

2022 Regional Waste Plan progress report

Making progress despite challenges

We are working towards a future where we throw away less, recycle more, and use fewer new resources. In doing so, we strive to advance racial equity, repairing the harms of the garbage and recycling system.

Four years into implementing the 10-year plan, the region has made progress on goals to prevent waste and advance racial equity.

WHAT IS THE 2030 REGIONAL WASTE PLAN?

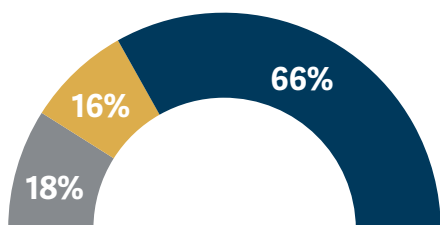
The 2030 Regional Waste Plan is a blueprint for how the greater Portland region reduces the impact of products we consume for the next decade plus.

Metro created the plan in partnership with cities, counties, businesses and community leaders in greater Portland.

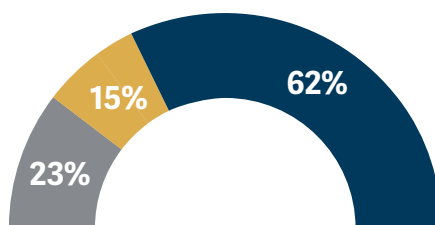
Metro also collaborated with members of culturally specific community-based organizations who historically have had the least influence in the decision making process to shape the garbage and recycling system.

Regional Waste Plan progress so far

Waste prevention, reuse and recovery actions



Actions advancing racial equity



■ Not started ■ In process but facing obstacles ■ On track or Completed

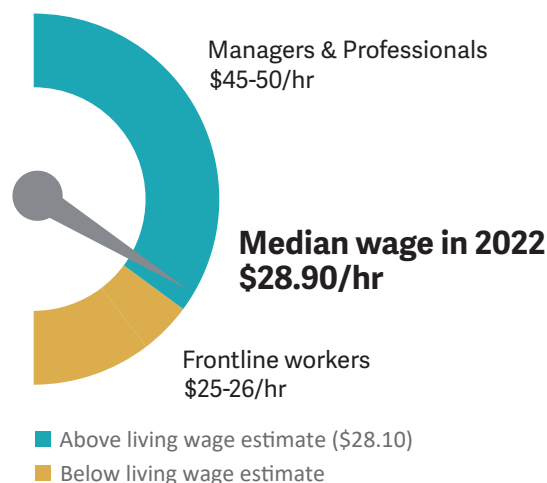
Regional waste generation



Recovery rate



Metro solid waste worker median wage



2022 Regional Waste Plan accomplishments

Preventing waste



2 new state laws to reduce plastic waste



6,700
youth reached through environmental education

43%

come from underserved communities



36,000
people helped by Metro waste prevention experts

\$2 million
awarded to waste reduction projects



Improving the system



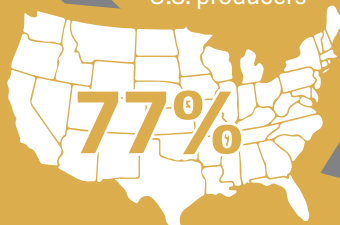
\$524,000
saved to address disaster debris



800+

comments received on Metro's System Facility Plan

77% of collected recyclables are sold to U.S. producers



1,160 tons
of garbage removed by Metro's RID Patrol



73 community led cleanups funded by the Regional Refresh Fund

Sharing prosperity

7 people trained for garbage and recycling careers through the RID Patrol partnership crews

45 Portlanders got their commercial drivers license through the Driving Diversity program



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people became environmental promoters or master recyclers