

Recycling Update Metropolitan Washington Region

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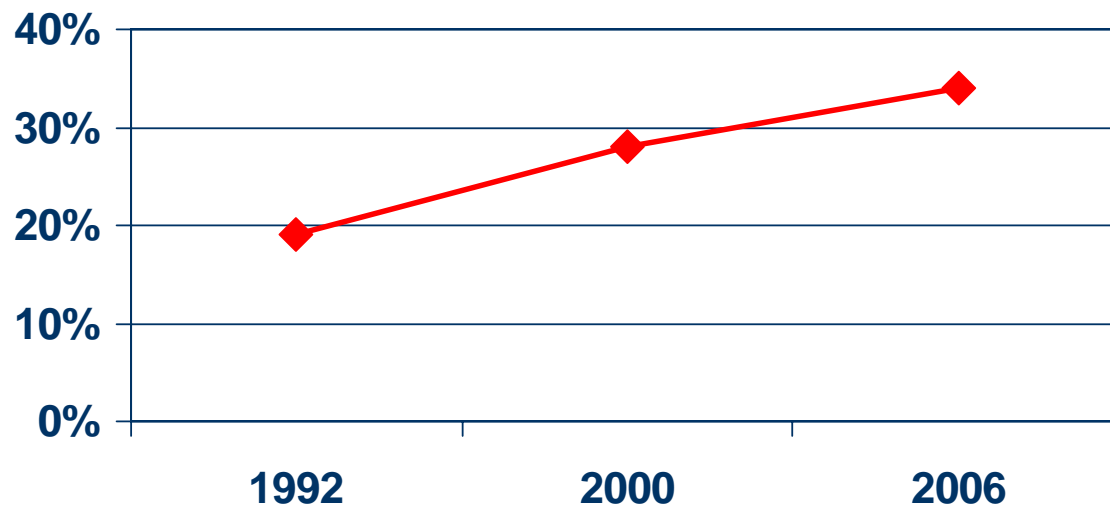
- Residential programs expanded in the early 1990's
- List of materials accepted for recycling has grown over the years
- Service is a mixture of public and private entities
- Mandatory service for residents and businesses has become the norm



Recycling and Waste Data



Recycling Rate 1992-2006
COG Region



**CY 2006
Regional
Rate
@ 34%**

- Data from State Recycling Reports for the COG members, 1992 data is MD region only
- Does not include source reduction credits awarded by the states



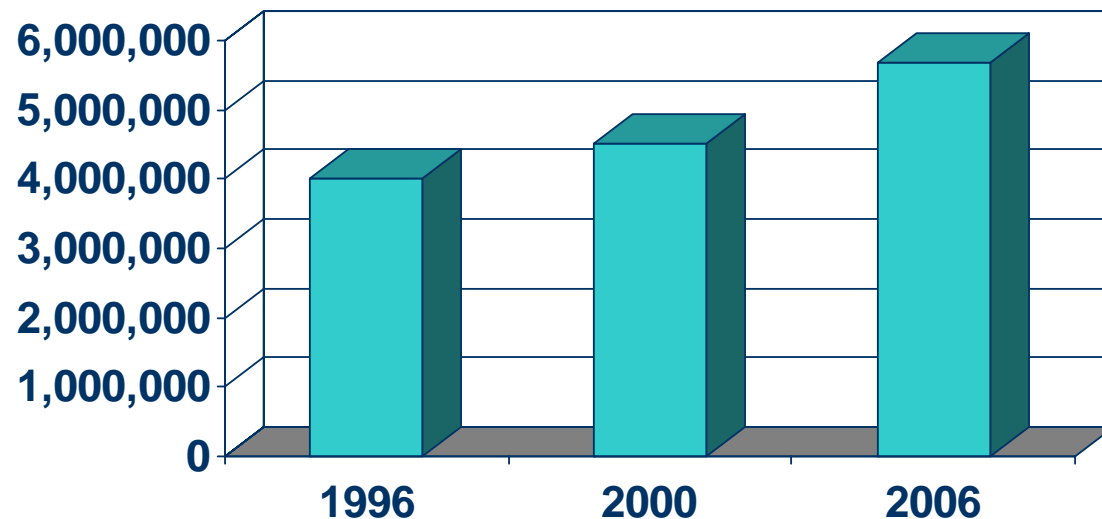
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Recycling and Waste Data



