



INDUSTRY FACTS AND FIGURES: NORTH EAST

- In North Central Victoria, the timber and forestry industry is predominantly based on softwood plantations, with small areas of hardwood plantation and native forest harvesting from the North East Regional Forest Agreement region.
- The industry contribution to Gross Regional Product in the region was **\$231 million In 2015-16**.
- The region has **1,435 direct jobs in the timber and forestry industry**: 1,002 jobs in forest management and primary processing, and further 433 jobs in secondary processing This represents:
 - **1.0% of the employed labour force of the region;**
 - **9.5% of all Victorian timber and forestry industry jobs.**
- In forest management and primary processing, **92% of direct employment is supported by softwood and hardwood plantations.**
- There are an estimated **1,050 flow-on jobs in the region**, generated in other industries to service demand generated by the timber and forestry industry.
- In a statewide survey, 47% of respondents in Alpine, Benalla and Wangaratta thought that the forest industry was important to their local community.
- A total of 1,639 Victorian jobs rely on logs harvest from native forests and 70- 80 jobs of these rely on timber from forests in the North East RFA region.

Employment in key Local Government Areas¹:

LGA	Total jobs in timber and forestry	Jobs in Forest Management and Primary Processing	Jobs in Secondary Processing	% of employed LGA labour force	% of all Victorian Industry jobs
Alpine Shire	375	372	3	6.8	2.5
Benalla Rural City	267	253	14	4.7	1.8
Rural City of Wangaratta	264	143	121	2.1	1.7
City of Wodonga	200	61	139	1.1	1.3

¹ Information from Schirmer *et al.* (2018) Socio-economic impacts of the forest industry – Victoria (exc the Green Triangle)