

Table 373. Municipal Solid Waste Generation, Materials Recovery, Combustion With Energy Recovery, and Discards: 1980 to 2008

[In millions of tons (151.6 represents 151,600,000), except as indicated. Covers post-consumer residential and commercial solid wastes which comprise the major portion of typical municipal collections. Excludes mining, agricultural and industrial processing, demolition and construction wastes, sewage sludge and junked autos and obsolete equipment wastes. Based on material-flows estimating procedure and wet weight as generated]

Item and material	1980	1990	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008
Waste generated	151.6	205.2	239.1	249.7	254.2	254.6	249.6
Per person per day (lb.)	3.7	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5
Total materials recovery	14.5	33.2	69.4	79.2	82.2	84.2	82.9
Per person per day (lb.)	0.4	0.7	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Recovery for recycling	14.5	29.0	52.9	58.6	61.4	62.5	60.8
Per person per day (pounds)	0.35	0.64	1.03	1.08	1.08	1.14	1.10
Recovery for composting ¹	(Z)	4.2	16.5	20.6	20.8	21.7	22.1
Per person per day (pounds)	(Z)	0.09	0.32	0.38	0.38	0.39	0.40
Combustion with energy recovery	2.7	29.7	33.7	31.6	31.9	32.0	31.6
Per person per day (lb.)	0.07	0.70	0.66	0.58	0.60	0.58	0.57
Discards to landfill, other disposal	134.4	142.3	136.0	138.9	140.1	138.4	135.1
Per person per day (lb.)	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF GENERATION							
Percent of total generation	71.8	71.4	74.5	73.5	73.6	73.3	72.6
Paper and paperboard	36.4	35.4	36.7	34.0	33.6	32.4	31.0
Glass	10.0	6.4	5.3	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.9
Metals	10.2	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.4
Plastics	4.5	8.3	10.7	11.7	11.7	12.1	12.0
Rubber and leather	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0
Textiles	1.7	2.8	3.9	4.6	4.7	4.7	5.0
Wood	4.6	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.5	6.3	6.6
Other	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
Total other waste	28.2	28.6	25.5	26.3	26.4	26.7	27.4
Food scraps	8.6	10.1	11.2	12.1	12.2	12.4	12.4
Yard trimmings	18.1	17.1	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.8	13.2
Miscellaneous organic wastes	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5

Z Less than 5,000 tons or 0.05 percent. ¹ Composting of yard trimmings, food scraps, and other municipal solid waste.

Source: Franklin Associates, a Division of ERG, Prairie Village, KS, *Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 2008 Facts and Figures*. Prepared for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. See also <www.epa.gov/osw/nonhaz/municipal/msw99.htm>.

Table 374. Generation and Recovery of Selected Materials in Municipal Solid Waste: 1980 to 2008

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Item and material	1980	1990	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008
Waste generated, total¹	151.6	205.2	239.0	249.7	254.2	254.6	249.6
Paper and paperboard	55.2	72.7	87.7	84.8	83.4	82.5	77.4
Glass	15.1	13.1	12.8	12.5	13.5	12.5	12.2
Metals: Ferrous	12.6	12.6	14.1	15.0	15.5	15.6	15.7
Aluminum	1.7	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
Other nonferrous	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
Plastics	6.8	17.1	25.5	29.2	29.8	30.7	30.1
Food scraps	13.0	20.8	26.8	30.2	31.0	31.7	31.8
Yard trimmings	27.5	35.0	30.5	32.1	32.4	32.6	32.9
Materials recovered, total¹	14.5	33.2	69.3	79.2	82.2	84.2	82.9
Paper and paperboard	11.7	20.2	37.6	42.0	43.9	44.5	42.9
Glass	0.8	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.8
Metals: Ferrous	0.4	2.2	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.3
Aluminum	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Other nonferrous	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Plastics	0.2	0.4	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1
Food scraps	(Z)	(Z)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Yard trimmings	(Z)	4.2	15.8	19.9	20.1	20.9	21.3
Percent of generation recovered, total¹	9.6	16.2	29.0	31.7	32.3	33.1	33.2
Paper and paperboard	21.3	27.8	42.8	49.5	51.4	53.9	55.5
Glass	5.0	20.1	22.6	20.7	21.3	23.0	23.1
Metals: Ferrous	2.9	17.6	33.2	33.6	33.9	33.8	33.7
Aluminum	17.9	35.9	26.9	20.7	20.3	21.7	21.1
Other nonferrous	46.6	66.4	66.3	69.0	69.3	69.7	68.8
Plastics	0.3	2.2	5.8	6.0	6.9	6.8	7.1
Food scraps	(Z)	(Z)	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.5
Yard trimmings	(Z)	12.0	51.7	61.9	62.0	64.1	64.7

Z Less than 5,000 tons or 0.05 percent. ¹ Includes products not shown separately.

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