



Survey of Each State's Largest Municipality Residential Plastic Collection Programs 2016 Overview

This survey is conducted via the internet by evaluating each state's largest municipality's recycling website information. Conducted to get a sense of how and what plastics are currently being collected, it is by no means a definitive source of information. Below is a brief overview of seven years of survey results. This information also includes Washington DC data, hence the data for 51 programs.

Number of Programs by Type of Municipal Recycling Collection

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Single Stream	31	34	35	39	46	46	46	47
Dual Stream	8	7	7	4	3	3	3	2
Source Separated	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	2
Pilot Program	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Drop Off Only	1	3	3	1	1	1	0	0
Subscription Only	5	5	4	4	(4)*	(3)*	(3)*	(3)*
Total Surveyed	48	51	51	51	51	51	51	51

*Type of Subscription Programs included in figures above

Municipalities which collect only #1 and #2 plastics

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
All containers	8	5	4	2	2	3	3	2
Only bottles	10	10	8	4	4	1	1	3
Total**	18	15	12	6	6	4	4	5

Municipalities which collect #1 – #7 plastics

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
All containers	16	24	27	32	33	37	34	36
Only bottles	8	7	6	6	5	3	2	2
All containers w/ exceptions (i.e. no #3, 6 or 7)	6	4	5	6	6	6	10	8
Total	30	35	38	44	44	46	46	46



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Municipalities which collect Bulky Rigid Plastics

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2	3	3	3	5	7	5	8