

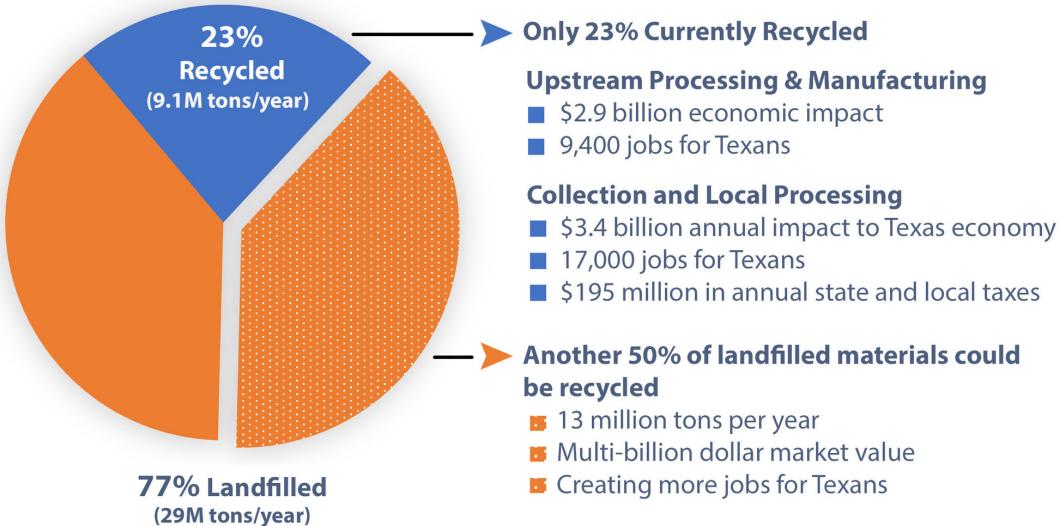
RECYCLING IN TEXAS: CREATING ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND JOBS



Quick Facts about the Recycling Market Development Plan (RMDP)

The 84th Texas Legislature authorized the Study on the Economic Impacts of Recycling prior to the RMDP. It revealed:

38 Million Tons of
Municipal Solid Waste
Produced Each Year



INTRODUCTION

The 86th Texas Legislature empowered SB 649, directing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism to produce a Recycling Market Development Plan.

The Plan's purpose is to promote the use of recyclables as feed-stock in processing and industrial manufacturing, thereby improving market stability and economic sustainability and benefits, increasing our recycling recovery rate and creating more jobs for Texans.

RMDP FACTS

- The Recycling Market Development Plan (RMDP) is an in-depth investigation of barriers, challenges, and opportunities for growth.
- SB 649 was supported by 140 Texas Legislators (80%) in the 86th Session.
- RMDP has very robust industry support—more than 200 Texas industries were voluntarily surveyed.
- With supplemental data we now have for planning purposes the largest and most comprehensive compilation of recycling industry data in Texas history.
- The RMDP will recommend policy, administrative, logistic, and financial remedies.
- Plan to be released to the Legislature in Q3 2021
- The Texas recycling industry intends to examine and support economically sustainable actions that can be immediately implemented, and pursue recommendations that require additional legislative engagement.