

Recycling Means Business in Connecticut

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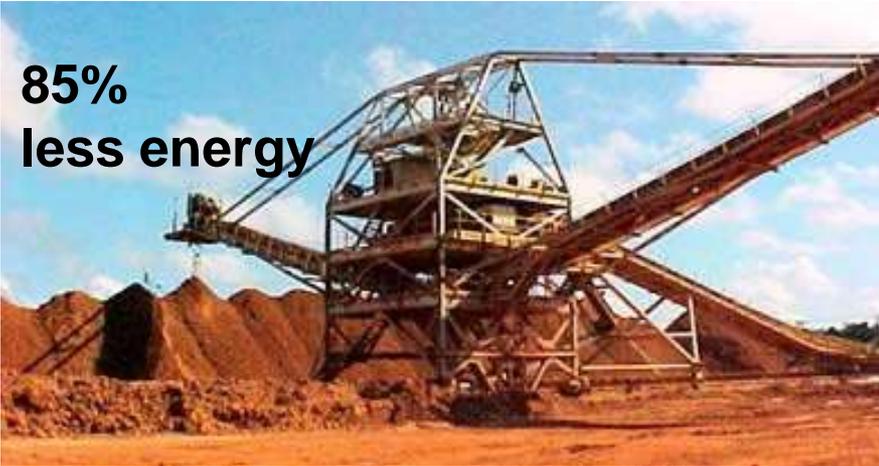
Environmental Value of Recycling



**40%
less energy**



**85%
less energy**



**70%
less energy**



- Saving Natural Resources
- Saving Energy
- Reducing GHG

CT's Recycling Saved Valuable Resources

865,418 tons of materials recycled:

- Saved total of 7,767,053 million BTUs of energy
(= to 6.5% energy used in CT in one year
= to 62,517,484 gallons of gasoline).
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 398,938 metric tons of carbon equivalents (MTCE).

- 61,071.09 tons of scrap metal and glass recycled in 2008 means CT conserved natural resources, including:
 - 6,893 tons of limestone.
 - 45,293 tons of iron ore.
 - 25,364 tons of coal.

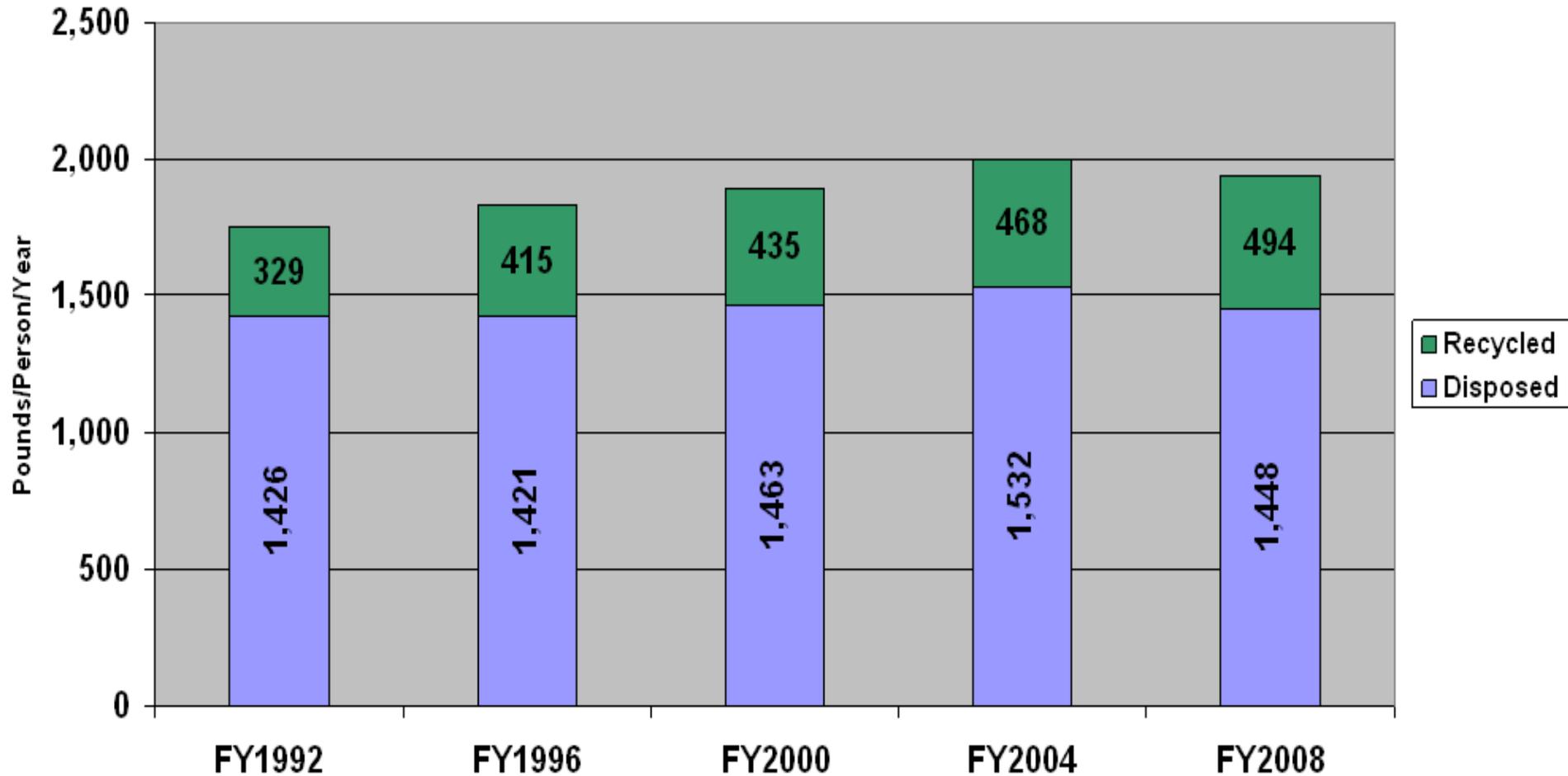
Recycling 461,734.82 tons of newspapers, phone books, office paper, textbooks, magazines and cardboard is carbon sequestration benefit equal to:

