

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. Plastic's 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 > 16 Billion Pounds of
Waste from Landfills



\$371 Billion
Industry
Annual Revenue



\$14 Billion+ Invested
in Plastics Material and
Production in 2021

61% > Decade Ago



673,000+ Workers in
Plastic Production and
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 Plastics Materials and
Products Globally



Vehicles Average
50% Plastics By Volume,
10% By Weight