

U.S. Plastics By The Numbers



Plastic manufacturing plays a pivotal role in the U.S. economy, serving as a cornerstone of several key industries. Plastics' versatility, durability, and affordability make it indispensable in manufacturing, packaging, and construction. The plastics industry* generates more than a million jobs and enhances the nation's economic resilience and competitiveness.

*Plastics industry includes plastic material manufacturing (NAICS 325211) and plastic product manufacturing (NAICS 3261)



Announced Investments in U.S. Recycling \$11 Billion+ since 2017

Could Divert > 24 Billion Pounds of Waste from Landfills



\$371 Billion Industry

Annual Revenue **\$14 Billion+** Invested in Plastics Material & Production in 2021

61% > Decade Ago



673,000+ Workers in Plastic Product & Resin Manufacturing



Average Annual Pay **\$67,000+**



≈\$46 Billion in Employee Earnings Invested in Local U.S. Communities



Plastic Products
Support **26%+** of
U.S. Manufacturing



Exported **\$68.3 Billion** in Plastic Materials & Products Globally



Vehicles Average **50%** Plastic By Volume, **10%** By Weight

