

Present/Future of Residential Recycling in the United States: The Recycling Partnership Issues 2024 Report



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The Recycling Partnership (“Partnership”) issued a report titled:

State of Recycling

The Present and Future of Residential Recycling in the U.S. – 2024 (“Report”)

The Partnership describes itself as a:

... mission-driven NGO, we are committed to advancing a circular economy by building a better recycling system.

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The Partnership states that the *Report* was prepared because:

- Environmental and economic benefits are derived from recycling
- Gaps in the United States residential recycling system prevent achievement of all those benefits

Therefore, the Partnership states that the *Report* examines:

- Current state of residential recycling
- Gaps that need to be filled

Five requirements for an effective recycling system in the United States are stated to have been identified which include:

- Packaging Recyclability

- Recycling Access
- Recycling Engagement
- Processing and Sortation
- End Markets

These issues are addressed in Part 1 of the *Report*.

Part 2, which addresses strategies for recycling system success identifies:

- Extended Producer Responsibility Adoption
- Proactive Regional Investment
- Investment in Recycling Engagement

The *Report* includes a number of charts providing state-by-state analysis of various aspects of recycling. Therefore, data for the State of Arkansas can be accessed from the *Report*. For example, state-by-state residential recycling rates by commodity is provided for each state.

The commodities addressed include:

- Cardboard
- Mixed Paper
- Aseptic & Gabletop
- Glass Containers
- Steel Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- PET Bottles
- Non-bottle PET
- HDPE Natural Bottles & Jars
- HDPE Covered Bottles & Jars
- PP
- Plastics #3,4,6,7
- Bulky Rigid Plastics
- Film

A copy of the *Report* can be downloaded [here](#).