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# 2014 Economic Benefits of the Forestry Industry in Georgia

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# Executive Summary

Georgia's forestry industry has many components, which interact with all other sectors of the economy in complex ways. The purposes of this analysis are to: (1) quantify the level of economic activity conducted by the components of the forestry industry, (2) estimate economic activity supported in all Georgia sectors by the industry's activities, (3) compare the level of activity in the forestry industry with other industries, and (4) quantify the economic activity of forestry industry sectors within each of the 12 regional commissions in Georgia.

This report is the latest in a series that began in 2002 but underwent a significant restructuring in 2003 to reflect the change in industry classification systems from Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) to North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) used by data collection agencies (primarily the Georgia Department of Labor) that provide much of the data used in these analyses. Also, some minor adjustments were made in the 2011 NAICS list to reflect the changes in the new 2012 NAICS code definitions.

The forestry industry components, and the level of economic activity represented by them in 2014, are shown in Table E-1. Economic activity is measured by output (similar to sales revenue), employment, and compensation (defined as wages and salaries including benefits). These measures are traditionally used in this type of analysis.

Table E-1 shows that the forestry industry in 2014 employed 48,740 workers in all industry sectors combined, paid an annual compensation (as defined by wages and salaries) of more than \$3 billion, and generated an estimated total revenue of \$16.8 billion.

**Table E-1: Georgia Forestry Industry Economic Activity (2014)**

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Forestry Management and Logging	\$582,142,820	5,720	\$254,711,668
Bioenergy	\$687,415,051	673	\$45,244,241
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Containers, Showcases, Partitions, and Shelving	\$633,295,675	4,145	\$178,800,711
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,843,255,021</b>	<b>48,740</b>	<b>\$3,030,414,818</b>

The industry's activities bring dollars into the state, which recirculate in a process called the "multiplier effect." The recirculation touches all major industry sectors as goods

and services are bought and sold to meet increased demands by businesses and households resulting from the new resources brought into the state by the forestry industry.

The result of the multiplier effect, given by total impacts (which includes the economic activity in Table E-1<sup>1</sup>), is also measured by output, employment, and wages and salaries and is shown in Table E-2. Total economic activity supported by the forestry industry in Georgia (including the multiplier effect and forestry-related bioenergy firms) was nearly \$28.7 billion in 2014. These activities supported the employment of 129,329 people whose compensation was \$7.1 billion.

**Table E-2: Total Benefits by Major Industry (2014)**

Sector	Output	Employment	Wages & Salaries
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunting	\$1,025,649,627	11,218	\$486,507,111
Mining	\$33,034,402	178	\$8,636,975
Utilities	\$1,419,084,357	1,041	\$116,353,982
Construction	\$288,352,203	1,708	\$95,840,727
Manufacturing	\$16,497,603,953	44,938	\$2,888,065,404
Wholesale Trade	\$1,475,103,043	6,127	\$515,137,576
Retail Trade	\$539,554,935	7,011	\$215,701,502
Transportation & Warehousing	\$959,832,619	6,068	\$357,615,142
Information	\$657,613,357	1,659	\$153,020,361
Finance & Insurance	\$920,677,004	5,043	\$320,258,748
Real Estate & Rental	\$1,217,953,783	3,629	\$83,716,042
Professional, Scientific & Tech Services	\$821,623,715	6,157	\$436,842,769
Management of companies	\$590,923,341	2,632	\$289,635,238
Administrative & Waste Services	\$521,127,522	8,492	\$271,181,462
Educational Services	\$92,533,364	1,369	\$52,948,343
Health & Social Services	\$657,561,037	6,919	\$367,173,103
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	\$100,155,705	1,620	\$37,073,191
Accommodation & Food Services	\$409,860,408	6,948	\$164,699,023
Other Services	\$388,659,161	6,084	\$222,317,744
Government & non-NAICS Industries	\$57,090,080	486	\$35,741,344
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,673,993,616</b>	<b>129,329</b>	<b>\$7,118,465,787</b>

Another way to examine the forestry industry in Georgia is to compare it with the state's other manufacturing sectors. Table E-3 lists 2014 employment and income totals for each major manufacturing sector sorted by employment. These data show that forestry ranked third in total employment, same as the past few years' ranking, although with a much narrow gap to the 2<sup>nd</sup> sector in 2014. More importantly, forestry ranked first in terms of wages and salaries. Food processing ranked first in employment and third in wages and salaries, and textiles (mostly carpet) was second in employment, but fourth in wages and salaries.

<sup>1</sup> The economic activity in Table E-1 contains more than just the direct impacts because some of the inter-industry purchasing (indirect impacts) is necessarily contained in the estimates of economic activity.

**Table E-3: Comparison to Georgia’s Other Manufacturing Sectors (2014)**

Industry Sectors	Employment	Wages & Salaries
Food Processing	62,511	\$2,210,388,960
Textiles	48,925	\$2,162,485,000
Forestry Industry	48,740	\$3,030,414,818
Transportation Equipment	46,880	\$1,582,106,240
Fabricated Metal Products	33,907	\$2,426,113,664
Machinery	20,515	\$621,932,740
Chemicals	19,692	\$669,685,536
Printing	13,907	\$672,542,520
Electrical Equipment and Appliances	12,476	\$125,857,888
Computers and Electronic Products	7,246	\$79,879,904
Apparel	2,829	\$18,829,824

Of particular importance to Georgia’s state government is how the forestry industry affects its annual budget. This is investigated by estimating the revenues associated with the forestry industry’s total economic activity and subtracting the costs associated with providing state services to Georgia’s households and companies associated with that activity. Revenues include individual and corporate income taxes, sales and use taxes, highway taxes, fees, and miscellaneous revenues. Costs include education; public health, safety, and welfare; highways; administration; and miscellaneous. Table E-4 provides the fiscal impact estimates based on total impacts. The forestry industry generated an estimated \$722.2 million in revenues for the state budget in 2014. When the costs of providing services to all employees are deducted from these revenues, net annual state revenues were \$351.8 million for 2014.

<b>Table E-4: Fiscal Impact Analysis (2014)</b>	
<b>Annual State Government Revenues</b>	<b>\$722,215,228</b>
<b>Annual State Government Costs</b>	<b>\$370,416,479</b>
<b>Net Annual Revenues</b>	<b>\$351,798750</b>

Table E-5 compares the overall results obtained in each impact analysis conducted from 2004 through 2014. As the table shows, the forestry industry’s output, employment, and wages and salaries continued to grow showing annual growth of 2, 1, and 3 percent, respectively, compared to 2013. The industry’s increased activity resulted in higher net revenues for the state government.

**Table E-5: Comparison of Results 2004 to 2014**  
(Dollars in millions; Employment in persons)

Forestry Industry Direct Economic Impact											
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Output*	\$14,163	\$16,150	\$17,760	\$18,459	\$18,270	\$16,906	\$14,495	\$15,082	\$16,072	\$16,564	\$16,843
Employment	67,633	67,694	67,733	64,192	57,812	48,519	43,425	46,378	47,123	48,139	48,740
Wages & Salaries*	\$3,299	\$3,422	\$3,513	\$3,394	\$3,131	\$2,770	\$2,624	\$2,972	\$2,917	\$2,938	\$3,030
Year to Year Percent Change											
Output		14.0%	10.0%	3.9%	-1.0%	-7.5%	-14.3%	4.0%	6.6%	3.1%	1.7%
Employment		0.1%	0.1%	-5.2%	-9.9%	-16.1%	-10.5%	6.8%	1.6%	2.2%	1.2%
Wages & Salaries		3.7%	2.7%	-3.4%	-7.7%	-11.5%	-5.3%	13.3%	-1.9%	0.7%	3.1%
Total Impacts											
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Output*	\$22,729	\$25,972	\$27,738	\$28,547	\$28,723	\$27,200	\$23,643	\$24,975	\$27,469	\$28,014	\$28,674
Employment	144,944	154,147	149,347	141,155	128,388	118,423	108,112	118,459	120,260	127,750	129,329
Wages & Salaries*	\$6,276	\$6,827	\$6,773	\$6,696	\$6,514	\$5,561	\$5,377	\$6,491	\$6,540	\$6,898	\$7,119
Year to Year Percent Change											
Output		14.27%	6.80%	2.92%	0.62%	-5.30%	-13.08%	5.63%	9.99%	1.98%	2.36%
Employment		6.35%	-3.11%	-5.49%	-9.04%	-7.76%	-8.71%	9.57%	1.52%	6.23%	1.24%
Wages & Salaries		8.78%	-0.79%	-1.14%	-2.72%	-14.63%	-3.31%	20.72%	0.75%	5.47%	3.20%
Forestry Industry Fiscal Impact											
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
State Revenues	\$546	\$591	\$580	\$566	\$539	\$472	\$448	\$487	\$691	\$700	\$721
State Costs	\$392	\$414	\$400	\$373	\$333	\$314	\$282	\$308	\$358	\$360	\$370
Net Revenues*	\$155	\$176	\$180	\$193	\$206	\$158	\$166	\$179	\$333	\$340	\$351

