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RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
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RECOMMENDATIONS



1

Revisions to initial report: no revisions necessary to the initial report.

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Description and analysis of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) recycling during previous year. **The recycling rate for 2025 is 23.5%.** RMDAC will continue to work with businesses and industry to grow recycling markets and develop strategies to help increase the recovery and recycling of materials.

3

Recommendations regarding materials which should be added or deleted from source separation, recovery and recycling programs, and to increase the recovery of recyclable materials.

RMDAC will continue to work toward recovery, recycling and sustainable material management options for the following including, but not limited to: carpet, glass, plastic containers, metals, scrap tires, electronics, lithium-ion batteries, textiles, construction and demolition materials, organics, and universal wastes that can be recycled/repurposed.

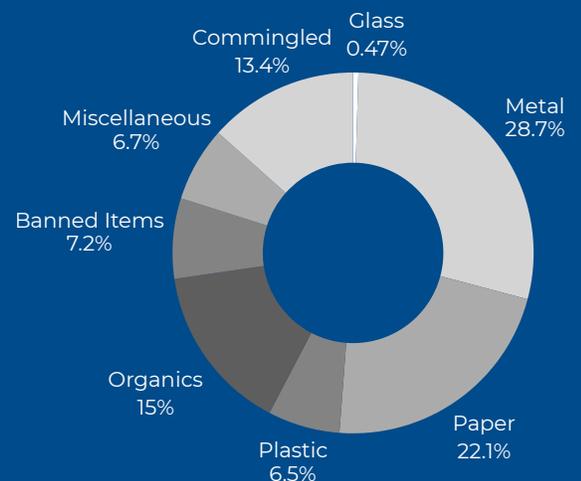
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RMDAC intends to employ a multi-stakeholder approach in 2026 to better understand the regional needs of South Carolina's industries and the challenges they face in achieving their recycling and circularity goals. This approach will include direct engagement with manufacturers, recyclers, local governments, economic development partners and community organizations to identify barriers, align resources, and prioritize actions that strengthen recycling markets statewide.

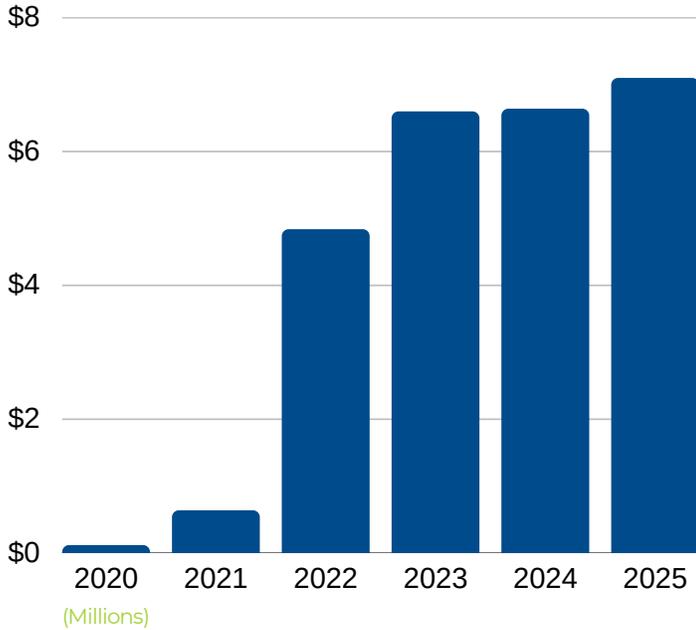
By leveraging diverse perspectives and on-the-ground insights, RMDAC will develop targeted strategies that reflect regional realities, support industry growth, and advance South Carolina's overall recycling and sustainability objectives.

