.05	104,890	0.02
Education	10	0.09	382,831	0.08
Subtotal	622	5.87	24,773,025	5.23
Total Impact from Forest Related Sector	1,925	18.18	88,552,979	18.68
Rest of the County	8,663	81.82	385,473,510	81.32
Total in County	10,588	100.00	474,026,489	100.00

Table 2. Contributions from forest-related sectors on total output and value-added in Tippah County, Mississippi, 2022.

Sectors	Output (\$)	% of County	Value-Added (\$)	% of County
Direct Contribution from Forest Related Sectors				
Forest Support Service	174,419	0.01	79,916	0.01
Logging	6,672,297	0.38	3,572,245	0.46
Solid Wood Product	43,014,088	2.43	13,480,739	1.73
Pulp and Paper	94,295	0.01	27,560	0.00
Wood Furniture	228,635,002	12.92	61,035,578	7.83
Subtotal	278,590,101	15.74	78,196,038	10.03
Indirect and Induced Contributions on Sectors				
Retail and Wholesale Trade	37,358,430	2.11	19,670,632	2.52
Real Estate, Finance, and Insurance	17,677,868	1.00	9,298,190	1.19
Services	12,117,717	0.68	5,115,079	0.66
Construction and Manufacturing	17,642,680	1.00	5,795,630	0.74
Health Care	2,672,744	0.15	1,509,784	0.19
Transportation and Warehousing	10,924,454	0.62	4,744,612	0.61
Government	930,495	0.05	908,691	0.12
Agriculture Production and Services	417,308	0.02	221,318	0.03
Food and Fiber	7,632,592	0.43	2,897,696	0.37
Hotels and Entertainment	360,865	0.02	193,995	0.02
Education	740,586	0.04	441,923	0.06
Subtotal	108,475,739	6.13	50,797,550	6.51
Total Impact from Forest Related Sector	387,065,840	21.87	128,993,588	16.54
Rest of the County	1,382,811,296	78.13	650,840,925	83.46
Total in County	1,769,877,136	100.00	779,834,513	100.00

Estimates developed using IMPLAN software and data. Timber harvest value according to the Mississippi Harvest of Forest Products Report.

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