



THE PALMETTO STATE RECYCLING INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

More than **300**
Recycling Businesses
in South Carolina



13.6B
Annual Industry
Economic Impact
(2022 Economic Impact Study)



In the past five years, the recycling-industry sector in South Carolina has announced **\$5.4 billion in capital investment**, representing **3,785 jobs in South Carolina**.

| YEAR > | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | TOTALS |
|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|
| CAPITAL > | \$511M | \$50M | \$119M | \$523M | \$4.2B | \$5.4B |
| NEW JOBS > | 955 | 238 | 204 | 536 | 1,852 | 3,785 |
| NEW COMPANIES > | 8 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 37 |

In FY2021, **1,183,984 tons** of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) was recycled. That is the equivalent of **4,281 Boeing 787 planes**, loaded at maximum take-off weight.



South Carolina's MSW recycling rate was **23.9%** in FY2021.

The above economic data is from the South Carolina Department of Commerce's internal records.
The MSW data is from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

SC Commerce's Recycling Market Development Advisory Council supports the recycling industry's economic growth by: building recycling markets; promoting the recycling value chain; and increasing material recovery.



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The Recycling Markets Directory helps manufacturers keep materials in motion by reducing waste. Visit **RecyclingInSC.com**.