

West Virginia Hardwood Alliance Zone



The 12 counties in the HAZ represented 33% of the state's forestland, of which 73% is privately-owned timberland.

The WVHAZ region made direct economic contributions of:



\$978 million
in sales



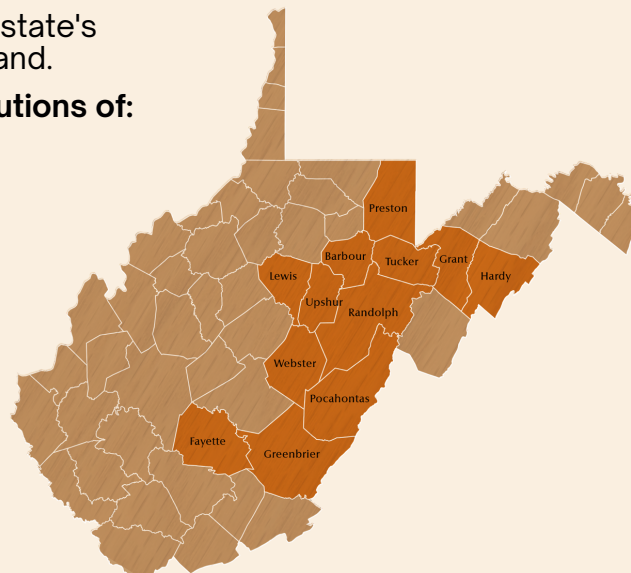
4,674
in employment



\$451 million
in value-added



\$286 million
in employment compensation



Based on the industry's "ripple" effects, the industry produced total contributions of:



\$1.2 billion
in sales



\$577 million
in value-added



\$363 million
in employee compensation

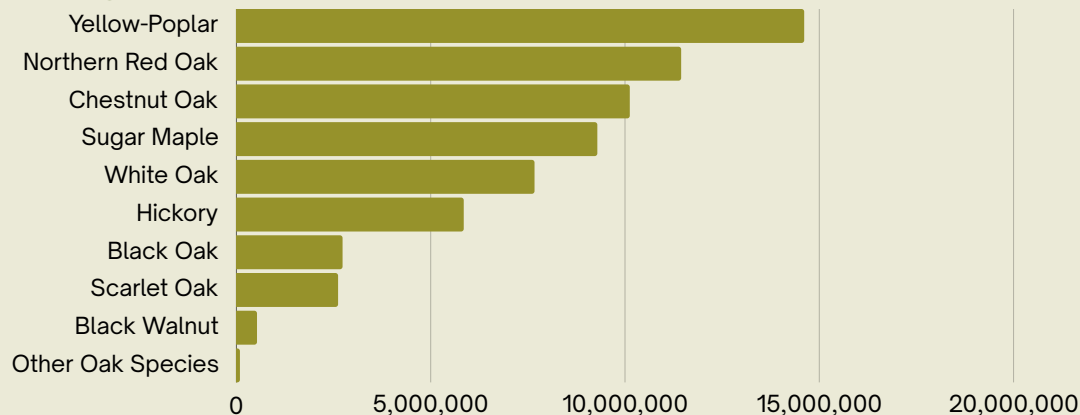


98 active forest product companies are located in the HAZ region ranging from sawmills to cabinet markets to flooring companies.



The total available net merchantable volume of commercial tree species is estimated at 6.8 billion board feet based on FIA data.¹

Standing Volumes (MBF) for Key Merchantable Species¹



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¹ Source: Based on USDA Forest Service Forest Inventory Analysis data collected and analyzed in 2021.

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Transportation

Interstate

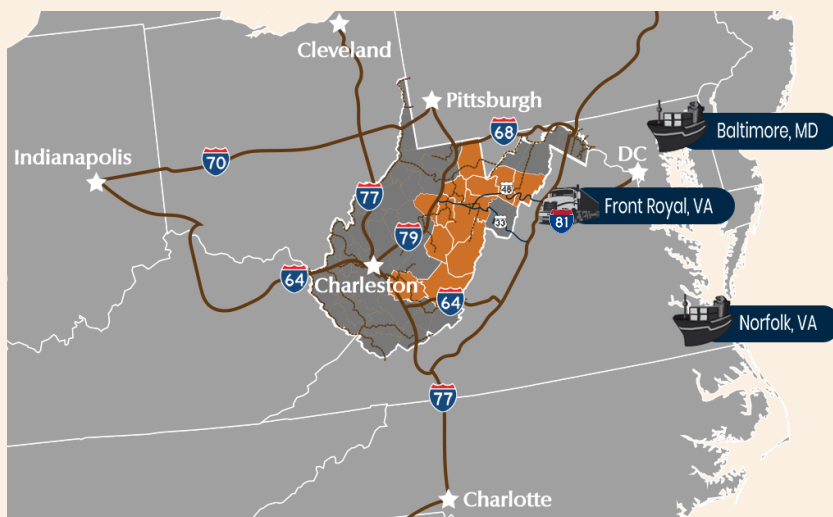
There are 4 primary interstates that cut through or are in proximity to the HAZ to help transport your goods to market:

- I-64
- I-68
- I-79
- I-81

Port Authorities

The following ports are within a half-day's drive from WVHAZ:

- Front Royal
- Maryland Port Administration
- Port of Virginia



Railroad

WVHAZ is serviced by a number of different freight systems:

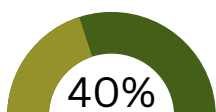
- Appalachian and Ohio Railroad
- CSX Transportation
- OnniTRAX
- Beech Mountain Railroad
- Norfolk Southern Railway
- R.J. Corman Railroad/WV Line

Airports

The region is served by a number of airports offering commercial and international flights, and those serving private aircraft.

- Dulles International Airport
- Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport
- Reagan National Airport
- Greenbrier Valley Airport
- North Central West Virginia Airport
- Tri-State Airport
- Morgantown Municipal Airport
- Pittsburgh International Airport
- Yeager Airport

Reasons to Invest in WVHAZ



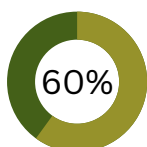
Talent:

40% of ALL Forest Product Industry employees in WV work in the HAZ region, meaning high quality, skilled, and highly experienced people for your company.



Supply:

19 sawmills are located in the HAZ region, providing a consistent supply of high quality lumber year after year.



Industry:

Of the 164 mills currently manufacturing lumber and other wood products in WV, almost 100 (60%) are located in the HAZ region.



Capital:

Banks and lending agencies in the HAZ region are familiar with the capital needs of the forest products industry, given the high concentration of wood-based businesses in the region.



WVHAZ Properties

WVHAZ provides information about available sites and buildings for companies looking to expand, relocate, or start a business in West Virginia. Search properties at: www.westvirginiahaz.com/en/building-site-search/