Source: Enterprise Innovation Institute (EII) impact assessments and Georgia Department of Labor, Current Employment and Wages

\*Output, Wages and Salaries and Revenues are not adjusted for inflation



## Impact by Region

Quantifying the economic benefits of the forestry industry at the local level is difficult given the limitations in employment and wages and salaries data (non-disclosed data). In previous reports, the approach was to group counties with no disclosed data and report aggregate employment, and compensation. In 2011, we began quantifying the impact of the forestry industry in 12 jurisdictions consistent with the state's regional commissions. Figure E-1 shows the map of the 12 regions and counties located within each region.

Figure E-1: Map of Regional Commissions



Table E-6 shows the impact of the forestry industry in terms of output, employment, and compensation in each region.

**Table E-6: Forestry Industry's Regional Impact (2014)**

Regions	Output	Employment	Wages & Salaries
Atlanta Regional Commission	\$3,709,736,073	10,735	\$667,450,511
Central Savannah River Area	\$1,255,527,862	3,633	\$225,892,812
Coastal	\$1,535,231,569	4,443	\$276,216,710
Georgia Mountains	\$797,957,708	2,309	\$143,567,431
Heart of Georgia Altamaha	\$1,572,897,404	4,552	\$282,993,495
Middle Georgia	\$894,563,601	2,589	\$160,948,628
Northeast Georgia	\$935,717,015	2,708	\$168,352,893
Northwest GA	\$1,243,321,341	3,598	\$223,696,632
River Valley	\$800,747,770	2,317	\$144,069,416
Southern Georgia	\$1,669,154,540	4,830	\$300,311,944
Southwest Georgia	\$1,298,076,306	3,756	\$233,548,068
Three Rivers	\$1,130,323,833	3,271	\$203,366,279
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,843,255,021</b>	<b>48,740</b>	<b>\$3,030,414,818</b>



## SECTION 1

# Introduction

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Georgia's forestry industry contains many components and supports a significant proportion of the state's economic activity. This analysis quantifies that activity in terms of economic output, employment, and employee compensation. Economic output is defined as business revenues, and employee compensation is defined as wages and salaries including benefits paid by employers. Additional factors considered include how the manufacturing components in the forestry industry compare to other manufacturing sectors, and how the forestry industry affects state government costs and revenues.

The first step in this process was to define the limits of what constitutes the "forestry industry." This was not a simple task because the borders of one industry overlap those of other industries. How this was done and its results appear in Section 2, which also contains estimates of how much economic activity is occurring in each component of the forestry industry.

After the industry was defined and activities quantified, the total economic activity supported by the forestry industry was estimated. Total activity is generally referred to as the "multiplier effect." This effect occurs whenever dollars are brought into the state's economy and recirculated before leaking out. Section 3 explains the methodology used to estimate total economic activity and provides perspective on how important these activities are in the overall Georgia economy.

Section 4 quantifies the industry's output, employment, and compensation in the state's 12 regional commissions.

This report is the latest of a series of reports begun with an analysis of the 2002 impacts and continuing annually to the present analysis. The 2002 analysis is not comparable to the subsequent analyses, however, because of a significant change in the industry classification systems implemented in the 2003 data set. The 2002 analysis was based on the Standard Industry Classification system (SIC), and the later data sets used the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). Industry classification changes introduced by NAICS 2012 code required minor adjustments in the NAICS code selection in the 2011 analysis. The new classification was also used in this year's analysis.

This year's report also shows revised 2012 and 2013 historical data. The revisions were made as result of a more objective and efficient methodology of retrieving data from the ES202 database provided by the Georgia Department of Labor.

## SECTION 2

# Definition of the Forestry Industry in Georgia

The forestry industry in Georgia has many diverse components. A general definition would include all service and manufacturing activity related to the growth, harvesting, and use of forest materials that would not exist in Georgia without the presence of extensive forests or forest industries. For example, the papermaking industry would be a part of the forestry industry definition, but retail sales of that paper would not. States without commercial forests still sell paper within their borders.

Therefore, the forestry industry definition used in this analysis includes these broad sectors: forestry, logging, wood products (such as dimension lumber), paper products, manufactured housing, furniture, other miscellaneous wood products, and woodworking and papermaking machinery. The 2012 North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) was used to define the components of the forestry industry. The NAICS codes and descriptions comprising the detailed definition appear in Table 2-1.

**Table 2-1: Forestry Industry Definition Components: NAICS**

Grouping	Industry Description	NAICS CODE
Forestry Management and Logging	Timber Tract Operations	113110
	Forest Nursery and Gathering Forest Products	113210
	Logging	113310
	Support Activities for Forestry	115310
Bioenergy	Bioenergy Derived from Forest Products	321113
		321999
		221112
		221117
Lumber and Wood Preservation	Sawmills	321113
	Wood Preservation	321114
Veneer, Plywood, Reconstituted and Engineered Wood	Hardwood Veneer and Plywood Manufacturing	321211
	Softwood Veneer and Plywood Manufacturing	321212
	Reconstituted Wood Product Manufacturing	321219
	Engineered Wood Member Manufacturing	321213
	Truss Manufacturing	321214
Prefabricated Wood Buildings and Manufactured Housing	Manufactured Home, Mobile Home, Manufacturing	321991
	Prefabricated Wood Building Manufacturing	321992
	Pulp Mills	322110

Pulp and Paper Products	Paper, Except Newsprint, Mills	322121
	Newsprint Mills	322122
	Paperboard Mills	322130
	Corrugated and Solid Fiber Box Manufacturing	322211
	Folding Paperboard Box Manufacturing	322212
	Other Paperboard Container Manufacturing	322219
	Paper Bag and Coated and Treated paper Manufacturing	322220
	Stationery Product Manufacturing	322230
	Sanitary Paper Product Manufacturing	322291
	All Other Converted Paper Product Manufacturing	322299
Woodworking and Paper Industries Machinery	Sawmill, Woodworking, and Paper Machinery Manufacturing	333243
Wooden Furniture, Cabinets, Custom Arch. & Millwork, Windows and Doors	Wood Kitchen Cabinet and Countertop Manufacturing	337110
	Upholstered Household Furniture Manufacturing	337121
	Non-upholstered Wood Household Furniture Manufacturing	337122
	Institutional Furniture Manufacturing	337127
	Wood Office Furniture Manufacturing	337211
	Custom Architectural Woodwork and Millwork	337212
	Wood Window and Door Manufacturing	321911
	Cut Stock, Re-sawing Lumber, and Planing	321912
	Other Millwork, Including Flooring	321918
	Burial Casket Manufacturing	339995
	All Other Miscellaneous Wood Product Manufacturing	321999
Containers, Showcases, Partitions and Shelving	Wood Container and Pallet Manufacturing	321920
	Showcases, Partitions, Shelving, and Lockers	337215

Source: North American Industrial Classification System; Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovation Institute

As in previous years, this analysis includes all firms producing products related to bioenergy that are derived from forest products. This relatively new industry sector is represented by eighteen firms in Georgia. The total employment for this sector in 2014 was 673.

The level of economic activity in each forestry industry component is measured by output, employment, and wages and salaries. Measures for 2014 appear in Table 2-2, which aggregates the numerous categories from Table 2-1 to a more manageable number. There were two changes to the breakdown of categories that were introduced in the 2012 report: *bioenergy* is shown as a separate sector and *windows and doors* sector is combined with *wooden furniture, cabinets, custom archwork & millwork, windows and doors*. This table shows that total employment in all of the forestry industry sectors was 48,740 and these jobs

earned annual compensation (total wages and salaries including benefits) of more than \$3 billion from estimated total revenue of \$16.8 billion.