- 25,230,758 tree seedlings growing for ten years.

Collected Recyclables = Local Sources of Raw Materials

Pounds/Person/Year (PPY) MSW Estimated Disposed & Recycled

Based on Reports Submitted to the CT DEP



Jobs Created for Every 10,000 tons waste generated (annually)

<u>Activity</u>	<u># Jobs</u>
• Reuse – (wooden pallet repair to computer reuse)	28-296
• Recycling-based manufacturers	25
• MRF [IPC]	10
• Composting	4
• Landfilling and incineration	1

Source:

Recycling Means Business, 2006

[Institute for Local Self Reliance](http://www.ilsr.org)

www.ilsr.org/recycling/recyclingmeansbusiness.html

Creates Jobs & Revenues

	Northeast
Recycling and Reuse Establishments	13,000
People Employed	206,000
Annual Payroll	\$6.8 billion
Annual Revenues	\$44 billion

Source: Recycling Economic Information Study, June 2000, NERC

www.nerc.org/recycling_makes_sense.html

Estimates of Direct Economic Activity

(Source: *U.S. Recycling Economic Information Study*, US EPA, 2002)

Annual Payroll and Estimated Receipts are in \$1,000. Throughput is in Thousands of Tons.

Data Type	Recycling Collection	Recycling Processing	Recycling Manufacturing	Reuse and Remanufacturing	Industry Total
Establishments	9,247	12,051	8,047	26,716	56,061
Employment	32,010	160,865	759,746	169,183	1,121,804
Annual Payroll	956,875	3,826,360	29,181,749	2,747,498	36,712,482
Estimated Receipts	1,974,516	41,753,902	178,390,423	14,182,531	236,301,371
Estimated Throughput ¹	191,082	191,082	157,545	N/A	N/A

