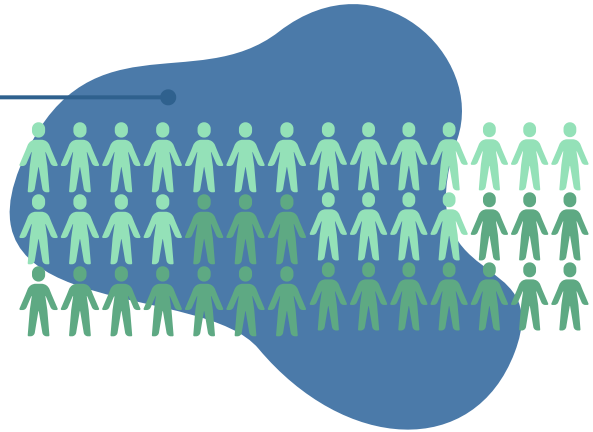




The Texas Recycling Market Development Plan: A win for Texas' economy and environment.

Jobs

The recycling industry employs **31,000+ Texans**, putting it on par with the Petroleum Refining and Furniture Manufacturing industries, and contributing **\$2.3 billion** through recycling workers' value-added activities.



+ \$7.4 Billion

Total economic impact

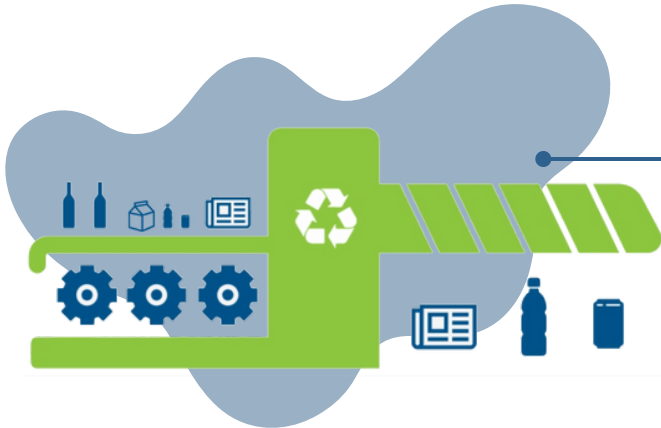
In addition to the direct economic impact, the Municipal Solid Waste Recycling industry pays more than **\$227 million** in State and Local taxes and fees annually.

Diversion

We are recycling 27.5% of the Texas Municipal Solid Waste [MSW] stream annually, but **up to 50% of MSW is recyclable**.

27.5%
recycling rate

Processing



The current recycling infrastructure in Texas manages over **12 million tons** of resources annually.

STAR THANKS THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO RECYCLING

STAR is proud to support and promote the opportunities, solutions, and recommendations identified in this plan. STAR furthermore throws FULL stakeholder support behind further development of solid waste diversion markets in the Great State of Texas as outlined in the Recycling Market Development Plan (RMDP).

TEXAS RMDP RECOMMENDATIONS

as Supported by
the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR)

CREATE



and operate a **lead State Agency** to promote the development and growth of the recycling industry in Texas; such agency being designated as the **Texas Recycling Market Development Center**.



a **State Recycling Market Development Board** to guide the RMD Center to consist of approximately 20 industry and governmental agency representatives.

COORDINATE



action among appropriate State Agencies **to stimulate the growth of the recycling industry** and increase its sustainable economic impacts in Texas.

SIMPLIFY



education and awareness efforts to reduce and eliminate contamination; led by state, regional and local efforts and policy. Contamination is the #1 problem and barrier identified by industry respondent surveys in the Plan.

DESIGNATE



and apply financial support to **promote economic development and job creation** for the recycling industry in Texas.



STAR Statement in brief:

STAR supports the development and passage of thoroughly vetted legislation in support of these recommendations of the [Recycling Market Development Plan](#).