**2025 SC
Recycling
Rate:
23.5%**

**2025: % of SC's
MSW
Commodities
Recycled by
Weight**



**South Carolina Recycling Industry
5-Year Capital Investment (Cumulative)**
(Billions)



**SC Recycling
Industry Snapshot
2020 - 2025**

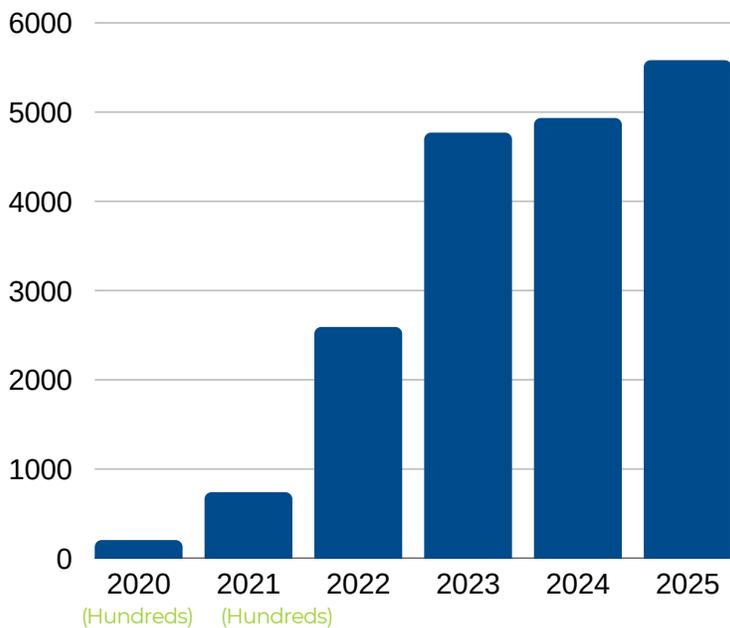
\$7.1 Billion
Capital Investment

5,582
Jobs Announced

47

**New/Existing
Businesses**

**South Carolina Recycling Industry
5-Year Job Creation (Cumulative)**
(Thousands)



**2025
Capital
Investment**

SOURCE: 2025 Announced Investments

\$438M

Eight recycling companies
announced 648 jobs in South Carolina
with an investment of \$438,500,000.

648
NEW JOBS

Recycling Infrastructure

3
steel mills

1 aluminum roller

1 carbon fiber recycler

recycled content paper mills **4**

4
tire recyclers

4
textile recyclers

15 industrial plastics processors

10
compost facilities

1
glass recycler

3 secondary metal processors

4
lithium-ion recyclers

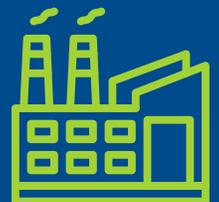
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PET plastic reclaimers

South Carolina's recycling industry continues to grow. Recyclables are collected, processed and sold to manufacturers to make new recycled-content products.



25,435
direct jobs

*Job numbers from 262 recycling companies



350+
number of companies

CAMPAIGN

CORNER



SC RECYCLING MARKETS DIRECTORY

Connecting Materials to Markets
www.recyclinginsc.com/directory

The South Carolina Recycling Market Development team offers a free online tool called the **SC Recycling Markets Directory**.

