Recycling creates jobs, feeds critical manufacturing processes, and contributes to Connecticut’s tax revenue and total economic output.

The RecycleCT Foundation, Inc. contracted with RRS to perform a recycling economic benefits study. The study measured the impact of residential blue bin recyclables, bottle deposit containers, and residentially focused stewardship programs such as electronics, mattress, and paint recycling on the state’s economy.

### CONNECTICUT’S RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS...

- **Create 4,900 jobs**
- **$383M in total labor income**
- **$642M in total value add**
- **$1.16M in total output**

The total output of residential recycling can be broken down into the contributing parts. Each of these entities plays a critical role in making recycling work in the state.

### Residential recycling contributes 0.25% to Connecticut’s total economic output which places this critical industry just above construction of new multi-family residential structures and below truck transportation.

There is ample opportunity to grow Connecticut’s recycling economy by capturing tens of thousands of tons of recyclable materials from disposal each year. Investing in the capture and recovery of these materials would positively contribute to Connecticut’s recycling industry, with the potential to create more than 1,000 jobs across the state.