

**Table A3. Plastic Products Weights in Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) by Category, 2005
(Thousand Tons)**

Resin	Generation	Recovery	Discards
PET	2,860	540	2,320
HDPE	5,890	520	5,370
PVC	1,640	NA	1,640
LDPE/LLDPE	6,450	190	6,260
PP	4,000	10	3,990
PS	2,590	NA	2,590
Other resins	5,480	390	5,090
Total Plastics in MSW	28,910	1,650	27,260

Notes: Some detail of recovery by resin omitted due to lack of data. This table understates the recovery of plastics due to the dispersed nature of plastics recycling activities. Discards includes all MSW material available for combustion with energy recovery, discards to landfill, and other disposal. For explanation of plastics abbreviations see Appendix C.

Source: Environmental Protection Agency, *Municipal Solid Waste in the United States, 2005*. <http://www.epa.gov/msw/msw99.htm>