**Tons of Waste Generated 1996-2006
COG Region**



**CY 2006
Waste
Generated
5.75
million
tons**

-Data from State Recycling Reports for the COG members

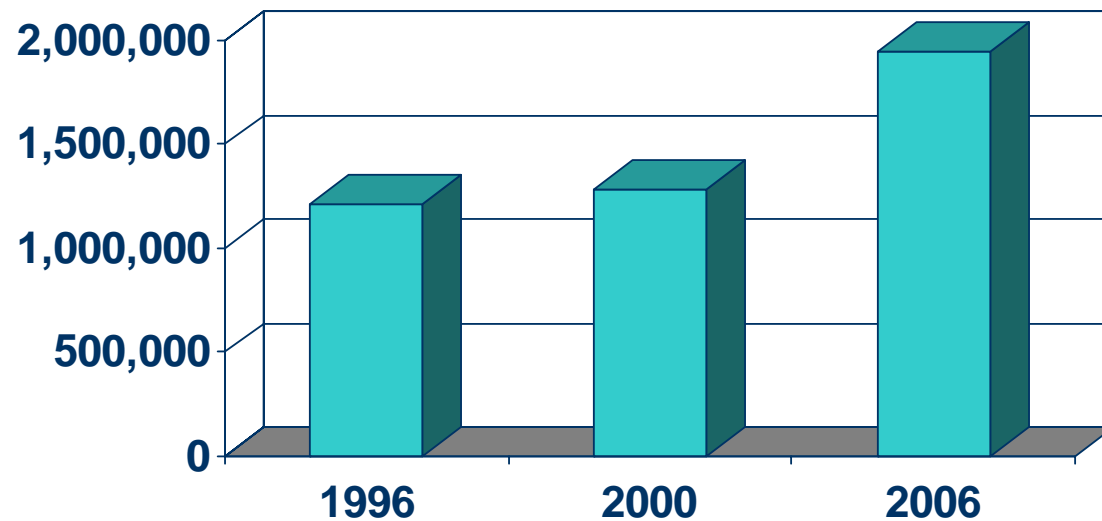
-Waste Generation is waste recycled + waste disposed



Recycling and Waste Data



**Tons of Waste Recycled 1996-2006
COG Region**



**CY 2006
Recycled
1.9 million
tons**

- Data from State Recycling Reports for the COG members,
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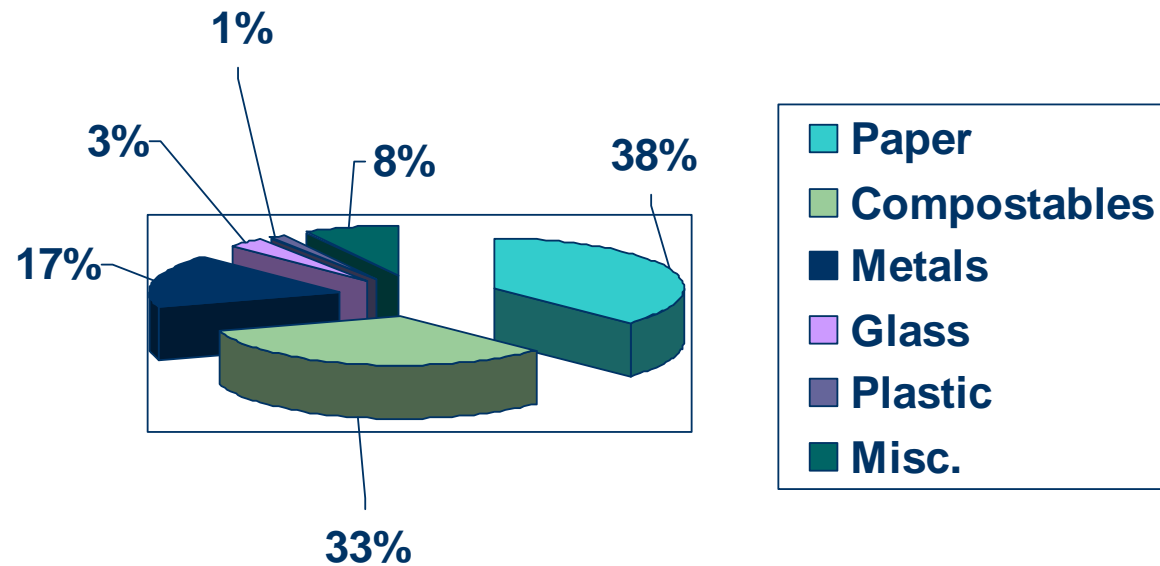
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Breakdown of Recyclables COG Region 2006