Within the industry, Georgia companies have representatives in each of the sectors and subsectors down to the NAICS six-digit level. Based on this aggregation scheme, the highest employment is seen in *pulp and paper* with 18,538 workers, followed by *wooden furniture, cabinets, custom arch. & millwork, windows and doors* with 8,676 employees.

Compensation, like employment, is dominated by *pulp and paper* at nearly \$1.6 billion (more than half the total), followed distantly by *wooden furniture, cabinets, custom archwork & millwork* at \$362 million and *lumber and wood preservation* at \$267 million. The largest outputs are produced by *pulp and paper* (\$10.9 billion), followed by *lumber and wood preservation* and *wooden furniture, cabinets, custom archwork & millwork, windows and doors* (each more than \$1.3 billion.)

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Table 2-3 provides a comparison of the forestry industry activity for 2005 through 2014. Three measures are included in the comparison: output, employment, and compensation. Output (an estimate of the firms' revenues) continued to increase over the 2012-2014 period, reversing a declining trend that started over the 2007-2008 period. However, the increase in activity was not consistent among all sectors. While most forestry sectors reported growth, *pulp and paper products, lumber and wood preservation, prefabricated wood buildings and manufactured housing and containers, showcases, partitions, and shelving* reported minor decline.

Employment, like output, improved in 2014 with the state's forestry industry reporting an increase of 799 jobs, or 2 percent from 2013. The majority of the new jobs were in the *wooden furniture, cabinets, custom arch. & millwork, windows sector*. The *Bioenergy* sector saw the highest percentage growth.

Wages and salaries also increased across all sectors. *Bioenergy, prefabricated wood buildings and manufactured housing and veneer, plywood, reconstituted, and engineered wood* sectors showed the highest growth.

**Table 2-3: Forestry Industry Activity 2005 - 2014 Comparison**

**Output (Millions of Dollars)**

Sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*	2013*	2014
Forestry Management and Logging	\$1,447	\$1,846	\$1,807	\$1,698	\$1,454	\$902	\$805	\$662	\$580	\$582
Bioenergy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$782	\$688
Lumber and Wood Preservation	\$1,811	\$2,057	\$2,100	\$1,732	\$1,359	\$1,176	\$1,264	\$1,332	\$1,272	\$1,307
Veneer, Plywood, Reconstituted, and Engineered Wood	\$1,290	\$1,260	\$1,322	\$961	\$664	\$667	\$590	\$583	\$1,010	\$1,071
Prefabricated Wood Buildings and Manufactured Housing	\$561	\$596	\$523	\$427	\$252	\$189	\$180	\$174	\$174	\$206
Pulp and Paper Products	\$8,808	\$9,590	\$10,131	\$10,856	\$11,018	\$9,663	\$10,426	\$11,297	\$10,752	\$10,936
Woodworking and Paper Industries Machinery	\$53	\$52	\$61	\$67	\$86	\$113	\$117	\$90	\$111	\$118
Wooden Furniture, Cabinets, Custom Arch. & Millwork	\$1,241	\$1,366	\$1,374	\$1,153	\$996	\$872	\$627	\$1,224	\$1,249	\$1,301
Windows and Doors	\$406	\$446	\$517	\$721	\$497	\$390	\$494			
Containers, Showcases, Partitions, and Shelving	\$533	\$548	\$624	\$654	\$579	\$524	\$578	\$710	\$624	\$634
<b>Total**</b>	<b>\$16,150</b>	<b>\$17,760</b>	<b>\$18,459</b>	<b>\$18,270</b>	<b>\$16,906</b>	<b>\$14,495</b>	<b>\$15,082</b>	<b>\$16,072</b>	<b>\$16,564</b>	<b>\$16,843</b>

**Employment**

Sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*	2013*	2014
Forestry Management and Logging	6,133	6,152	5,914	5,529	5,119	5,050	5,036	5,500	5,714	5,720
Bioenergy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	673
Lumber and Wood Preservation	8,839	8,957	8,773	6,477	5,469	4,902	5,538	5,279	5,177	5,242
Veneer, Plywood, Reconstituted, and Engineered Wood	7,110	6,963	6,004	4,448	3,137	3,025	2,916	2,898	3,651	3,848
Prefabricated Wood Buildings and Manufactured Housing	4,531	4,500	3,581	2,983	1,949	1,409	1,365	1,285	1,252	1,376
Pulp and Paper Products	23,150	22,861	21,651	20,816	18,936	16,939	19,012	19,659	18,754	18,538
Woodworking and Paper Industries Machinery	319	314	304	295	300	473	536	479	506	522
Wooden Furniture, Cabinets, Custom Arch. & Millwork	10,378	10,770	10,189	8,235	6,827	5,905	4,724	7,985	8,434	8,676
Windows and Doors	2,446	2,598	3,043	3,967	2,973	2,252	3,156			
Containers, Showcases, Partitions, and Shelving	4,788	4,618	4,733	4,506	3,809	3,470	4,095	4,017	4,135	4,145
<b>Total**</b>	<b>67,694</b>	<b>67,733</b>	<b>64,192</b>	<b>57,812</b>	<b>48,519</b>	<b>43,425</b>	<b>46,378</b>	<b>47,102</b>	<b>47,941</b>	<b>48,740</b>



**Wages and Salaries (Millions of Dollars)**

Sector	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*	2013*	2014
Forestry Management and Logging	\$254	\$267	\$273	\$255	\$238	\$239	\$262	\$305	\$251	\$255
Bioenergy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		\$39	\$45
Lumber and Wood Preservation	\$385	\$400	\$391	\$282	\$250	\$238	\$290	\$255	\$259	\$267
Veneer, Plywood, Reconstituted, and Engineered Wood	\$341	\$353	\$291	\$211	\$158	\$163	\$162	\$150	\$238	\$253
Prefabricated Wood Buildings and Manufactured Housing	\$164	\$165	\$119	\$99	\$66	\$44	\$49	\$44	\$51	\$56
Pulp and Paper Products	\$1,595	\$1,630	\$1,602	\$1,565	\$1,494	\$1,412	\$1,636	\$1,620	\$1,544	\$1,575
Woodworking and Paper Industries Machinery	\$20	\$18	\$19	\$18	\$17	\$28	\$34	\$26	\$36	\$38
Wooden Furniture, Cabinets, Custom Arch. & Millwork	\$389	\$404	\$393	\$330	\$271	\$249	\$205	\$331	\$344	\$362
Windows and Doors	\$104	\$100	\$115	\$173	\$126	\$100	\$148			
Containers, Showcases, Partitions, and Shelving	\$169	\$175	\$191	\$172	\$150	\$151	\$188	\$186	\$176	\$179
<b>Total**</b>	<b>\$3,422</b>	<b>\$3,513</b>	<b>\$3,394</b>	<b>\$3,131</b>	<b>\$2,770</b>	<b>\$2,624</b>	<b>\$2,973</b>	<b>\$2,917</b>	<b>\$2,938</b>	<b>\$3,030</b>

