

# Which State Collects the Most E-Waste?

## States with strong laws see high takeback volumes

While 19 states have passed e-waste recycling laws, we only have data from five so far. All states except California require the manufacturers to pay for collection and recycling of e-waste. States with “drivers” (MN, WA, OR) such as convenience standards or collection goals are seeing much higher collection rates in their first year than states without such drivers.

E-Waste Collection Volumes Under State-Mandated Recycling Programs										
			Monitors	TVs	Computers	Laptops	TOTAL COLLECTED in Pounds	Notes	Population	Collection rate per capita
<b>California</b>	Year 1	2005			not covered		<b>64,809,498</b>		36,457,549	<b>1.78</b>
	Year 2	2006			not covered		<b>127,979,144</b>			<b>3.51</b>
	Year 3	2007			not covered		<b>185,190,929</b>			<b>5.08</b>
	Year 4	2008			not covered		<b>215,500,079</b>	2008 data incomplete		<b>5.91</b>
<b>Maine</b>	Year 1	2006	1,205,726	2,954,848	not covered	Laptops numbers under monitors	<b>4,160,574</b>		1,321,574	<b>3.15</b>
	Year 2	2007	1,393,775	3,290,682	not covered		<b>4,688,552</b>			<b>3.55</b>
	Year 3	2008	1,421,284	3,853,020	not covered		<b>5,274,304</b>			<b>3.99</b>
<b>Minnesota</b>	Year 1	2007 - 2008	No breakdown. MN program also collects printers, keyboards; fax machines; and DVD players				<b>33,600,000</b>		5,197,621	<b>6.46</b>
<b>Washington</b>	Year 1 partial	2009 Jan-Jul	7,276,953	12,702,668	2,176,069	Reported under computers	<b>22,155,690</b>	Data from Jan- Jul only	6,468,424	<b>5.87</b>
		%	32.8%	57.3%	9.8%		<b>37,981,183</b>	Annualized		
<b>Oregon</b>	Year 1 partial	2009 6 mos	3,148,200	5,342,400	1,049,400	Reported under computers	<b>9,540,000</b>	Data from Q1 Q2 only	3,747,455	<b>5.09</b>
		%	33.0%	56.0%	11.0%		<b>19,080,000</b>	Annualized		lbs per person

Note: The California program accepts e-waste from all entities – business, consumers, etc. Maine and MN accept from consumers only. WA accepts from consumers, charities, small businesses, schools and small governments. OR accepts from consumers, small businesses, small non-profits and anyone dropping off 7 items or less to collection points.

No data available from these state programs, which are currently in operation: Texas, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, West Virginia. Because we only have partial year data from Washington and Oregon, we have annualized that data for one year, which is of course an estimate that assumes the collection rates will continue at current levels.

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