

# Recycling Benefits

## FOR JOB CREATION AND THE ECONOMY IN THE U.S.



Recycling is a great way to protect our environment, keep our communities clean, and give new life to many single-use items, allowing them to be used to their fullest potential. But these are not the only benefits of recycling. In fact, recycling helps the economy and creates jobs for many Americans.

### IN 2020...

**681,000 jobs**, **\$37.8 billion in wages**, and **\$5.5 billion in tax revenue** were generated.

### THE CURRENT RECYCLING RATE IS 32.1%

If increased to 75%, **1.1 MILLION** new jobs could be created.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- **Nine times** more jobs are created by recycling and reuse facilities than landfills and incinerators.
- A report found that every 1,000 tons of recyclables can create **29 jobs** in recycling, reuse and manufacturing.
- In the U.S., recycling is a **\$200 billion industry**.
- Each year, the U.S. loses **\$11.4 billion in potential revenue** from recyclable materials that were trashed instead of being disposed of properly.

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