

Harvard University (Campus-Wide) Recycling and Waste Generation Metrics and Milestones

	2006	2012	2016	2020 <i>Zero Waste</i> ¹
Total Trash Generated (tons)	9,100	6,719	3,300	910
Overall Recycling Rate	44%	53%	70%	90%
Per Capita Trash (pounds)	473	361	200	47
Recyclables in Trash Stream (<i>opportunities</i>)	49%	43%	30%	20%
Compostables in Trash Stream (<i>opportunities</i>)	35%	29%	25%	20%

¹ **Zero Waste** goal: a reduction of at least 90% of the waste stream diverted from landfills or incinerators from our benchmark year of 2006.