



Forests of Pennsylvania, 2019

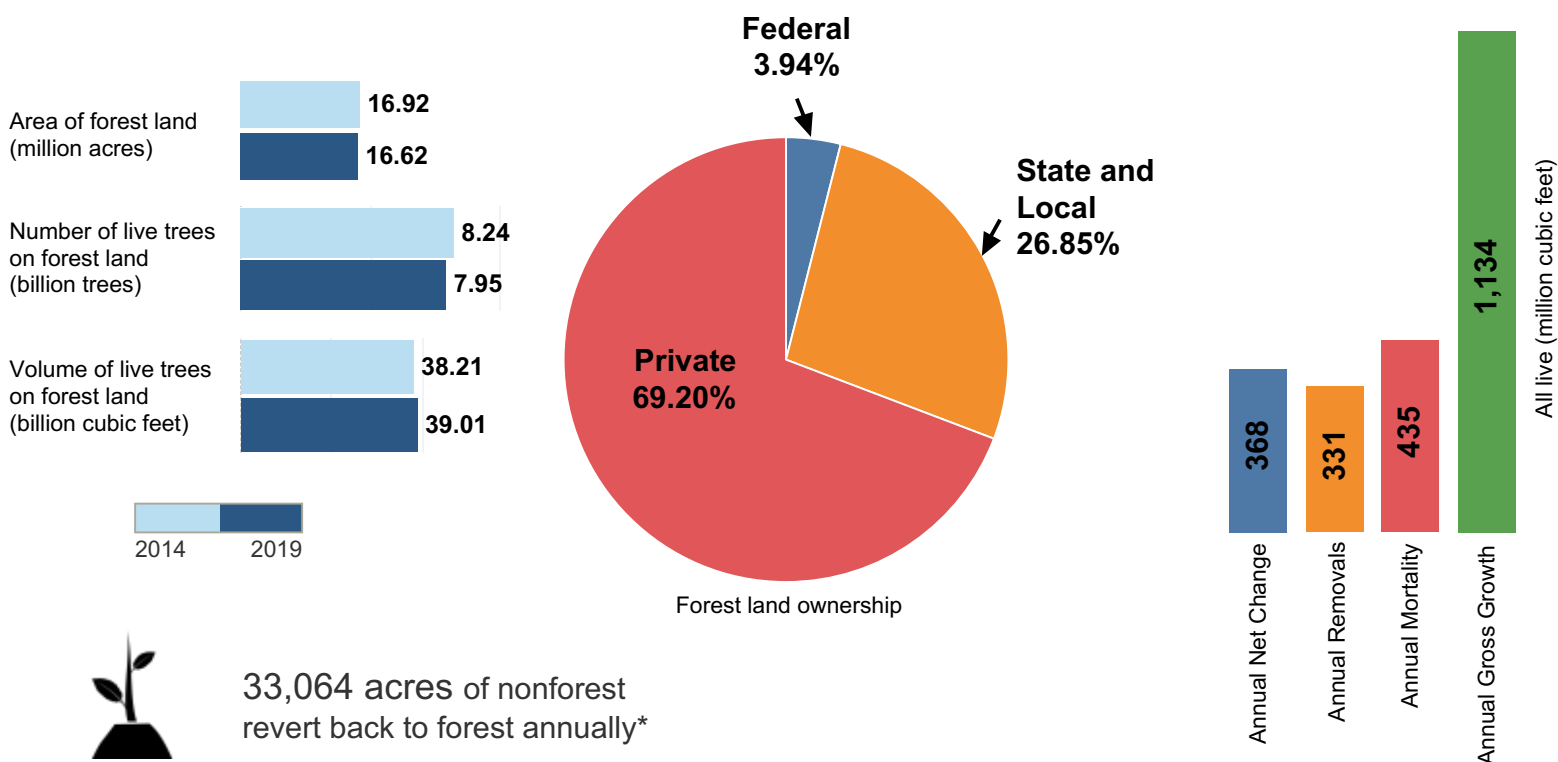


Pennsylvania has an estimated **16,621,968** acres of forest land.

* Percent forest is forest area/total area. Percent forest with water removed from total area is 58%.

This resource update is a brief look at some of the basic metrics that describe the status of and changes to forest resources in Pennsylvania. This information is based on field data collected using the USDA Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) annualized sample design, and it is updated yearly.

Pennsylvania has 4,486 sample plots across the State, of which 2,985 are currently forested. Each year, about 10-20 percent of these plots are visited and measured by field crews. Data used in this update were accessed from the FIA database on 02/16/2022.



33,064 acres of nonforest revert back to forest annually*



69,040 acres of forest land convert annually* to nonforest



212,631 acres of forest land are treated by cutting (harvest, thinning, etc.) annually*



2,138 acres of forest land are disturbed annually* by fire



22,312 acres of forest land are disturbed annually* by weather events

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The estimates presented are based on data retrieved from the FIA database (02/16/2022) and may not reflect the most recent data available from the FIA program. Note – this publication does not include estimates of uncertainty. The most current data and sampling error for the estimates above can be found by visiting <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/>.

*Average annual estimates are based on data collected across 5-10 years and may not be indicative of the nominal year presented in the title by itself.