

Table A1. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Weights by Category, 1989-2005**(Million Tons)**

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Discards	4.87	5.15	5.3	5.48	5.64	5.8	6.5	6.7	7.1	7.5	7.9	8.1	8.4	8.74	9.08	9.24	9.4
Textiles	30.47	30.8	29	27.2	25.4	23.6	20.8	17.2	16.2	15.65	15.1	11.9	12.2	12.35	12.5	12.37	12.23
Yard Trimmings	20.02	20.8	19	17.2	15.4	13.6	13.4	21.4	21.3	22.95	24.6	25.2	25.5	26.18	26.85	27.68	28.5
Food Wastes	11.57	12.08	12.36	12.64	12.92	13.2	13.5	10.3	11	11.3	11.6	12.2	11.9	12.11	12.32	12.46	12.59
Wood	5.3	5.4	5.53	5.65	5.78	5.9	6	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.5	8.6	6.8	6.88	6.96	7.63	8.3
Other	10.86	10.47	10.4	10.34	10.34	10.2	9.7	9.2	9.1	9.4	9.7	9.9	10.2	10.18	10.15	10.09	10.02
Glass	4.13	4.24	4.34	4.43	4.53	4.63	4.73	4.9	5.01	5.09	5.17	4.77	4.49	4.66	4.83	4.85	4.88
Rubber	1.15	1.18	1.21	1.24	1.26	1.29	0.77	0.8	0.8	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.88	0.89	0.9	0.88	0.86
Leather	12.75	12.58	11.91	11.24	11.24	9.9	9.6	9.7	9.9	10.7	11.5	11.66	11.8	11.88	11.96	11.85	11.74
Metals	Paper & Paperboard																
	<i>Newsprint</i>																
	7.27	7.4	7.4	7.41	7.41	7.41	6.17	5.64	6.12	6.03	5.94	6.28	4.85	3.54	2.23	4.13	6.03
	<i>Paper</i>																
	23.99	24.41	24.42	24.42	24.43	24.44	24.58	23.78	24.49	25.11	25.72	23.78	23	23.48	23.96	20.2	16.44
	<i>Containers & Packaging</i>																
	20.33	20.69	20.7	20.71	20.71	20.72	18.17	17.9	18.31	17.91	17.51	17.31	17.27	17.11	16.94	18.24	19.53
	Plastics																
	<i>PET</i>																
	1.17	1.24	1.28	1.32	1.36	1.4	1.33	1.35	1.54	1.69	1.84	2.06	2.11	2.29	2.46	2.58	2.7
	<i>HDPE</i>																
	2.76	2.93	3.03	3.12	3.22	3.31	3.15	3.17	4.21	4.37	4.52	4.41	4.49	4.58	4.67	5.11	5.55
	<i>PVC</i>																
	1.31	1.4	1.44	1.49	1.53	1.58	1.5	1.23	1.32	1.35	1.37	1.39	1.42	1.45	1.47	1.51	1.55
	<i>LDPE/LLDPE</i>																
	4.42	4.7	4.85	5	5.15	5.29	5.04	4.9	5.28	5.24	5.2	5.59	5.73	5.9	6.06	6.07	6.08
	<i>PP</i>																
	2.44	2.59	2.67	2.76	2.84	2.92	2.78	2.45	2.67	2.67	2.67	3.34	3.45	3.53	3.6	3.69	3.77
	<i>PS</i>																
	1.95	2.08	2.14	2.21	2.28	2.34	2.23	1.96	2.09	2.12	2.15	2.28	2.29	2.28	2.27	2.36	2.44
	<i>Other</i>																
	1.72	1.83	1.88	1.94	2	2.06	1.96	3.1	3.24	3.33	3.41	4.3	4.5	4.62	4.73	4.95	5.17
Total	168.49	172	168.9	165.8	163.4	159.6	151.9	151.8	156	159.6	163.2	163.9	161.3	162.6	163.9	165.9	167.8

Notes: Totals may not equal the sum of all components due to independent rounding. 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>