-Based on Maryland Data



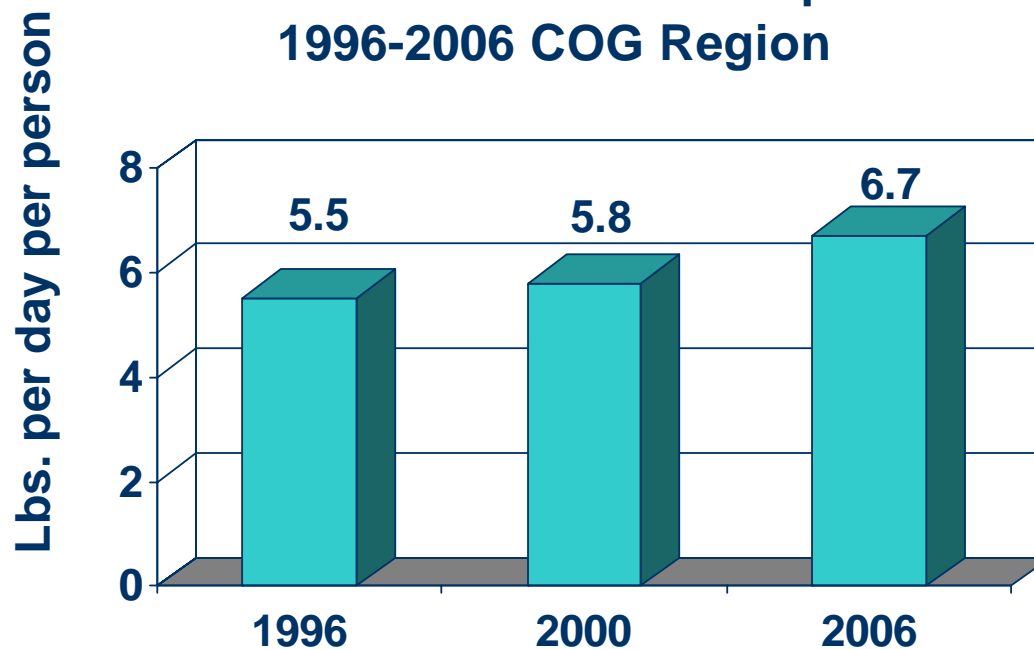
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**Waste Generated Per Capita
1996-2006 COG Region**



**CY 2006
Recycled
6.7 lbs.
per day
per
person**

- Data from State Recycling Reports for the COG members,
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Recycling Trends



- Single Stream Recycling
- Commercial Recycling Focus
- Special Material Collections
- Food Waste Composting Used by Businesses
- Climate Change Benefits of Recycling



Regional Promotion



- COG's Go Recycle Campaign

- Radio
 - January 2008
- TV
 - January 2008 WUSA TV
- Web



Regional Promotion



- COG's *Builders' Guide to Reuse and Recycling*
- BuildersRecyclingGuide.com



Regional Promotion



- Recycling Works!
Regional Recycling
Partner Window Sticker

