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Generated and treated waste

2025

During 2025, generated waste in Montenegro was 1 326 895.9 t, out of which 654 180.4 t (49.3%) was in sectors of manufacturing, mining and quarrying, and other industries. Out of the total waste generated during 2025, there are 317 561.9 t of hazardous waste (23.9%).

Compared to 2024, there was a decrease of 4.0% in the total waste generated. Agriculture, forestry, and fishery sector indicates a decrease of 6.6%; manufacturing, mining and quarrying, and other industries show an increase of 1.0%; while the construction sector records a decrease of 31.2%; service activities sector – an increase of 26.6%; and households an increase of 5.6%.

Municipal waste generated in 2025 was 401 301.5 t or 6.9% more when compared to 2024. Public utility enterprises collected 361 734.2 t of waste, which makes 94.4% of total collected quantities. Generated municipal waste per capita amounted 644.0 kg, which is for 6.9% more than in 2024.

Total treated waste including export in 2025 was 1 073 715.2 t, which is 12.6% less than in 2024. Out of total treated waste, there are 569 883.6 t landfilled/disposed waste (53.1%). Recycled waste quantity records a decrease of 30.6%, compared to 2024.

Total treated municipal waste including export was 401 417.9 t in 2025, which is 7.0% more than in 2024. Out of total treated waste, there are 354 135.1 t of landfilled/disposed waste (88.2%).

Table 1. Generated and treated waste, in tonnes

	2024	2025
Agriculture, forestry and fishery (A)	13 013.8	12 155.2
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industries (B, C, D and E)	647 975.7	654 180.4
Construction (F)	335 130.2	230 705.3
Service activities (G - U)	103 374.3	130 852.1
Households	283 057.8	299 002.9
Generated - total	**1 382 551.8**	**1 326 895.9**
of which municipal waste	375 459.7	401 301.5
Waste treatment including export - total	**1 228 865.0**	**1 073 715.2**
of which treatment of municipal waste including export, total	375 252.3	401 417.9
Index treatment/generated waste	**88.9**	**80.9**

Table 2. Hazardous and non-hazardous waste generated, in tonnes

	2024		2025	
	hazardous	non hazardous	hazardous	non hazardous
Agriculture, forestry and fishery (A)	5.0	13 008.8	9.2	12 146.0
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industries (B, C, D and E)	292 077.9	355 897.8	314 163.0	340 017.4
Construction (F)	235.3	334 894.9	165.1	230 540.2
Service activities (G - U)	3 061.2	100 313.1	3 195.3	127 656.8
Households	0.3	283 057.5	29.3	298 973.6
Generated - total	**295 379.7**	**1 087 172.1**	**317 561.9**	**1 009 334.0**

Table 3. Municipal waste collection and generation, in tonnes

	2024	2025
Municipal waste collected by public utility enterprises	341 312.8	361 734.2
Municipal waste collected by waste collectors, waste brought to landfill sites by natural persons and directly exported from original producers	16 418.1	21 276.5
Total amounts of collected municipal waste	**357 730.9**	**383 010.7**
Amounts of waste from citizens that are not included in the system of public collection of municipal waste	17 728.8	18 290.8
Total	**375 459.7**	**401 301.5**

Table 4. Municipal waste per capita

	2024	2025
Estimated mid-year population	623 525	623 115
Number of days during the year	366	365
Total amounts of collected municipal waste, t	357 730.9	383 010.7
Total collected municipal waste per capita per year, kg	573.7	614.7
Total collected municipal waste per capita per day, kg	**1.6**	**1.7**
Total generated amounts of municipal waste, t	375 459.7	401 301.5
Total generated municipal waste per capita per year, kg	602.2	644.0
Total generated municipal waste per capita per day, kg	**1.6**	**1.8**
Percentage of population coverage by municipal waste collection services	**88.4**	**88.5**

Table 5. Treated amounts of waste by treatment procedures, in tonnes

	2024	2025
Waste recovery (R1-R11)	**173 267.7**	**120 679.1**
of which recycling (R2-R11)	172 495.3	119 790.0
Waste disposal (D1-D7, D10-D12)	**990 855.3**	**910 315.0**
of which incineration (D10)	0.3	3.3
of which landfilling (D1)	672 929.7*	569 883.6
Waste export	**64 742.0**	**42 721.1**
(R) + (D), total	1 164 123.0	1 030 994.1
(R) + (D) + export, total	**1 228 865.0**	**1 073 715.2**

