

The waste trend 2025

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 2025, which is a decrease of 0.3 percent compared to 2024. This corresponds to 424 (426) kilograms per person.

The amount of collected food waste increased by 2 percent compared to 2024 amounting to 44 kilograms per person. The residual waste decreased by 4 percent amounting to 137 kilograms per person. In total, the amount of food and residual waste per person decreased by 19 percent since 2015.

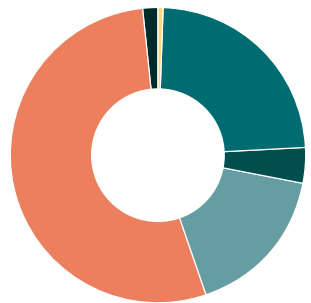
Collected amounts of bulky waste increased marginally by 0.4 percent till 152 (151) kilograms per person. Collected textile amounted to 26 740 tonnes, an increase of 60 percent compared with 2024.

Collection of bulky plastic for material recycling increased by 5 percent.

Treatment of collected household waste	Ton	Kilo/pers	Tot %	Change 2024
Waste prepared for reuse	28 910	3	0,6%	
Material recycling*	1 068 590	101	23,8%	3,2%
Recycling of construction material	171 020	16	3,8%	5,6%
Biological recycling	754 900	71	16,8%	-1,5%
Energy recovery	2 406 660	227	53,5%	-2,7%
Landfill	67 370	6	1,5%	-8,5%
Total amount treated	4 497 450	424	100%	-0,3%

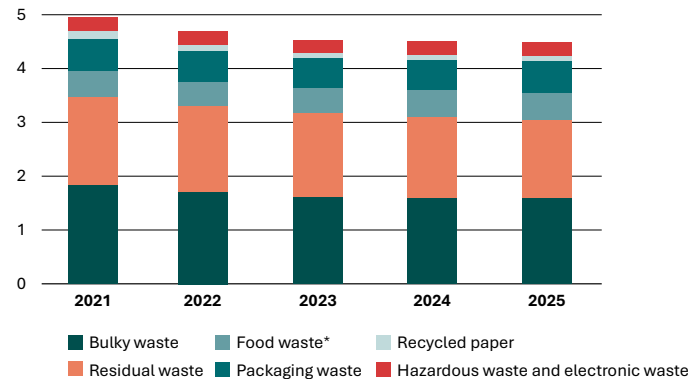
*Refers to collected household waste sent for material recycling, etc., rather than actual material.

Total amount of household waste 2025



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Total amount of collected household waste, million tons.



*Food waste includes home composting and ground food waste going down the drain.

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.

Avfall Sverige (Swedish Waste Management Association) has been the municipalities' trade association in the field of waste management and recycling since 1947.

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.