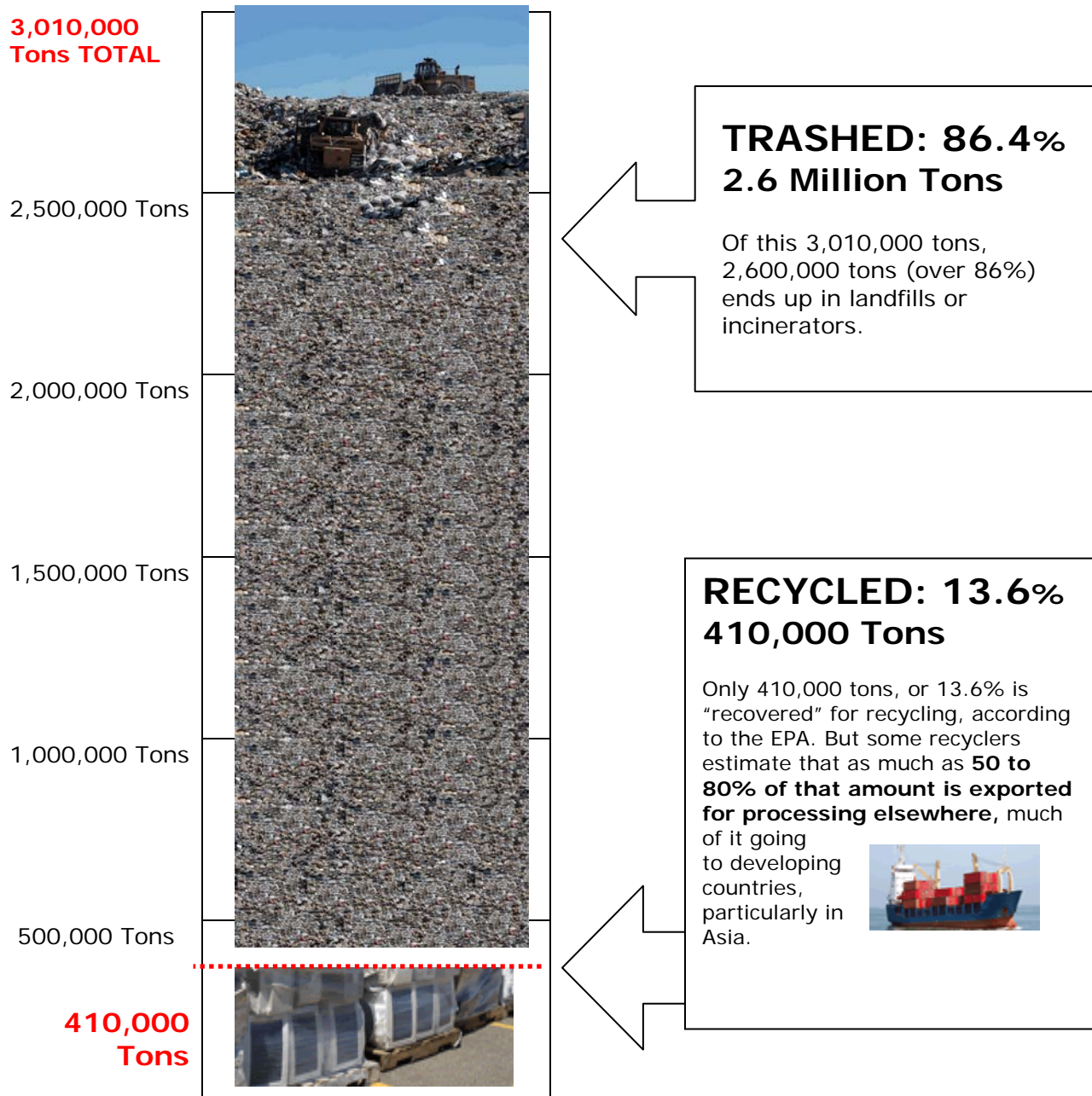


What Happens To Our E-Waste?