\*Revised data

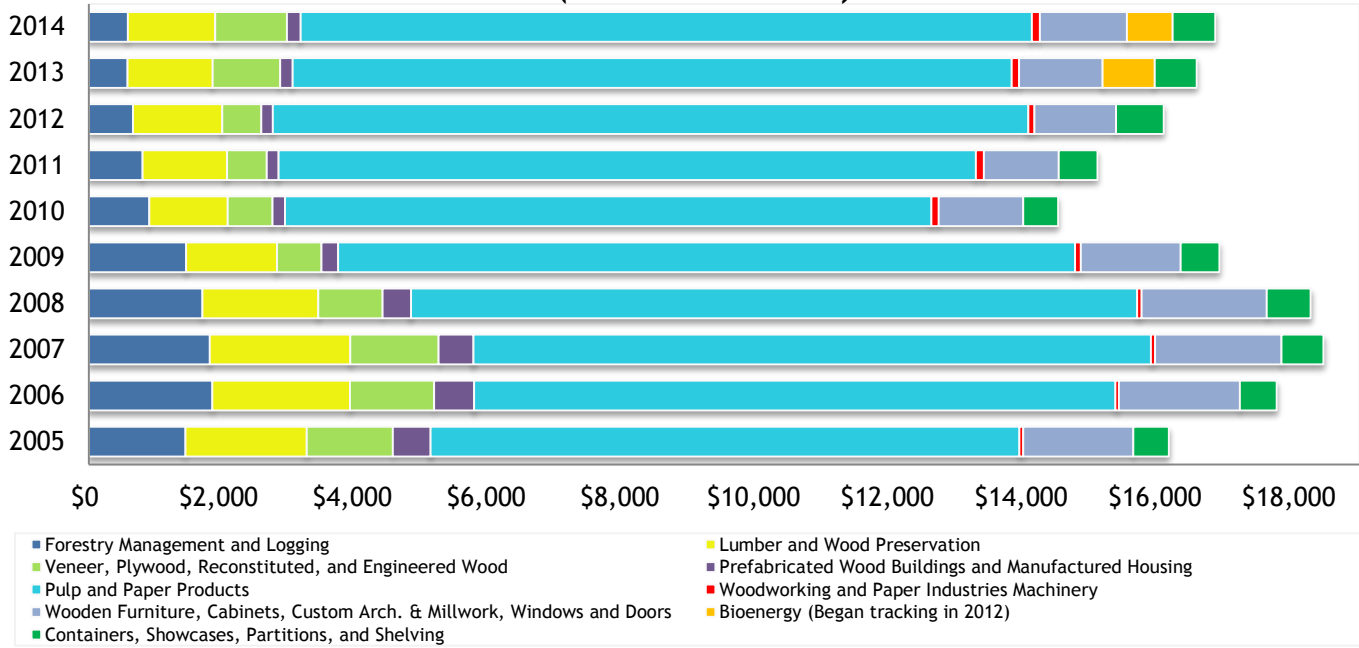
\*\*Totals may not add up due to rounding

\*\*\*Output and Wages and Salaries are not adjusted for inflation

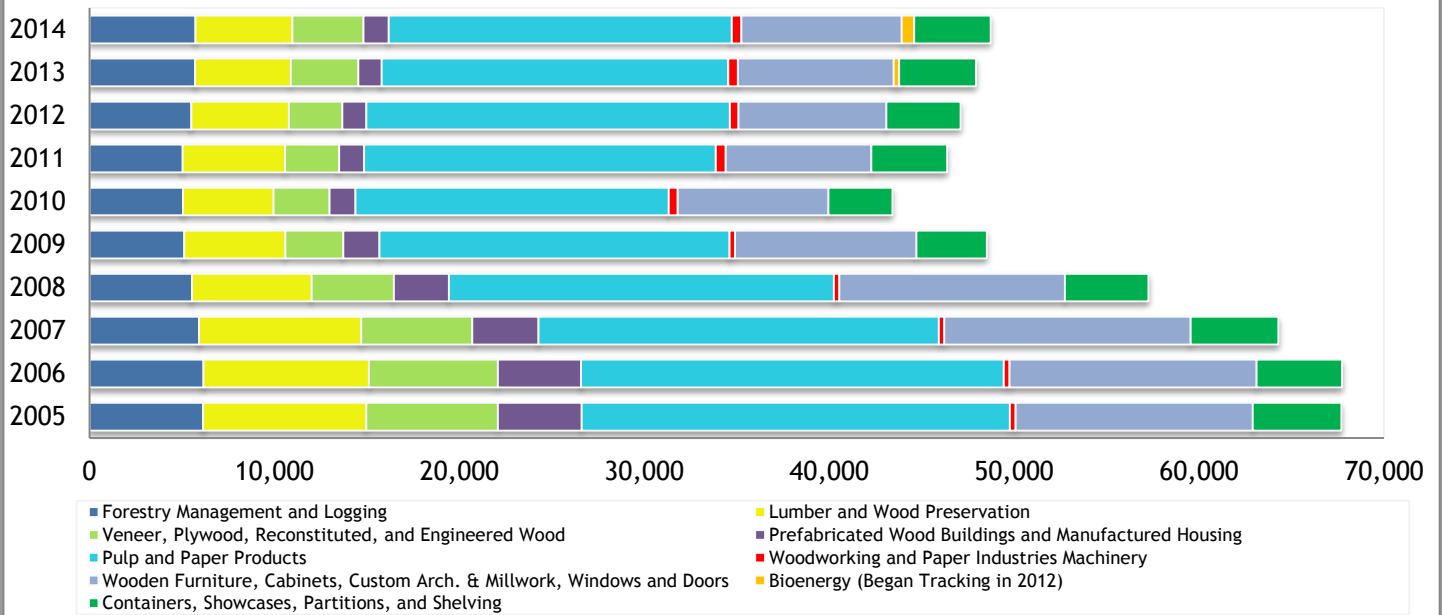


\*Figures 2-1 through 2-3 show output, employment, and compensation changes for each forestry industry sector from 2005 through 2014.

**Figure 2-1: Forestry Industry Economic Activity: Output by Sector**  
(Dollars in Millions)

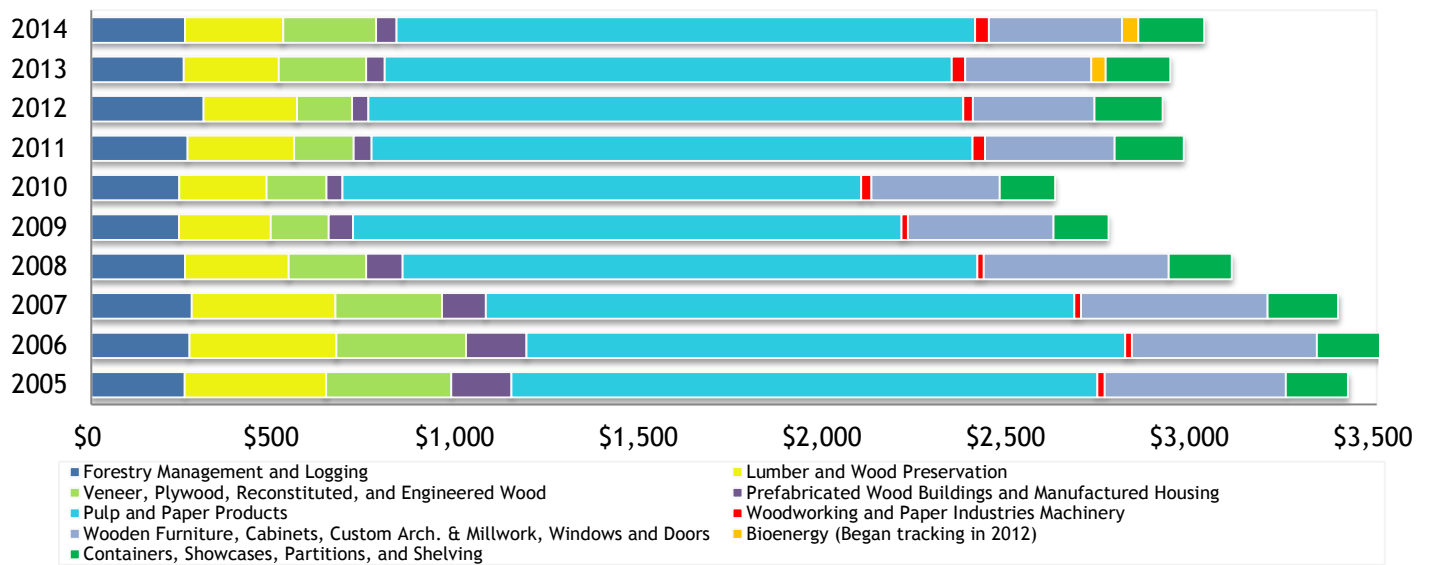


**Figure 2-2: Forestry Industry Economic Activity: Employment by Sector**





**Figure 2-3: Forestry Industry Economic Activity: Wages & Salaries by Sector**  
*(Dollars in Millions)*



## Section 3

# Economic Benefits

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Economic impact analyses have used basically the same methods for more than 40 years. The tools, although greatly improved in quality and ease of use, are also similar to those in long-time use.