Connects more than 300 SC recycling companies



Allows businesses to find recyclers in their area



Helps companies meet sustainability goals

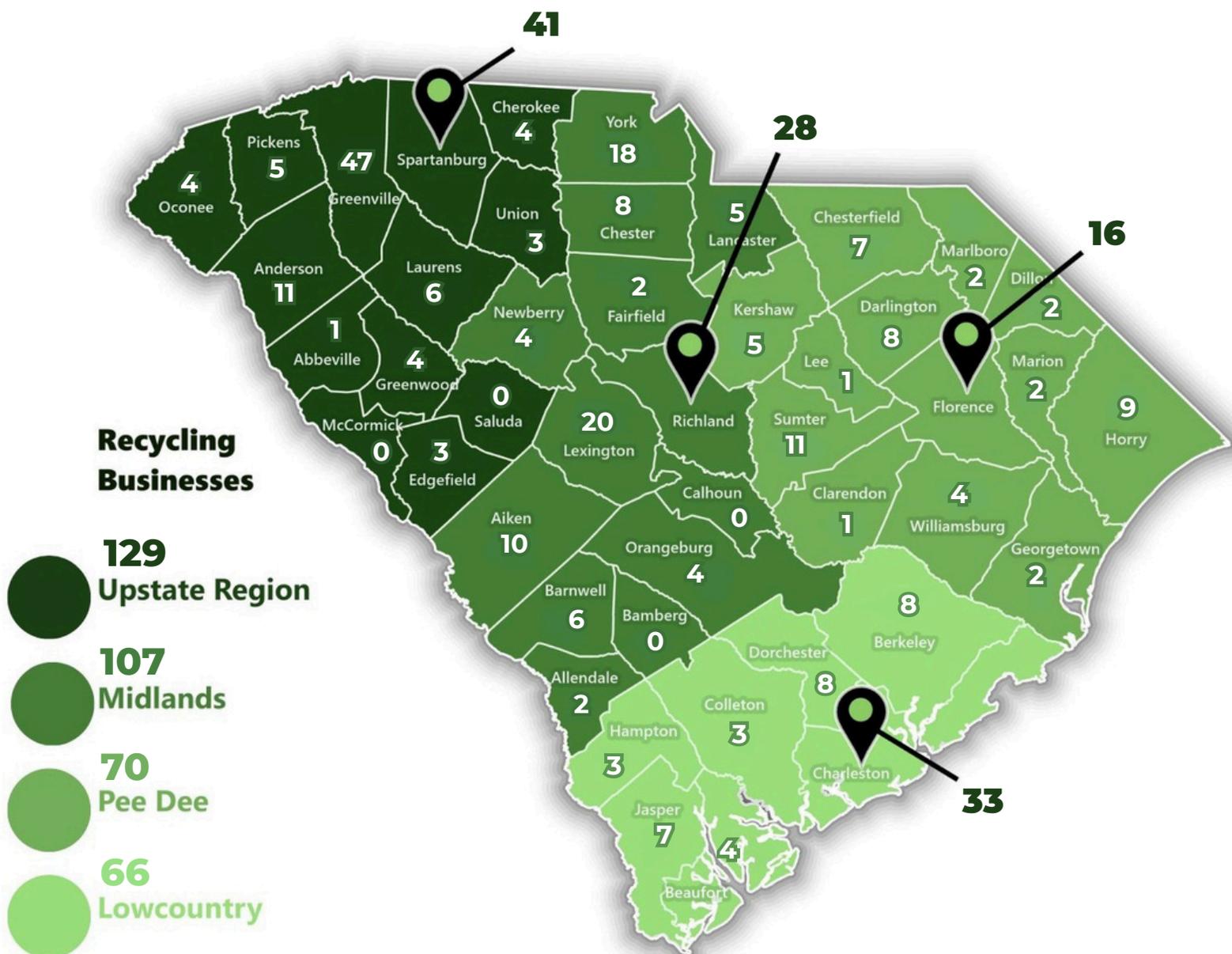
SC MATERIAL EXCHANGE

This free online service is designed to help businesses, industries and other organizations.

SC MATERIAL EXCHANGE

- » Assists with finding markets for traditionally discarded material.
- » Provides advertising listings for both wanted and available material.
- » Offers posts and listing items by type, quantity, availability and geographic location.

Recyclers by Region & County



Recycling Business: A type of business that earns an income from the collection of a variety of materials for recycle.

2025 Recycling Businesses by County

1	Abbeville County	4	Greenwood County
10	Aiken County	3	Hampton County
2	Allendale County	9	Horry County
11	Anderson County	7	Jasper County
0	Bamberg County	5	Kershaw County
6	Barnwell County	5	Lancaster County
4	Beaufort County	6	Laurens County
8	Berkeley County	1	Lee County
0	Calhoun County	20	Lexington County
33	Charleston County	2	Marion County
4	Cherokee County	2	Marlboro County
8	Chester County	0	McCormick County
7	Chesterfield County	4	Newberry County
1	Clarendon County	4	Oconee County
3	Colleton County	4	Orangeburg County
8	Darlington County	5	Pickens County
2	Dillon County	28	Richland County
8	Dorchester County	0	Saluda County
3	Edgefield County	41	Spartanburg County
2	Fairfield County	11	Sumter County
16	Florence County	3	Union County
2	Georgetown County	4	Williamsburg County
47	Greenville County	18	York County



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RMDAC remains committed to advancing recovery, recycling and sustainable material management solutions for items such as carpet, glass, plastic containers, metals, scrap tires, electronics, lithium-ion batteries, textiles, construction and demolition materials, organics, and universal wastes that can be recycled/repurposed.





The South Carolina Department of Commerce is the state agency responsible for economic development in SC. The Recycling Market Development team builds recycling markets, increases material recovery and promotes the recycling value chain.

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