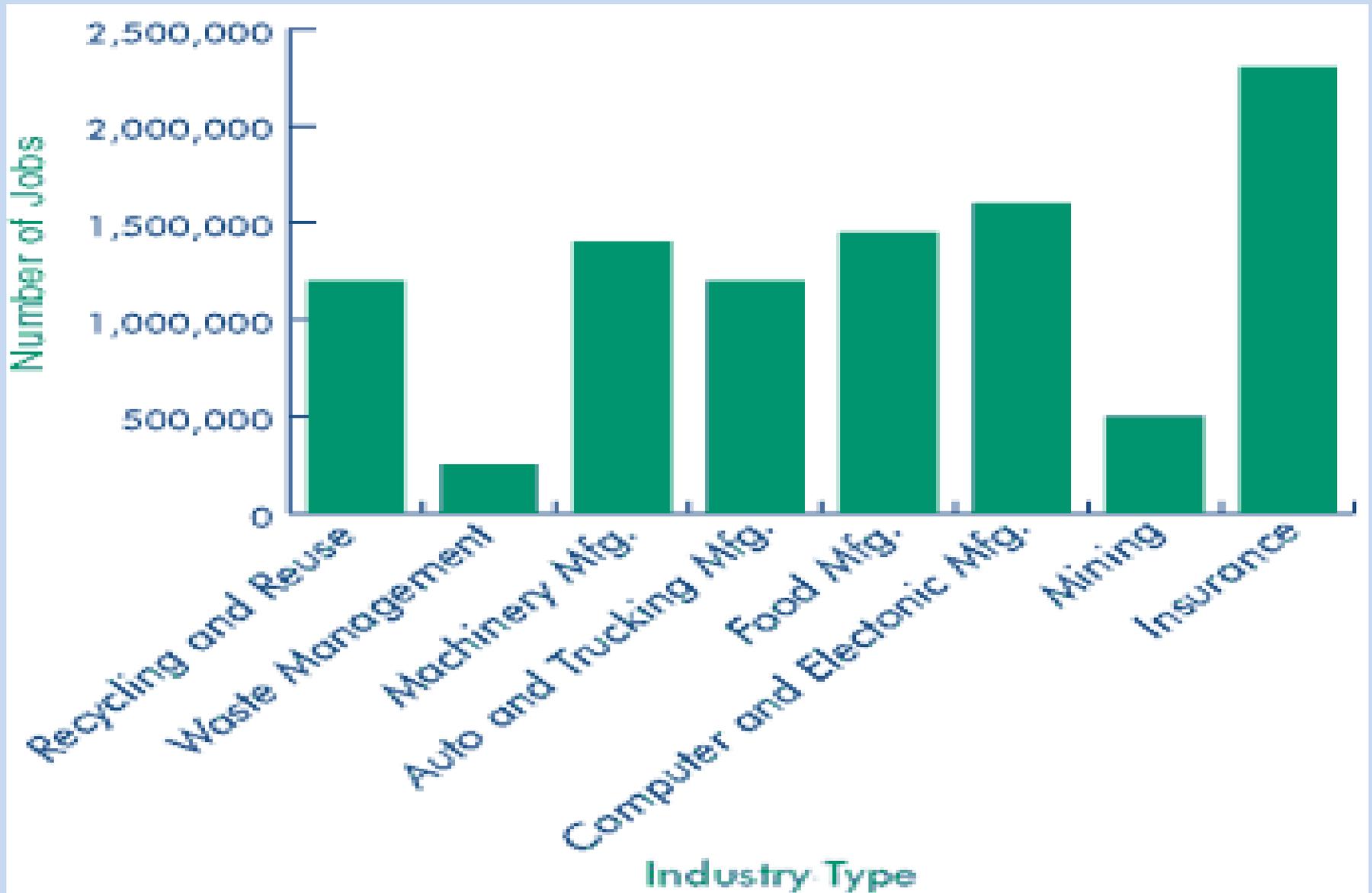
¹ Throughput is amount of recovered material recycled and includes manufacturing scrap sent for recycling. It excludes materials prepared for fuel use and in-house process scrap returned to the manufacturing process. Throughput estimates are summed to avoid triple counting at collection, processing, and manufacturing stages.

