



# 2020 Forestry Contributions

## Buncombe County, NC

### Timberland<sup>8</sup> & Reserved Forestland<sup>9</sup> by Ownership

Ownership	NC (Acres)	Buncombe (Acres)
Public Timberland	2,565,308	62,213
Private Timberland	15,482,714	152,411
Reserved Forestland	636,455	0
<b>Total Timberland &amp; Forestland</b>	<b>18,684,477</b>	<b>214,624</b>
<b>All Land</b>	<b>31,531,452</b>	<b>422,204</b>
% Timberland	57%	51%
% Reserved	2%	0%



Buncombe County has about 152,411 acres of privately owned timberland.



Landowners in this county received an estimated stumpage harvest value of \$0.5 million.



The forest sector in this county had a total economic contribution of approximately \$176 million in industry output to the county's economy.

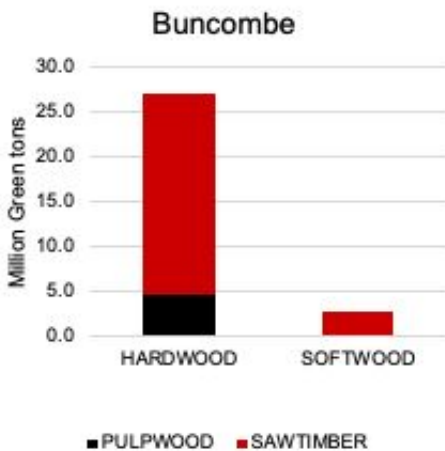


The forest sector in this county supported 768 total jobs with a payroll of about \$44 million.

### Economic Contribution<sup>1</sup> of the Forest Sector

	Employment <sup>2</sup> (jobs)	Labor Income <sup>3</sup> (million \$)	Value Added <sup>4</sup> (million \$)	Industry Output <sup>5</sup> (million \$)
<b>Direct Impact<sup>6</sup></b>				
Forestry	14	0.70	0.79	0.94
Logging	19	0.72	0.75	1.35
Primary solid wood products	20	1.54	1.93	5.92
Secondary solid wood products	236	14.05	19.91	45.72
Primary paper & paperboard products	-	-	-	-
Secondary paper & paperboard products	145	10.31	13.84	70.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>125</b>

### Timber Inventory



### Timber Growth vs. Harvest<sup>10</sup> Volumes

Volume Estimate	NC	Buncombe
Million Green tons		
Growth	57.30	0.38
Harvest	31.80	0.01
<b>Growth:Harvest Ratio</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>43.37</b>

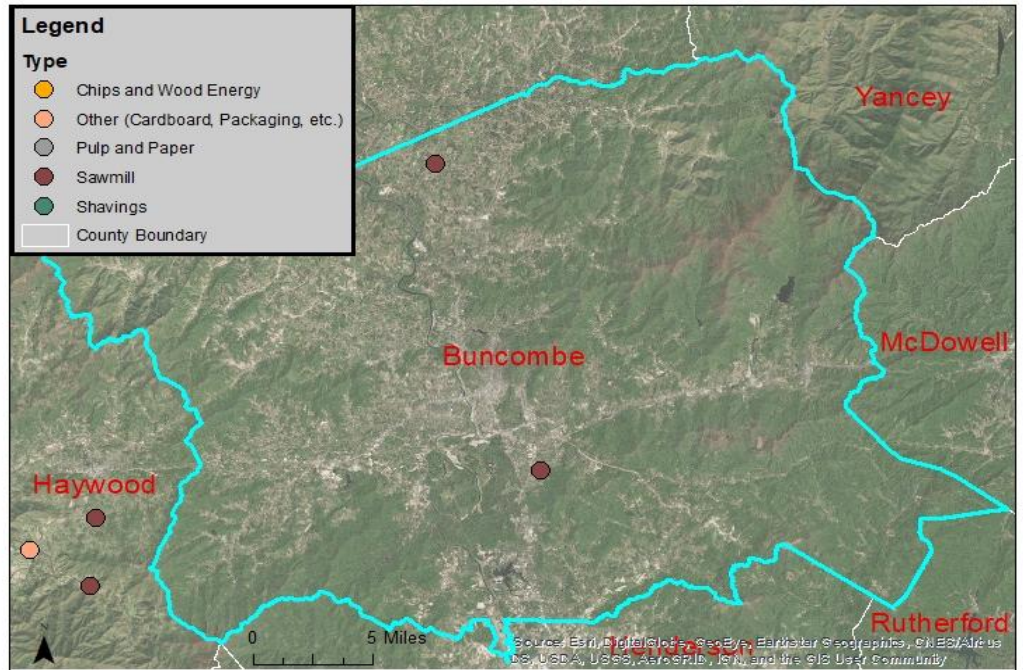
	Employment <sup>2</sup> (jobs)	Labor Income <sup>3</sup> (million \$)	Value Added <sup>4</sup> (million \$)	Industry Output <sup>5</sup> (million \$)
<b>Total Impact<sup>7</sup></b>				
Forestry	17	0.83	1.01	1.33
Logging	33	1.08	1.24	2.11
Primary solid wood products	37	2.43	3.35	8.61
Secondary solid wood products	369	20.56	30.56	65.80
Primary paper & paperboard products	-	-	-	-
Secondary paper & paperboard products	313	19.04	28.02	97.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>176</b>

A map showing local forest product mills nearby the county

**Data Source:**

NC Forest Service: Buyers of Timber in North Carolina from the North Carolina Forest Service. Found at: [http://www.ncforestservice.gov/Managing\\_your\\_forest/timber\\_buyers.htm](http://www.ncforestservice.gov/Managing_your_forest/timber_buyers.htm)

NC Counties Shapefile: NC Dept of Transportation. Found at <http://www.nconemap.com/>



**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup>Economic contribution numbers, based on multi-industry contribution analysis, are reported in 2020 dollars. IMPLAN's built-in industry contribution analysis method is used. Sectors included: 15, 16, 19 (partial), 132, 134, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 365, 366, 367, 370, 371, and 373. 2019 IMPLAN data are obtained from IMPLAN (<https://implan.com/>).

<sup>2</sup>Employment includes both full- and part-time jobs.

<sup>3</sup>Labor income includes all forms of employment income, including employee compensation (wages and benefits) and proprietor income.

<sup>4</sup>Value added is the difference between industry output and the cost of intermediate inputs. It consists of compensation of employees, taxes on production and imports less subsidies, and gross operating surplus.

<sup>5</sup>Industry output is the total annual value of production by an industry.

<sup>6</sup>Direct contribution is a series of production changes or expenditures made by producers/consumers as a result of an activity.

<sup>7</sup>Total contribution is the sum of direct, indirect, and induced contribution effects generated by the sector.

<sup>8</sup>Timberlands are a subset of forestlands that are not reserved by law and potentially available for commercial timber harvest. Federal, state and local governments own public timberlands. Non-industrial private landowners (i.e., farm forests, family forests), forest industry, or other corporate businesses (i.e., timber investment management organizations) own private timberlands. 2020 Data are retrieved from USDA Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis (<https://apps.fs.usda.gov/Evalidator/evalidator.jsp>).

<sup>9</sup>Reserved forests, as used here, are for public lands where the law does not permit commercial timber production.

<sup>10</sup>Harvests include removals during timber harvests and removals for other reasons such as land conversion.

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