The conceptual basis for estimating economic benefits of an industry is that resources brought into Georgia's economy by the industry raise the level of economic activity. This additional economic activity, commonly called the multiplier effect, supports increased employment, income, and business revenues. These increases are estimated from an input-output (I/O) model.

The purpose of an I/O model is to estimate the flows of resources among various economic sectors by using the "recipes" followed by producers. These recipes provide the type and amount of goods and services purchased during production, which are produced by other firms. For example, a pulp mill purchases wood from a logger. The logger, in turn, purchases equipment and fuel from firms, that, in turn, purchase their raw materials from still other firms. Combined with estimates of what percentages of these items are supplied by Georgia firms, the recipes can be used to estimate how much of each item is purchased from Georgia firms and how much is purchased from outside Georgia.

Purchases from sources outside the Georgia economy are known as "leakage," which puts the brakes on the multiplier effect; the higher the leakage, the lower the multiplier effect.

The I/O model used in this analysis is called IMPLAN, devised by the Minnesota IMPLAN Group. It is a nationally recognized model that uses Georgia data to tailor its estimates to the state economy.

One area of uncertainty that persists, however, is the level of benefits provided to workers in each of the forestry industry sectors. The available wage and salary information does not include benefits, but the I/O model bases its analysis on wages and salaries that include benefits. An average of 28.9 percent was assumed for this analysis, based on the latest available U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics compensation cost data for all civilian employment.

The analytical process includes three steps following the definition of the industry sectors, as described in the previous section. The first step is to quantify employment, income, and output associated with each of the defined sectors. Several data sources were used to accomplish this.



The best source for employment and wages was the employment security data collected and maintained by the Georgia Department of Labor. Commonly called ES202 data or, more recently CEW (covered employment and wages) data, it has the advantage of being current thus allowing an estimate of the economic benefits occurring in 2014. It has the drawback, however, of not including single proprietorships (because they have no employees), and it also does not include employees not covered by unemployment insurance, such as some governmental employees.

The second task was to divide the forestry industry output into two categories; (1) output sold to another Georgia firm and (2) output sold outside the state. Another way to look at this is to recall that the multiplier effect starts from dollars brought into the Georgia economy. Output not sold to another Georgia firm is, by definition, bringing in resources from outside the Georgia economy, and it is these “exports” that fuel the multiplier effect. Forestry industry output used as an input to another Georgia forestry-industry firm is already accounted for in the multiplier effect; counting it again would result in double-counting and would imply a level of production from the input-supplying industry higher than actually observed. For example, if the multiplier effect was calculated for the paper industry, it will include some of the activities of Georgia logging operations. If the entire output from logging was then added to the multiplier effect for paper, it would double-count the logging output that went to the paper industry. The I/O model is used iteratively for these estimations, with the resulting estimates called “direct impacts.” Direct impacts are measures of the output from, in this case, forestry industries that is exported to entities outside Georgia (these are considered exports even if they only go to Alabama).

The third step was to use the I/O model to estimate total impacts, which were divided into three components. The first is the *direct* impacts (the value of resources brought into the state); the second is *indirect* impacts (impacts from recirculation of resources resulting from forestry industry purchases from other industries; and the third is *induced* impacts, which result from activities in the household sector. Adding direct, indirect, and induced impacts yields total impacts.

Three measures of economic impacts are provided. The first, output, is a measure of how much each industry or sector produced in 2014 - roughly equivalent to a measure of sales revenue. The second measure is compensation, including all household income and employee benefits. The third measure is employment, or number of jobs, in each forestry-related industry.

## Findings

Table 3-1 provides estimates of direct impacts for each of the forestry industry sectors contained in the industry’s definition. These differ from the level of economic activity shown in Tables 2-2 and 2-3 because Table 3-1 eliminates production

consumed by another sector. This eliminates the double counting of production in the multiplier effect of the consuming-industry sector. For example, Table 3-1 does not contain much output from the forestry management and logging industry segment because most of it appears to be consumed by the various Georgia wood-using industries such as paper and lumber. Logging operations are included primarily as part of the multiplier effect by these consuming industries, not as a direct impact separate from them.

Another way to interpret Table 3-1 is to consider the direct impacts to be estimates of the exports of forestry-related industries. This exporting (to anyone outside Georgia) brings resources into the state to support the increase in economic activity estimated by the multiplier effect.

*Pulp and paper*, which includes all pulping and paper-making activities, continued to be the largest industry segment in 2014 representing 42 percent of the total industry in employment and 69 percent of the entire industry output. The entire forestry industry (totals in Table 3-1) exported (to a non-Georgia destination) output valued at \$15.3 billion in 2014. These activities supported 41,791 jobs with nearly \$2.7 billion in wages and salaries.

**Table 3-1: Direct Impacts by Forest Industry Sector (2014)**

Sector	Output	Employment	Wages and Salaries
Forestry Management and Logging	\$254,255,383	2,279	\$103,527,913
Bioenergy	\$635,481,080	464	\$34,624,173
Lumber and Wood Preservation	\$953,058,303	3,822	\$194,892,516
Veneer, Plywood, Reconstituted, and Engineered Wood	\$943,570,879	3,446	\$226,751,970
Prefabricated Wood Buildings and Manufactured Housing	\$202,088,419	1,347	\$55,326,641
Pulp and Paper Products	\$10,349,485,874	17,613	\$1,493,050,264
Woodworking and Paper Industries Machinery	\$114,937,865	507	\$36,578,286
Wooden Furniture, Cabinets, Custom Arch. & Millwork, Windows and Doors	\$1,268,864,680	8,482	\$353,994,629
Containers, Showcases, Partitions, and Shelving	\$590,869,445	3,831	\$166,316,107
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,312,611,927</b>	<b>41,791</b>	<b>\$2,665,062,498</b>

In addition to direct employment, Georgia's forestry industry generates economic activity and supports jobs in other sectors of the state's economy. The total impact is estimated by applying the IMPLAN input-output model to the direct impacts (provided in Table 3-1.) Table 3-2 summarizes the impacts by aggregated industry codes (used in the input-output model), which are roughly equivalent to two-digit NAICS codes.



As shown, all industries in Georgia are impacted by the activity of the forestry industry. Manufacturing continued to see the biggest benefits, with nearly \$16.5 billion in output, 44,938 employees, and \$2.9 billion in wages and salaries in 2014. A distant second (in employment) was held by agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (which includes logging and nurseries), with 11,218 employees and \$486.5 million in compensation. The total economic activity supported by Georgia's forestry industry totaled nearly \$28.7 billion. This activity supported the employment of 129,329 people who earned more than \$7.1 billion in 2014.

**Table 3-2: Total Benefits by Major Industry (2014)**

Sector	Output	Employment	Wages & Salaries
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunting	\$1,025,649,627	11,218	\$486,507,111
Mining	\$33,034,402	178	\$8,636,975
Utilities	\$1,419,084,357	1,041	\$116,353,982
Construction	\$288,352,203	1,708	\$95,840,727
Manufacturing	\$16,497,603,953	44,938	\$2,888,065,404
Wholesale Trade	\$1,475,103,043	6,127	\$515,137,576
Retail Trade	\$539,554,935	7,011	\$215,701,502
Transportation & Warehousing	\$959,832,619	6,068	\$357,615,142
Information	\$657,613,357	1,659	\$153,020,361
Finance & Insurance	\$920,677,004	5,043	\$320,258,748
Real Estate & Rental	\$1,217,953,783	3,629	\$83,716,042
Professional, Scientific & Tech Services	\$821,623,715	6,157	\$436,842,769
Management of companies	\$590,923,341	2,632	\$289,635,238
Administrative & Waste Services	\$521,127,522	8,492	\$271,181,462
Educational Services	\$92,533,364	1,369	\$52,948,343
Health & Social Services	\$657,561,037	6,919	\$367,173,103
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	\$100,155,705	1,620	\$37,073,191
Accommodation & Food Services	\$409,860,408	6,948	\$164,699,023
Other Services	\$388,659,161	6,084	\$222,317,744
Government & non-NAICS Industries	\$57,090,080	486	\$35,741,344
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,673,993,616</b>	<b>129,329</b>	<b>\$7,118,465,787</b>

Table 3-3 extracts information from several previous tables to compare the overall results obtained in each impact analysis conducted from 2004 through 2014. All measures show growth from 2004 to 2005. The highest growth rates occurred in industry output which grew 14 percent for both, the direct and total forestry industry activity. During this period, compensation also increased at a somewhat lower - 4 percent for the direct forestry industry activity and 9 percent for total impacts. Although employment from total impacts grew an estimated 6 percent between 2004 and 2005, forestry industry employment was essentially flat.