Contribution of Recycling and Reuse to Government

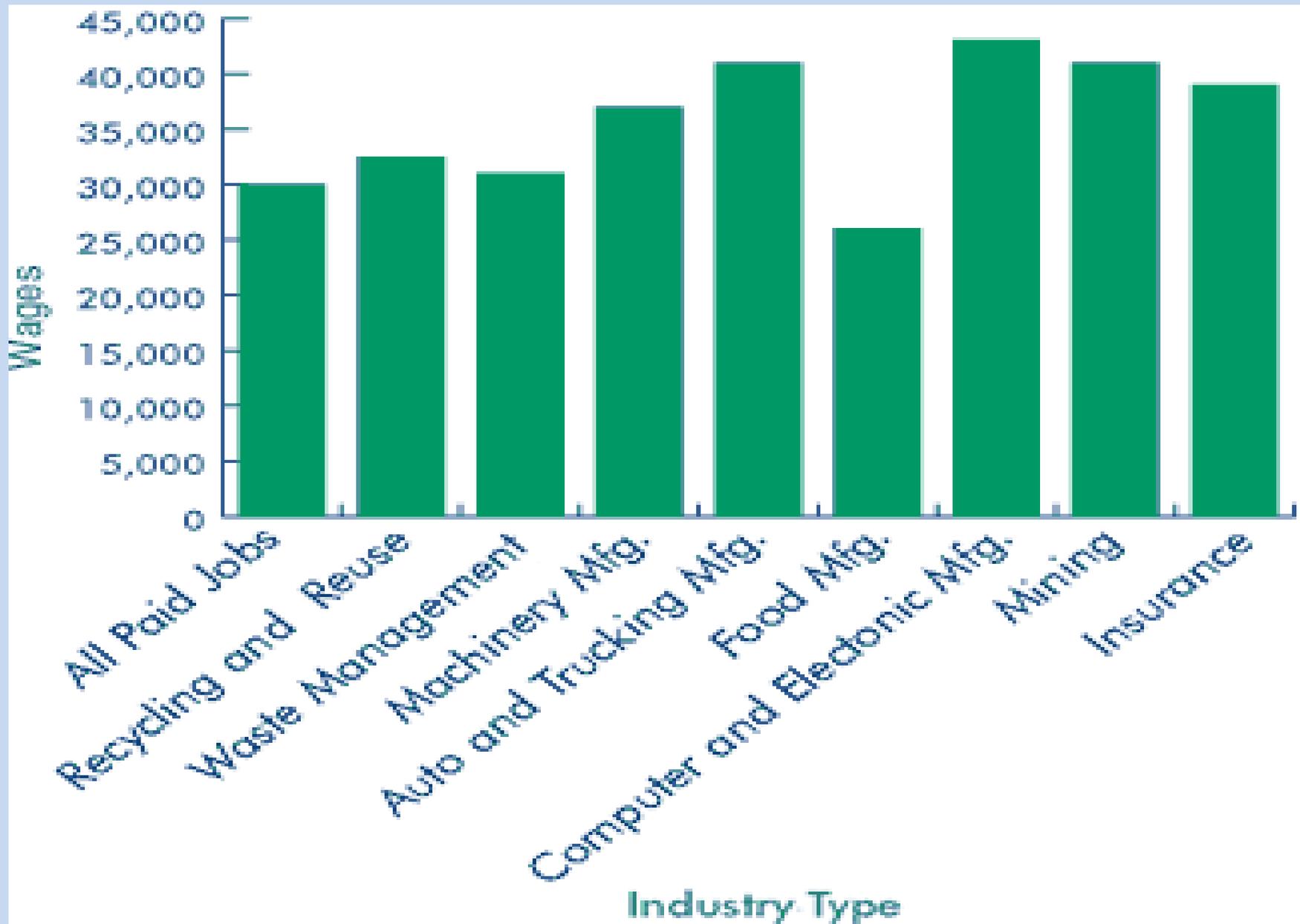
Revenues - Direct Effects Revenues (in \$ millions) –nationally (Source: EPA, 2002)

Industry Sector	Federal	State	Local	Total
Recycling Collection	200	100	100	400
Recycling Processing	700	400	300	1,400
Recycling Manufacturing	5,400	2,600	2,100	10,000
Reuse/ Remanufacturing	600	300	200	1,200
Total	6,900	3,400	2,600	12,900

