

# ECONOMICS OF URBAN FORESTRY IN THE UNITED STATES

Trees have tremendous impact on local economies and our quality of life.  
**Here's a peek at how America's urban trees are contributing.**



More than **500,000** people are employed as a result of urban forestry activities.



Urban trees contribute **\$73 billion** in community-wide environmental benefits each year, such as carbon sequestration, air pollution removal, and avoided stormwater runoff.



Communities enrolled in the Tree City USA® program invested an average of **\$7.37 per resident** in tree planting and care in 2017, compared to just **\$3.00 per resident** in nonparticipating communities.



The urban forestry sector has an annual sales and employment footprint worth **\$64 billion**.



Tree cover at private homes adds **\$31.5 billion** annually to property values across the U.S.

## Top 5 States with Greatest Annual Economic Footprint from Urban Trees

California	\$7.77 billion
New York	\$5.14 billion
Texas	\$5.07 billion
Florida	\$4.37 billion
Illinois	\$3.56 billion

## Top 5 States with Greatest Annual Quality-of-life Benefits from Urban Trees

Texas	\$7.76 billion
Georgia	\$6.50 billion
Florida	\$6.49 billion
North Carolina	\$6.23 billion
Mississippi	\$4.77 billion