

# The waste trend 2024

## The amount of household waste is decreasing

The collected and treated amount of household waste from households and businesses amounted to just over 4.5 million tones in 2024, which is a decrease of 1 percent compared to 2023. This corresponds to 426 (431) kilograms per person.

The amount of collected food waste increased by 8 percent compared to 2023 amounting to 44 kilograms per person. The residual waste decreased by 3 percent amounting to 143 kilograms per person. In total, the amount of food and residual waste per person decreased by 17 percent since 2015.

Collected amounts of bulky waste decreased by 1.5 percent by 151 (154) kilograms per person. Bulky plastic to material recycling has increased by almost 20 percent.

Total volume of waste treated	Ton	Kilo/pers	Tot %	Change 2023
Material recycling	1 035 860	98	23,0	-6%
Recycling of construction material	161 920	15	3,6	17%
Biological recycling	766 030	72	17,0	11%
Energy recovery	2 473 850	234	54,8	-3%
Landfill	73 610	7	1,6	9%
<b>Total amount treated</b>	<b>4 511 270</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-1%</b>

### Total amount of collected household waste, million tons 2020-2024

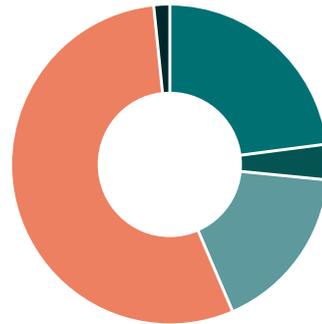
Household waste refers to the waste generated by households and businesses that falls under the municipal waste responsibility according to Chapter 15, Section 20 of the Environmental Code. Compared to the concept of municipal waste, it includes construction and demolition waste from households, while waste from park maintenance and street cleaning is not included.

**98 kg**  
per person was sent to material recycling.

**234 kg**  
per person was sent to energy recovery.

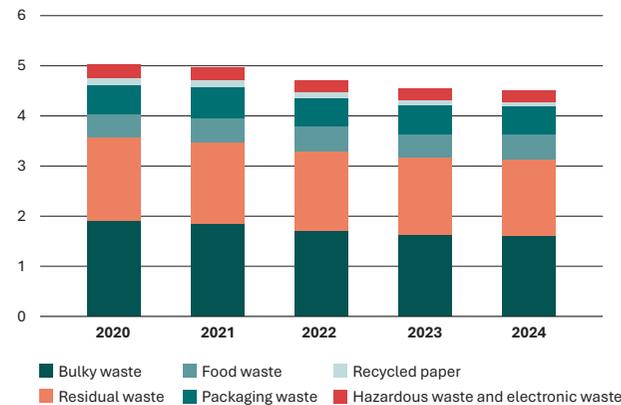
**72 kg**  
per person was sent to organic recycling.

**7 kg**  
per person was sent to landfill.



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- Biological recycling
- Energy recovery
- Landfill

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### Avfall Sverige is the Swedish Waste Management Association.

Our members – the municipalities and municipal companies – ensure that waste is collected and treated in a sustainable way. We work for sustainable and innovative waste management where we collaborate with others based on our social responsibility. Our vision is a future without waste. Therefore, we influence, develop and collaborate for a future where waste is prevented, recycled and seen as a resource.

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