In the 2008-to-2009 period, forestry industry output declined by 7.5 percent, and employment and wages and salaries from total impacts fell by 16 and 11.5 percent, respectively. The two sectors that declined the most (in percentage terms) were prefabricated buildings and veneer, plywood, and reconstituted wood products. Productivity increases were apparent in forestry industry sectors (pulp and paper products, for example) as well as sectors stimulated by the multiplier effect, which would serve to allow output increases with employment declines.

From 2009 to 2010, the decline in industry activity accelerated with output declining by about 14 percent. Employment and compensation, however, declined by smaller percentages, compared to the previous year, with declines of almost 11 percent and 5.3 percent, respectively. Total impacts did not decline as much in percentage terms in all parameters, probably because compensation declined the least, and induced impacts almost always depend on income. In the fiscal impact analysis, both revenues and costs declined, but because the cost decline was slightly larger than the revenue decline, net revenues actually increased slightly.

The forestry industry's activity picked up pace in 2011, showing growth after three years of continuous decline. Output increased by 4 percent, nearly the same growth rate as in the 2006-2007 period. Employment and compensation also showed improvement, with 7 percent and 13 percent growth rates, respectively. These improvements were also reflected in total impacts which showed higher growth in percentage terms than direct impact. In the 2010 to 2011 period output increased by nearly 6 percent, employment increased by nearly 10 percent, and wages and salaries increased by an impressive 21 percent.

The trend of positive growth continued in the 2011-2012 period. Output increased by nearly 7 percent, employment increased by 2 percent. However, compensation showed a slight decline.

During the 2012-2013 period and 2013-2014 period, the direct and total economic impacts of the forestry industry showed positive growth.

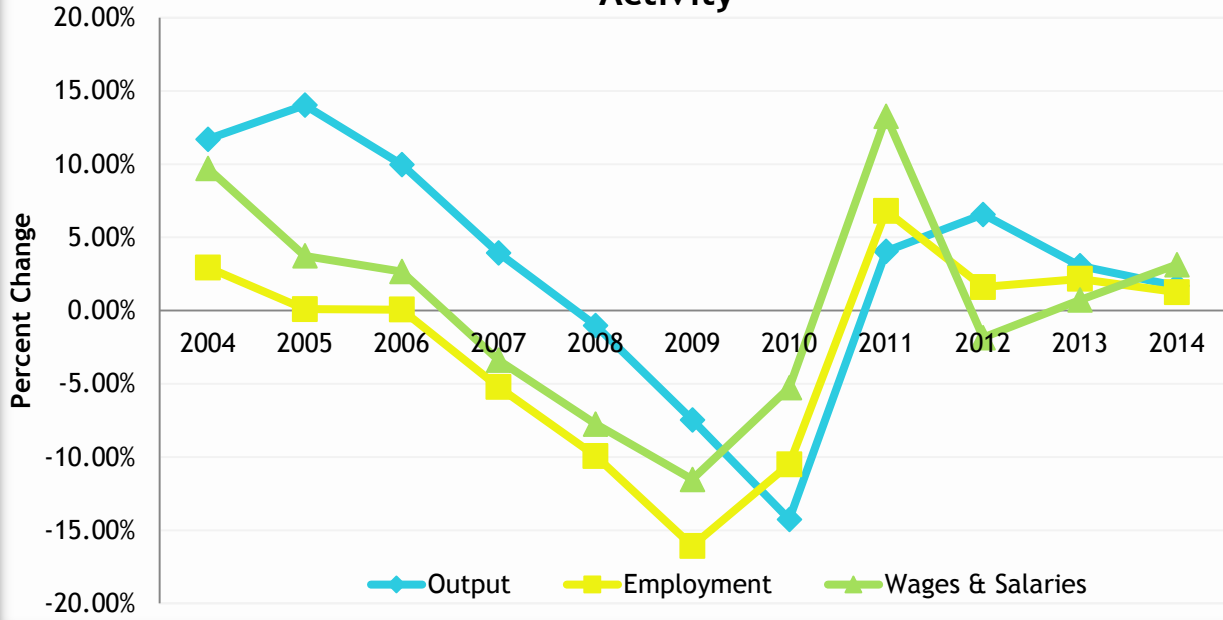
The annual percent-change information in Table 3-3 is presented graphically below for output, employment, and compensation, measuring levels of direct economic activity (Figure 3-1). This followed by a similar graph measuring total economic impact (Figure 3-2). It should be noted that these data are in nominal dollars and have not been adjusted for inflation. As the graphs show, all direct impact metrics, output, employment, and wages and salaries are showing growth with wages and salaries seeing the highest increase compared to 2013 rates.

<b>Table 3-3: Comparison of Results 2004 to 2014</b>											
<i>(Dollars in millions; Employment in persons)</i>											
<b>Forestry Industry Direct Economic Impact</b>											
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Output*</b>	\$14,163	\$16,150	\$17,760	\$18,459	\$18,270	\$16,906	\$14,495	\$15,082	\$16,072	\$16,564	\$16,843
<b>Employment</b>	67,633	67,694	67,733	64,192	57,812	48,519	43,425	46,378	47,123	48,139	48,740
<b>Wages &amp; Salaries*</b>	\$3,299	\$3,422	\$3,513	\$3,394	\$3,131	\$2,770	\$2,624	\$2,972	\$2,917	\$2,938	\$3,030
<b>Year to Year Percent Change</b>											
<b>Output</b>		14.0%	10.0%	3.9%	-1.0%	-7.5%	-14.3%	4.0%	6.6%	3.1%	1.7%
<b>Employment</b>		0.1%	0.1%	-5.2%	-9.9%	-16.1%	-10.5%	6.8%	1.6%	2.2%	1.2%
<b>Wages &amp; Salaries</b>		3.7%	2.7%	-3.4%	-7.7%	-11.5%	-5.3%	13.3%	-1.9%	0.7%	3.1%
<b>Total Impacts</b>											
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Output*</b>	\$22,729	\$25,972	\$27,738	\$28,547	\$28,723	\$27,200	\$23,643	\$24,975	\$27,469	\$28,014	\$28,674
<b>Employment</b>	144,944	154,147	149,347	141,155	128,388	118,423	108,112	118,459	120,260	127,750	129,329
<b>Wages &amp; Salaries*</b>	\$6,276	\$6,827	\$6,773	\$6,696	\$6,514	\$5,561	\$5,377	\$6,491	\$6,540	\$6,898	\$7,119
<b>Year to Year Percent Change</b>											
<b>Output</b>		14.27%	6.80%	2.92%	0.62%	-5.30%	-13.08%	5.63%	9.99%	1.98%	2.36%
<b>Employment</b>		6.35%	-3.11%	-5.49%	-9.04%	-7.76%	-8.71%	9.57%	1.52%	6.23%	1.24%
<b>Wages &amp; Salaries</b>		8.78%	-0.79%	-1.14%	-2.72%	-14.63%	-3.31%	20.72%	0.75%	5.47%	3.20%
<b>Forestry Industry Fiscal Impact</b>											
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>State Revenues</b>	\$546	\$591	\$580	\$566	\$539	\$472	\$448	\$487	\$691	\$700	\$721
<b>State Costs</b>	\$392	\$414	\$400	\$373	\$333	\$314	\$282	\$308	\$358	\$360	\$370
<b>Net Revenues*</b>	\$155	\$176	\$180	\$193	\$206	\$158	\$166	\$179	\$333	\$340	\$351

Source: Enterprise Innovation Institute (EII) impact assessments and Georgia Department of Labor, Current Employment and Wages. Figures are not adjusted for inflation



**Figure 3-1: Annual Percent Change in Direct Economic Activity**



**Figure 3-2: Annual Percent Change in Total Economic Activity**





## Comparison of the Forestry Industry with Other Industry Sectors

It is difficult to appreciate the significance of the impacts generated by the forestry industry without some basis of comparison. This comparison is provided in Table 3-4, which shows that the forestry industry is the third largest industry sector in Georgia (behind food processing and textiles) in employment and the top industry in wages and salaries.

