

# 506,139 U.S. Jobs in & related to recycling

- Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. 2021

"Recycling reduces the environmental burden of extracting and manufacturing from virgin materials."

"While others see waste materials as trash to be buried, we view them as commodities filled with possibilities for job creation."

# of jobs in some select areas

**25,011**

Jobs in  
Washington  
State

**2,555**

Jobs in  
Phoenix

**100,724**

Jobs in the  
Southeast



"Recycling is important to every State's economy. The material captured in recycling programs becomes manufacturing raw materials."

Recycling Jobs Supported by Commodity

**Metals**  
**285,684**

**Textiles, Rubber, Glass 17,544**

**Electronics 29,273**

**Plastics**  
**28,186**

**Paper**  
**145,452**

