

United Kingdom

Reporting Form 6.1: Forest holdings

Pan-European indicator 6.1: Number of forest holdings, classified by ownership categories and size classes.

Related SoEF definitions: Forest, Forest holding, Forms of ownership, Forest ownership, Public ownership, Private ownership, Other ownership.

Table 6.1: Forest holdings

Category	Year	Total forest area (1000 ha)	Total number of holdings	Number of forest holdings in size classes				
				≤10 ha	11 -100 ha	101 - 500 ha	501 - 10,000 ha	>10,000 ha
In public ownership	2010	959	646	0	380	101	128	37
	2005	983	646	0	380	101	128	37
	2000	1011	646	0	380	101	128	37
	1990	1081	646	0	380	101	128	37
In private ownership	2010	1922	105100	80900	20500	3200	500	0
	2005	1862	106700	82500	20600	3100	500	0
	2000	1782	102600	79800	19300	3000	500	0
	1990	1530	99800	79400	17500	2500	400	0
Other ownership	2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1990	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Country comments:

Category	Comments related to data, definitions, etc	Comments on trend(s)
General comments		

Number of holdings in public ownership	The estimate of 646 public holdings was compiled in 1997. At that time, it was based on 46 state forest holdings (FC Forest Districts + Forest Service), 525 local authorities, and 75 other holdings (including multiple holdings for some ownerships. The largest areas other than state forests included Highways Agency, Ministry of Defence and Crown Estate.	The number of holdings is likely to have remained around the same level as estimated in 1997, with some rationalisation into larger holdings (e.g. for state forests) balanced by some new holdings.
Number of holdings in private ownership	Number of holdings based on data for farm woodlands, plus extrapolated estimate for non-farm. Extrapolation assumes that half the growth in non-farm area is from new holdings, half from increase on existing holdings.	Some farm woodland data for 2009 are based on an administrative source instead of a statistical survey, resulting in some changes in coverage.
Number of holdings in other ownership	Although there are no comprehensive statistics for ownership of forests, in general it is possible to establish the ownership of any specific forest, so no holdings have been identified as other ownership (including not defined, unknown or disputed).	
The year and data reported for 2010	Public ownership based on state forest areas for 2009. Private area by subtraction from total forest in 2010, as forecast in 1.1. Number of private holdings based on data for 2009.	

Complementary information:

Item	Related information
Minimum size of forest holding reported	No minimum

Reporting notes:

1. Report holdings of forest, not holdings of other wooded land.
2. For 2010, please provide data or estimates for the most recent year available, and indicate the year and data status in "Country comments".

3. Countries where OWL is a significant part of FOWL area may supply information on Forest and OWL holdings structure under "Country comments".

Data sources:

References to sources of information	Quality (H/M/L)	Table 6.1 Category	Year(s)	Type of inventory	Additional comments
Forestry Statistics and databases	H	public area	all		state forest area
National Inventory of Woodland & Trees	M	public area	1995-99	From sample 1 ha squares	other public area
Agricultural census	H	private holdings	annual to 2009	Census or large sample survey	farm woodland holdings
HGTAC survey	L	private holdings	1977	Survey	other private woodland holdings