Table 6. Treatment of municipal waste, in tonnes

	2024	2025
Municipal waste recovery (R1-R11)	**1 023.7**	**1 152.7**
of which recycling (R2-R11)	1 016.7	1 145.4
Municipal waste disposal (D1-D7, D10-D12)	**362 311.4**	**387 989.8**
of which landfilling (D1)	343 742.5	354 135.1
Municipal waste export	**11 917.2**	**12 275.4**
(R) + (D) - total	363 335.1	389 142.5
(R) + (D) + export - total	**375 252.3**	**401 417.9**

* revised data

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Data on waste are collected through these surveys: Municipal Waste; Waste Collection and Processing; and Generated Waste. Reporting method is used for data collection in Survey on Municipal Waste and Survey on Waste Collection and Processing, while the data on generated waste are collected by interview method.

The reporting units for Survey on Municipal Waste are public utility enterprises, with the permit issued by the Local Government Secretariat for performing public service of municipal waste collection and transport. Reporting units in the Survey on Waste Collection and Processing are all enterprises with the permit for waste collection, treatment, and export/import issued by Nature and Environmental Protection Agency, as well as enterprises that manage landfill sites.

The Survey on Generated Waste covers all business entities with 10 and more employees with the main activity defined in sectors: B - Mining and quarrying, C - Manufacturing, D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, E - Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, A – Agriculture, forestry and fishing, F – Construction, G - Wholesale and retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles - group 45.2 Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles, M - Professional, scientific and technical activities - division 75 Veterinary activities, Q - Human health and social work activities - classes: 86.10 Hospital activities, 86.21 General medical practice activities, 86.23 Dental practice activities and 86. 90 Other human health activities, in line with the Activity Classification 2010.

Data on waste generation were processed using statistical methods in order to obtain greater coverage and international data comparability. Data on generated amounts of waste in Service activities are obtained by compiling data from different surveys: data on waste generated in service activities (G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles - group 45.2 Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles, M - Professional, scientific and technical activities - division 75 Veterinary activities, Q - Human health and social work activities - classes: 86.10 Hospital activities, 86.21 General medical practice activities, 86.23 Dental practice activities and 86. 90 Other human health activities), data on amounts of waste collected by original waste producers from Survey on waste collection and processing and data on collected waste in manufacturing and service activities from Survey on Municipal Waste.

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Waste is any substance or object which the holder has discarded or intends to discard or is obliged to discard in accordance with the law.

Non-hazardous waste is waste whose composition and properties do not have any of the characteristics of hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste is waste containing elements or compounds having one or more of the following hazardous properties: explosive, oxidising, flammable, irritant – causing skin irritation and eye damage, specific target organ toxicity (STOT)/aspiration toxicity, acute toxicity, carcinogenic, corrosive, infectious, toxic for reproduction, mutagenic, releasing an acutely toxic gas, sensitising, ecotoxic, and possessing the potential to exhibit any of the aforementioned hazardous properties even if the original waste did not directly display them.

Municipal waste is mixed waste and separately collected waste from households, including paper, cardboard, glass, metal, plastic, biowaste, wood, textiles, packaging, waste electrical and electronic equipment, waste batteries and accumulators, and bulky waste; waste collected from other sources where such waste is similar in nature and composition to household waste, excluding waste from production, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, septic tanks, and waste from the maintenance of sewerage networks and the treatment of wastewater, including sewage sludge, end-of-life vehicles, or construction and demolition waste.

Mixed municipal waste is waste from household left after separation of some municipal waste fractions for which the possibility of selective collection is envisaged including communal waste packaging.

Waste producer is the original producer of waste and any person carrying out pre-processing, mixing, or other operations that change the properties or composition of the waste.

Waste disposal is a waste treatment operation that is not recovery, even where the operation results in the secondary consequence of generating a substance or energy.

Waste recovery is an operation whose principal result is the use of waste for a useful purpose, whereby the waste replaces other materials that would otherwise have been used for that purpose, or whereby the waste is prepared for such use in a production process or for another economic purpose.

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