

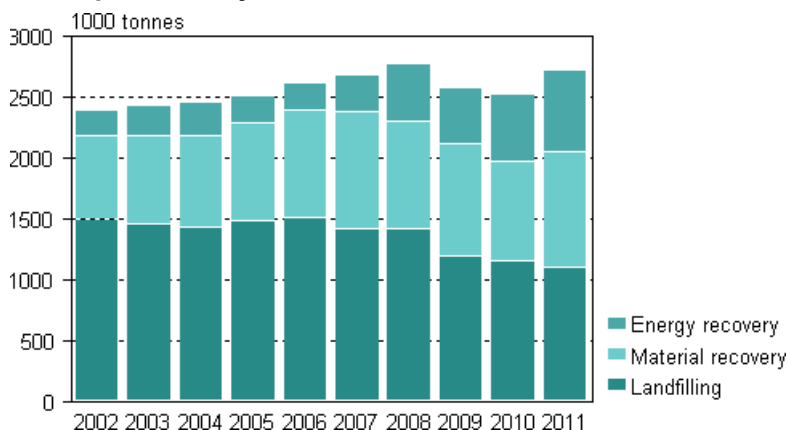
Waste statistics 2011

Municipal waste

Even less municipal waste deposited at landfills

The amount of municipal waste deposited at landfills has decreased already for five years. In year 2011, a total of 1.1 million tonnes waste was deposited at landfills, which includes a fall of nearly 30 per cent from five years ago and a drop of 4.2 per cent from last year. At the same time, the share of landfills in waste treatment decreased by five percentage points. Approximately 206 kilograms of waste per capita was transported to landfills. The corresponding average in the EU Member States is 230 kilograms, but the differences between countries are considerable. For instance, in Germany and Sweden, only a few kilograms of landfill waste is produced per capita.

Municipal waste by treatment method in 2002–2011



Households' willingness to sort their waste is high. For instance, according to a recently published Household Budget Survey, over 80 per cent of households sort cartons regularly, while five years ago the share was only 35 per cent. The share of recycling or utilisation of waste material and, in particular, burning in treatment of municipal waste has clearly increased over recent years. However, recycling has not been on a clear growth path, at least not to the extent one could predict based on household behaviour. The share of recycling in waste treatment increased by two percentage points from the previous year. The amount of burnt (energy recovery) municipal waste has tripled in five years but last year the share of burning in treatment only increased by good two percentage points.

Last year, the total volume of municipal waste rose to the level seen three years ago and was 2.7 million tonnes. The volume of municipal waste decreased during 2009-2010, which may have been due to the dip in the national economy at the time.

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	Amount	Treatment		
		Recycling	Energy recovery	Landfilled
Mixed waste total	1 514 176	40 041	415 771	1 058 364
Separately collected waste total, of which	1 204 592	906 966	262 713	34 913
Paper and board waste	363 643	356 440	7 178	25
Organic waste	362 764	333 102	24 721	4 941
Glass waste	61 062	60 914	4	144
Metal waste	14 417	14 396	20	1
Wood waste	83 951	6 822	76 210	919
Plastic waste	22 323	6 260	16 008	55
Electrical and electronic scrap	55 830	55 752	46	32
Other	240 602	73 280	138 526	28 796
All total	2 718 768	947 007	678 484	1 093 277

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