

Recycling isn't just good environmental practice - it supports Pennsylvania workers and communities financially as well.

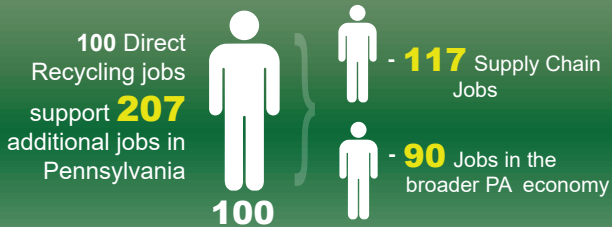
Jessica Shirley, Secretary,
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, 2026



Across Pennsylvania, the Recycling Industry

- ✓ Totals 319,628 jobs Stimulated
- ✓ \$27 billion in wages

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Direct Jobs	10,633	75,228	18,172	104,033
Supported Jobs	13,272	188,861	13,462	215,595
Wages	\$1.9B	\$23.1B	\$2.0B	\$27B



The **Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center (RMC)** is a non-profit corporation with mission to reduce or eliminate barriers that lead to expanded end-use of Pennsylvania's recycling. As the keystone organization with this uniquely circular mission, the team brings economic development, environmental guidance and manufacturing assistance to entrepreneurs, manufacturers, and the recycling industry. Supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the RMC has an affiliation with Penn State and is headquartered at Penn State Harrisburg with an office in Pittsburgh. RMC assistance includes manufacturing supply connectivity for use of recycled feedstocks; recycling industry outreach, applied research, and commercialization assistance in the use of recycled materials; technology and equipment comparisons; and expert curation of technical and business growth information.

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Economic Impact of the Pennsylvania Recycling

The Recycling Industry is integral to the Pennsylvania Economy



Core Recycling

Collection, processing and wholesaling of recycled materials



Downstream Manufacturing

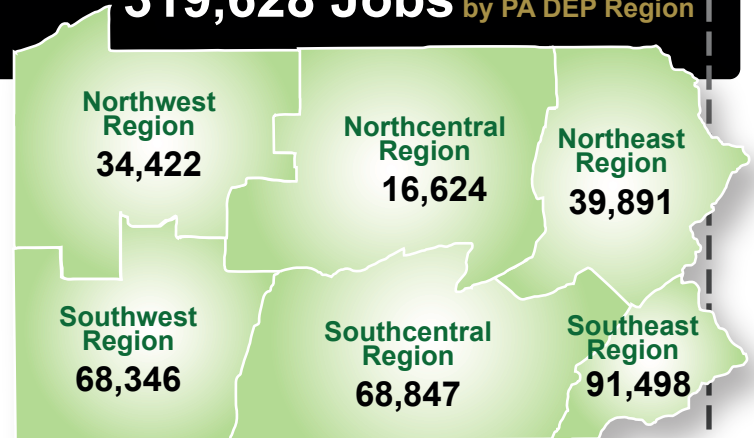
Mills and manufacturers that rely on recycled items as raw materials



Reuse • Resale Refurbish

Remanufacturing and reprocessing of electronics, auto parts, clothing, and resale shops

319,628 Jobs by PA DEP Region



The Recycling Industry delivered significant annual economic benefits to Pennsylvania



Wages 33% above the Pennsylvania average
\$84,500 Recycling Industry



Economic Impact of \$130.5B



\$11.2B in Federal, State and Local Taxes



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Keystone of Circular Economy



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