



Forest Ownership in Michigan, 2006

This information is adapted from "Family Forest Owners of the United States, 2006" General Technical Report NRS-27. Contact Brett Butler (bbutler01@fs.fed.us) for more information.

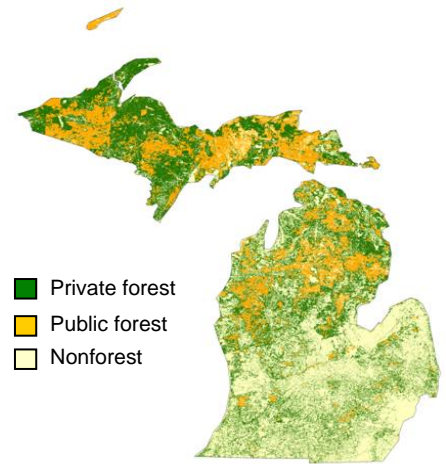


The U.S. Forest Service's National Woodland Owner Survey (www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos) is conducted to improve our understanding of who owns the forests of the United States, why they own them, how they use them, and what they intend to do with them. This information is used by foresters, educators, and researchers to create programs, policies, and services that better meet the needs of forest owners and society. The family forest results below are a summary of the 2028 owners from Michigan who participated between 2002 and 2006.

Area of forest land and number of forest owners

Owner type	Acres		Owners
	Thousands	Percent	Thousands
Private			
Family	8,956	46	438
Other private	3,161	16	60
Public			
Federal	2,958	15	-
State	4,118	21	-
Local	351	2	-

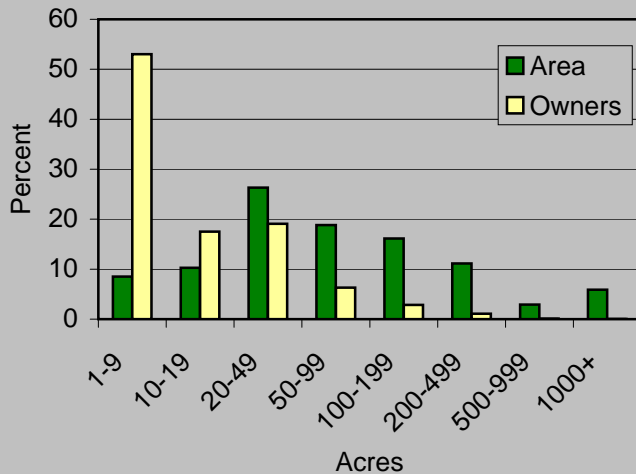
Private and public forest lands



Sources: CBI Protected Areas Database, ver 4.0 and USGS National Land Cover Database 2001

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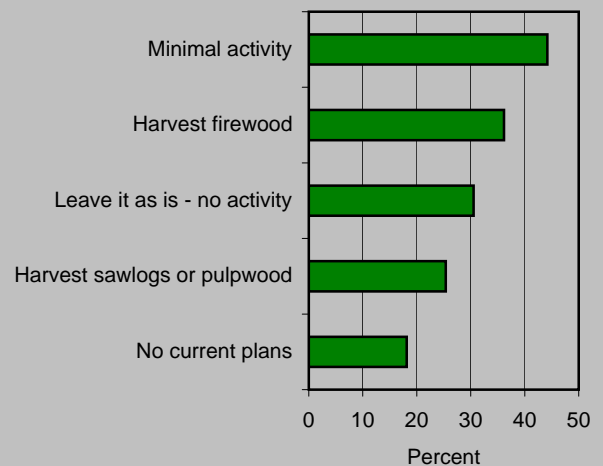
Size of forest landholdings



Reasons for owning

1. Beauty/scenery
2. Part of home or cabin
3. Privacy
4. Hunting or fishing
5. Nature protection

Five year plans for land



Important concerns

1. High property taxes
2. Insects or plant diseases
3. Trespassing or poaching
4. Keeping land intact for heirs
5. Misuse of forest land