



# Forest Ownership in Maryland, 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.

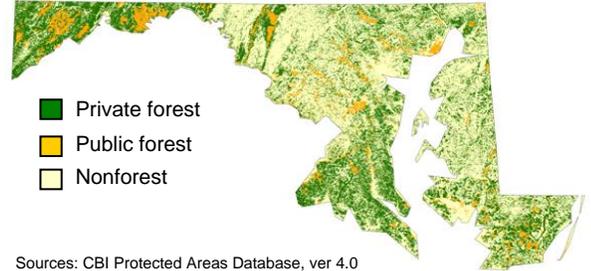


The U.S. Forest Service's National Woodland Owner Survey ([www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos](http://www.fia.fs.fed.us/nwos)) is conducted to improve our understanding of who owns the forests of the United States, why they own them, how they use them, and what they intend to do with them. This information is used 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 78 owners from Maryland who participated between 2002 and 2006.

## Area of forest land and number of forest owners

Owner type	Acres		Owners
	Thousands	Percent	Thousands
<b>Private</b>			
Family	1,462	57	156
Other private	495	19	1
<b>Public</b>			
Federal	72	3	-
State	424	17	-
Local	113	4	-

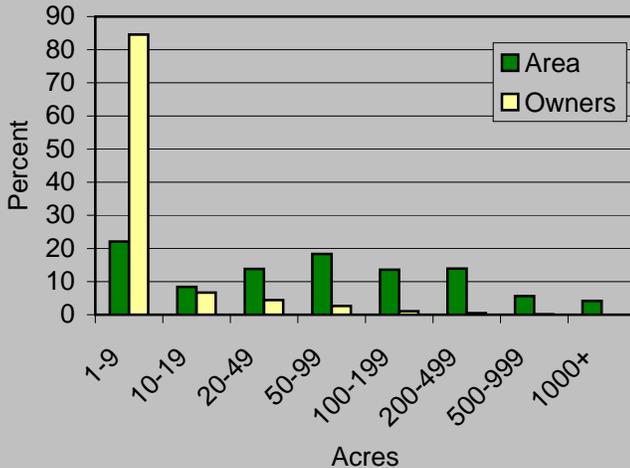
## Private and public forest lands



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

## Family Forest Owners

### Size of forest landholdings



### Reasons for owning

1. Beauty/scenery
2. Part of home or cabin
3. Nature protection
4. Privacy
5. Pass land on to heirs

### Important concerns

1. Trespassing or poaching
2. Insects or plant diseases
3. High property taxes
4. Development of nearby land
5. Misuse of forest land

### Five year plans for land

