UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This country fact sheet presents the plastic material flow, policy, and investment landscapes, offering quick and easy access to a one-stop resource on tackling plastic pollution.



PLASTIC MATERIAL FLOW

This section provides an overview of the plastic material flow within the country, offering a snapshot of the plastic waste landscape.



PLASTIC PRODUCED

41.1 mn

tonnes per year

(National Academies Press, 2020)



PLASTIC CONSUMED

35.7 mn

tonnes per year

(Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter, 2020)



PLASTIC WASTE GENERATED

40.1 mn

tonnes per year (Beyond Plastics, 2021)



(Beyond Plastics, 2021



MISMANAGED PLASTIC

1.0 mn

tonnes per year

(Law et al., 2020)



PLASTIC WASTE IMPORTS

432.2

kilotonnes per year

(Trade Map, 2022)



PLASTIC WASTE EXPORTS

437.2

kilotonnes per year

(Trade Man. 2022)

POLICIES

This section highlights selected policies impacting plastic pollution in the country. Details on the status of development of the policy where relevant are also provided.

UPSTREAM

Tax on Single-Use Virgin Plastics

Proposed tax on single-use virgin plastics (Sheldon Whitehouse, 2023)

Ban on Single-Use Plastics

Plans to phase out single-use plastics in public spaces in the next decade

(U.S. Department of the Interior, 2023)

MIDSTREAM

Deposit Return System Legislation

Ten states have deposit return system legislations

(National Conference of State Legislatures, 2020)

DOWNSTREAM

Waste Segregation

Implementation of this varies widely depending on the state and locality
(State of the Planet, 2020)

Extended Producer Responsibility

No federal law though some states have passed $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EPR}}$ laws

(Perkins Coie LLP, 2023)

Plastic Waste Trade Restrictions

Recycled Content Mandates

Four states have passed laws requiring post-consumer recycled content in plastic packaging

(The Association of Plastic Recyclers, 2023)

Mandatory Recycling Targets

The U.S. Plastics Pact sets a 30-70% recycling target by 2025 depending on plastic type (U.S. Plastics Pact, 2021)

Disposal Bans/ Landfill Taxes

Implemented

In progress

Not available

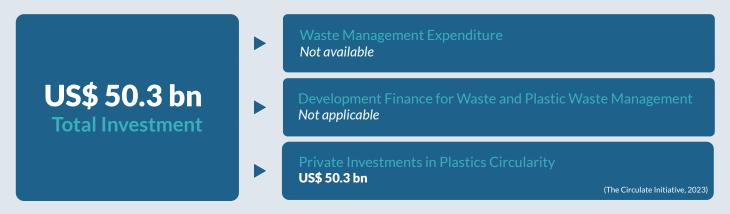


INVESTMENTS



This section provides a summary of public and private investments in waste management, plastic waste management, and plastics circularity. Further breakdown of private investments in plastics circularity solutions by archetypes and investment categories is also provided.

Investments in Waste and Plastic Waste Management (2018 - 2021)



Private Investments in Plastics Circularity (2018 - 6M 2023)