**Table 3-4: Comparison to Georgia's Other Manufacturing Sectors: 2014**

<b>Industry Sectors</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Wages &amp; Salaries</b>
<b>Food Processing</b>	62,511	\$2,210,388,960
<b>Textiles</b>	48,925	\$2,162,485,000
<b>Forestry Industry</b>	48,740	\$3,030,414,818
<b>Transportation Equipment</b>	46,880	\$1,582,106,240
<b>Fabricated Metal Products</b>	33,907	\$2,426,113,664
<b>Machinery</b>	20,515	\$621,932,740
<b>Chemicals</b>	19,692	\$669,685,536
<b>Printing</b>	13,907	\$672,542,520
<b>Electrical Equipment and Appliances</b>	12,476	\$125,857,888
<b>Computers and Electronic Products</b>	7,246	\$79,879,904
<b>Apparel</b>	2,829	\$18,829,824

## SECTION 4

# Economic Impact by Regional Commission

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### Regional Economies

Economies are interwoven in a complex web. In general, however, a local economy's economic health depends on the inflow and outflow of resources. Economic base theory calls economic sectors responsible for bringing resources in "basic" or "traded" sectors. The resources that are brought in are then (at least partially) recirculated within the local economy to support the "non-basic" sectors. For example, a sawmill will generally sell its products to builders or lumber supply houses outside the local economy. The revenue it receives from these sales is then used to purchase logs from, perhaps, a local logging firm. It also pays its employees who spend their wages in local restaurants, grocery stores, and the like. As the basic sector grows or declines, so does the non-basic sector.

Forestry industry components are very much part of Georgia's basic industry sector, with products sold worldwide. As such, it is one of the key sources of funds flowing into many local Georgia economies. Where the local economy has many sources of such flows, the growth or decline of any specific sector, such as forestry, may not have significant effects. However, in those communities where forestry is a large proportion of the local basic industry, all economic support activities, such as retail, are likewise generally dependent.

### Approach

Employment and income data limitations at the county level make it difficult to quantify the local economic impact of the forestry industry. Instead, this report shows the forestry industry's impact of Georgia's 12 regional commissions. Table 4.1 shows a list of the regional commissions and their respective counties.

**Table 4.1: Regional Commissions**

Regions	Counties
Northwest GA	Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker, Whitfield
Georgia Mountains	Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White

ATL Regional Commission	Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Rockdale
Three Rivers	Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, Upson
Northeast Georgia	Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Green, Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Walton
Middle Georgia	Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs, Wilkinson
Central Savannah River Area	Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington, Wilkes
River Valley	Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Webster
Heart of Georgia Altamaha	Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox
Southwest Georgia	Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Worth
Southern Georgia	Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner, Ware
Coastal	Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Screven

*Source: Georgia Department of Community Affairs*

This analysis examines the proportion of each region’s output, employment, and compensation (as defined by wages and salaries) indicated by the ES202 data that is attributable directly to forestry industries. These figures were calculated using 6-digit NAICS level data and should be considered as approximate estimates. Table 4-2 shows that the Atlanta Regional Commission, Southern Georgia and the Heart of the Georgia Altamaha are the top three regions with the largest employment in the forestry industry. See Figures A-1 through A-3 in the Appendix for maps showing each region’s output, employment, and wages and salaries.

**Table 4-2: Forestry Industry’s Regional Impact (2014)**

Regions	Output	Employment	Wages & Salaries
Atlanta Regional Commission	\$3,709,736,073	10,735	\$667,450,511
Central Savannah River Area	\$1,255,527,862	3,633	\$225,892,812
Coastal	\$1,535,231,569	4,443	\$276,216,710
Georgia Mountains	\$797,957,708	2,309	\$143,567,431
Heart of Georgia Altamaha	\$1,572,897,404	4,552	\$282,993,495
Middle Georgia	\$894,563,601	2,589	\$160,948,628
Northeast Georgia	\$935,717,015	2,708	\$168,352,893
Northwest GA	\$1,243,321,341	3,598	\$223,696,632
River Valley	\$800,747,770	2,317	\$144,069,416
Southern Georgia	\$1,669,154,540	4,830	\$300,311,944
Southwest Georgia	\$1,298,076,306	3,756	\$233,548,068
Three Rivers	\$1,130,323,833	3,271	\$203,366,279
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,843,255,021</b>	<b>48,740</b>	<b>\$3,030,414,818</b>