TOTAL E-WASTE: 3 Million Tons

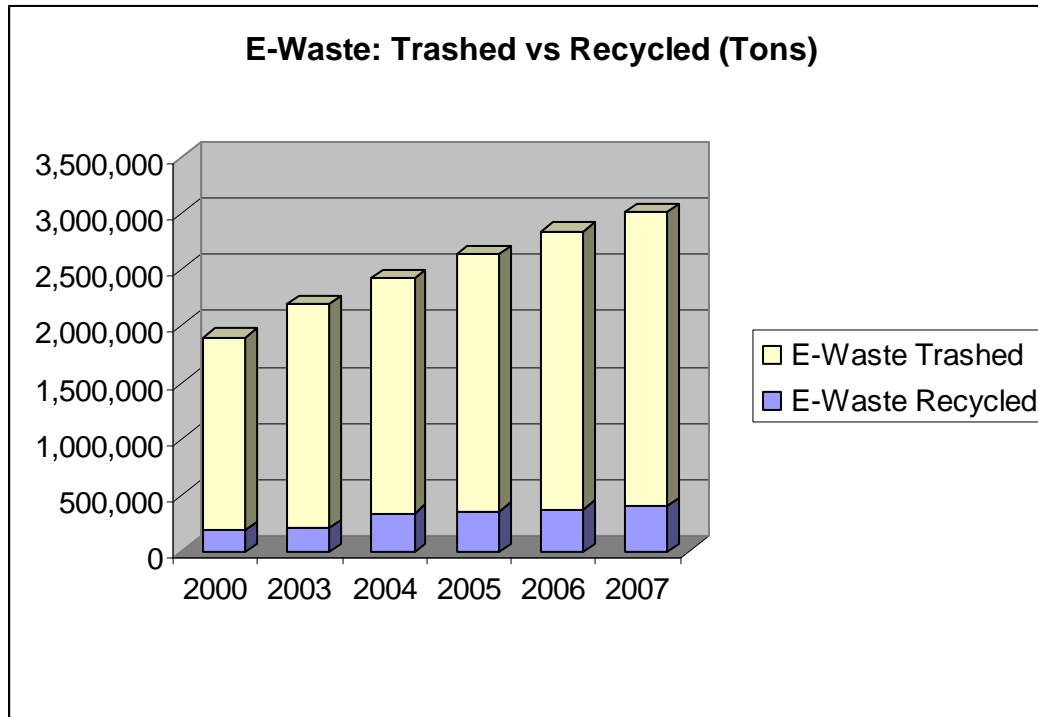
In 2007, the US generated a total of **3.01 million tons** of electronic waste, according to the EPA¹.



E-Waste Growth Trends

Amount of E-Waste Trashed Vs Recycled (Tons) 2000 – 2007

While the total volume of e-waste generated in the US is steadily increasing, the percent that is diverted for recycling is not keeping pace with that growth. In 2007, we only diverted 13.6% of total discarded e-waste into recycling.



Data in Tons	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Trashed	1,710,000	1,980,000	2,080,000	2,270,000	2,460,000	2,600,000
Recycled	190,000	210,000	340,000	360,000	380,000	410,000
Total E-Waste Disposed	1,900,000	2,190,000	2,420,000	2,630,000	2,840,000	3,010,000
% Recycled	10.0%	9.3%	14.0%	13.7%	13.4%	13.6%

Source: US EPA, Municipal Solid Waste In the United States, 2007 Facts and Figures, November 2008. <http://www.epa.gov/osw/nonhaz/municipal/pubs/msw07-rpt.pdf>

Definitions:

- E-WASTE: The EPA report defines e-waste as products such as TVs, VCRs, DVD players, video cameras, stereo systems, telephones, and computer equipment.
- RECYCLED: Products separated out from waste stream for recycling. This includes e-waste that is exported by recyclers.
- TRASHED: Items not "recovered" are disposed into landfills, incinerators, or waste-to-energy incinerators.
- Not Included: These numbers do not include products which are no longer used, but placed into storage.