**Figure 4-1: Map of Regional Commissions**



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# Appendix

Figure A-1: Regional Forestry Industry Employment: 2014

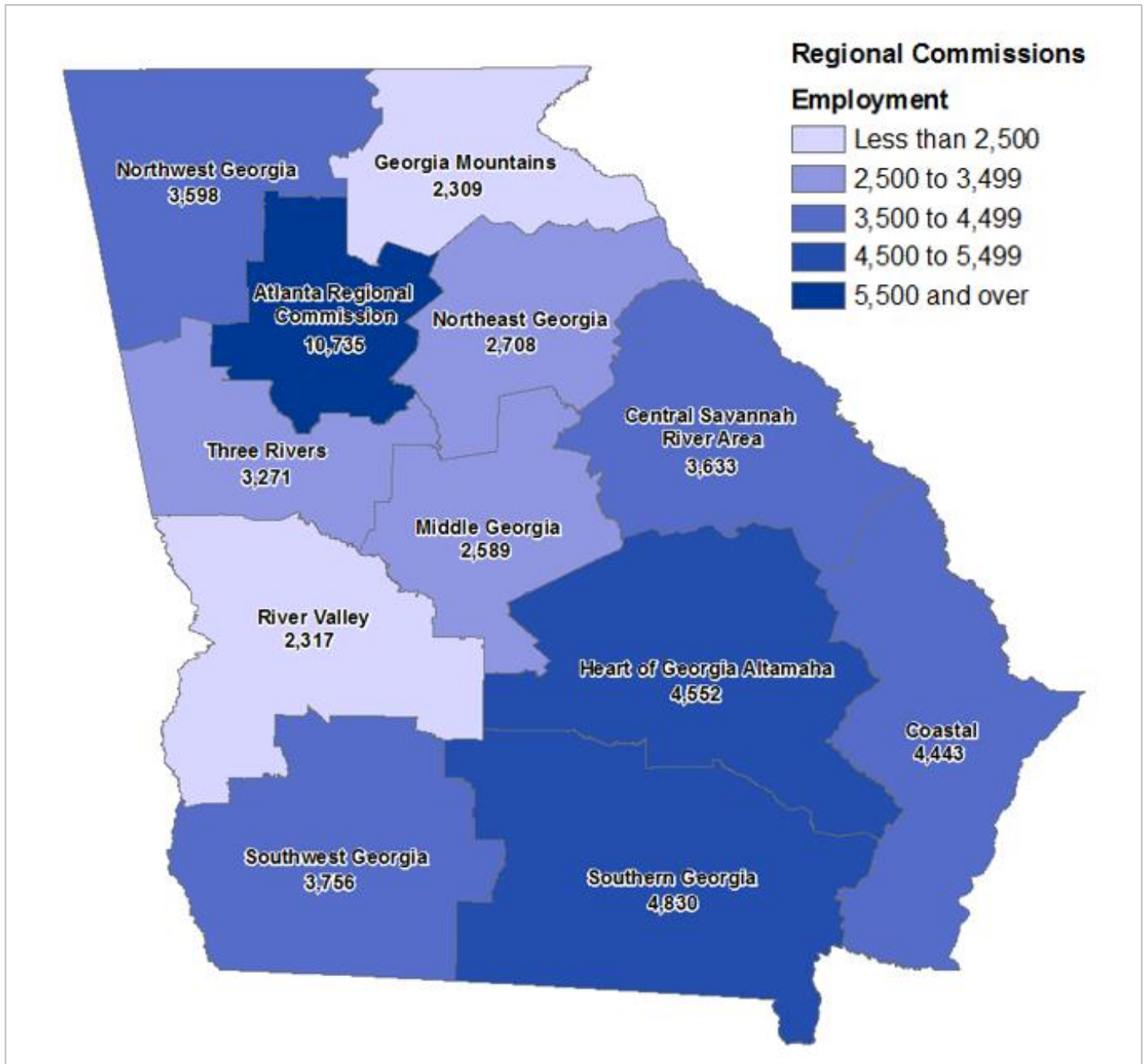


Figure A-2: Regional Forestry Industry Wages and Salaries: 2014

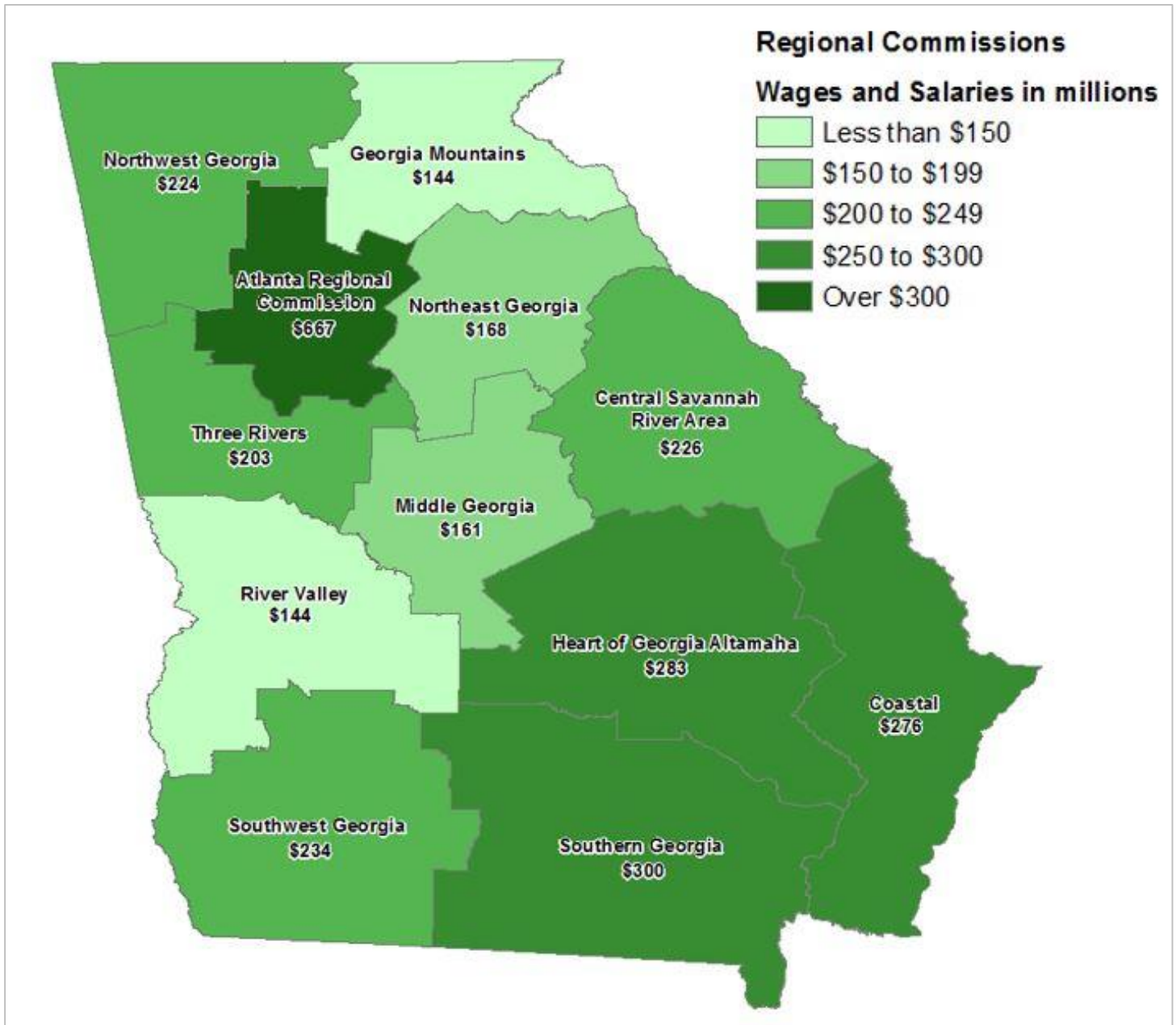
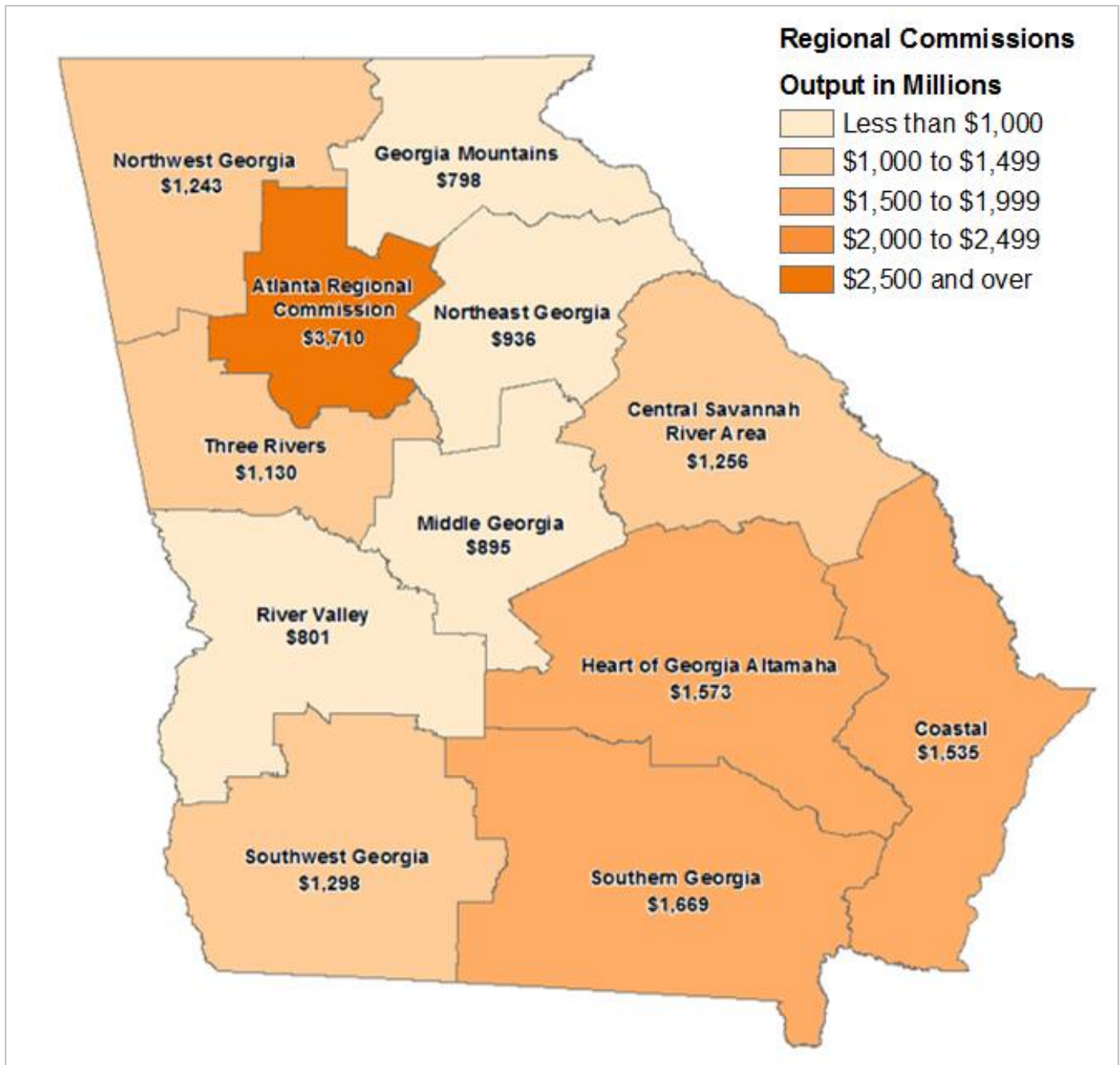


Figure A-3: Regional Forestry Industry Output: 2014





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