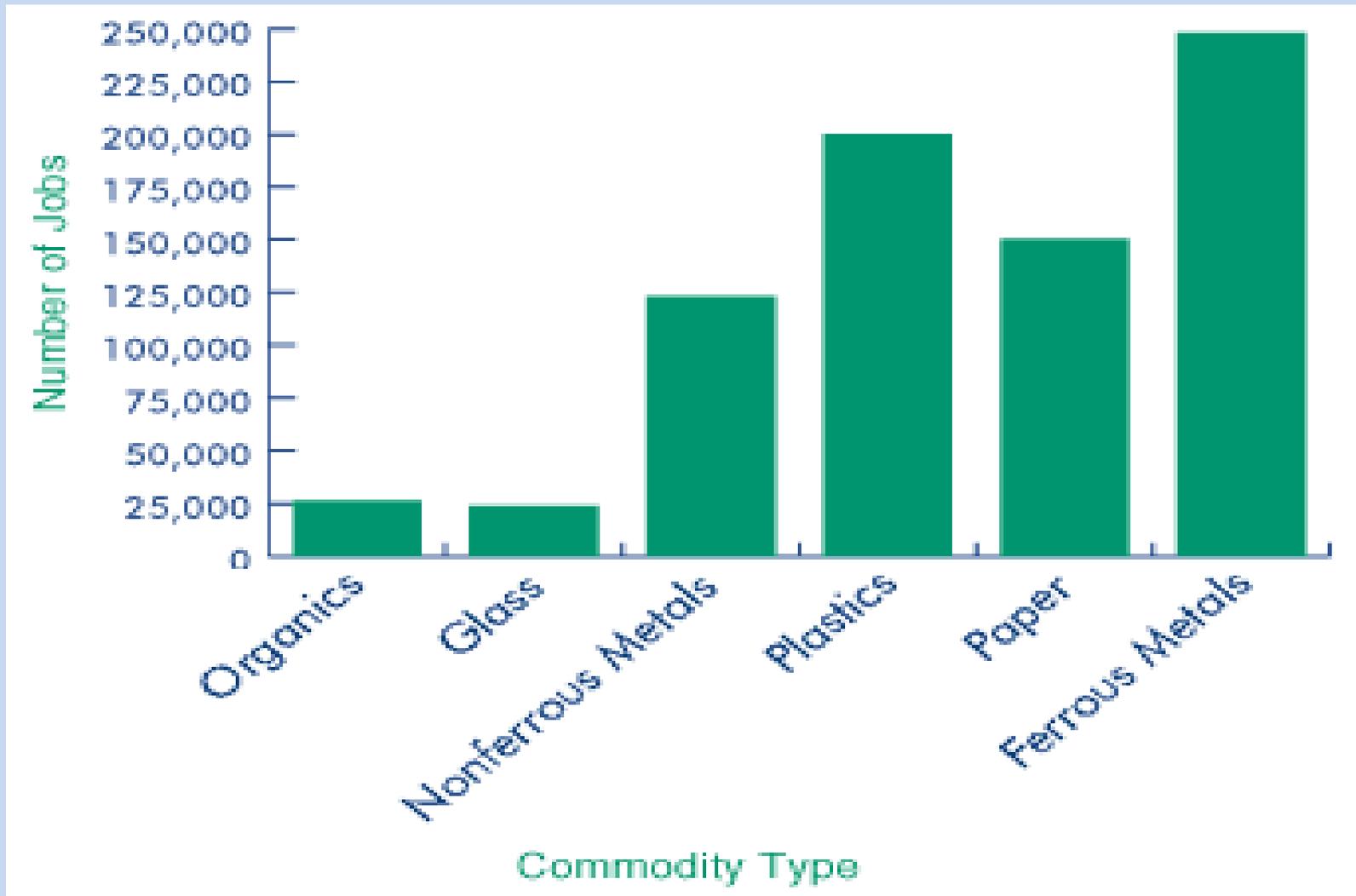
Comparison of Industry Employment



Comparison of Annual Wages per Job



Recycling Manufacturing Industry Employment by Major Material Group



Analysis of Economic Activity for the Reuse Industry Nationally (source: EPA, 2002)

Establishments

26,716

Employment

169,183

Annual Payroll

\$2,747,498,000

Estimated Revenue

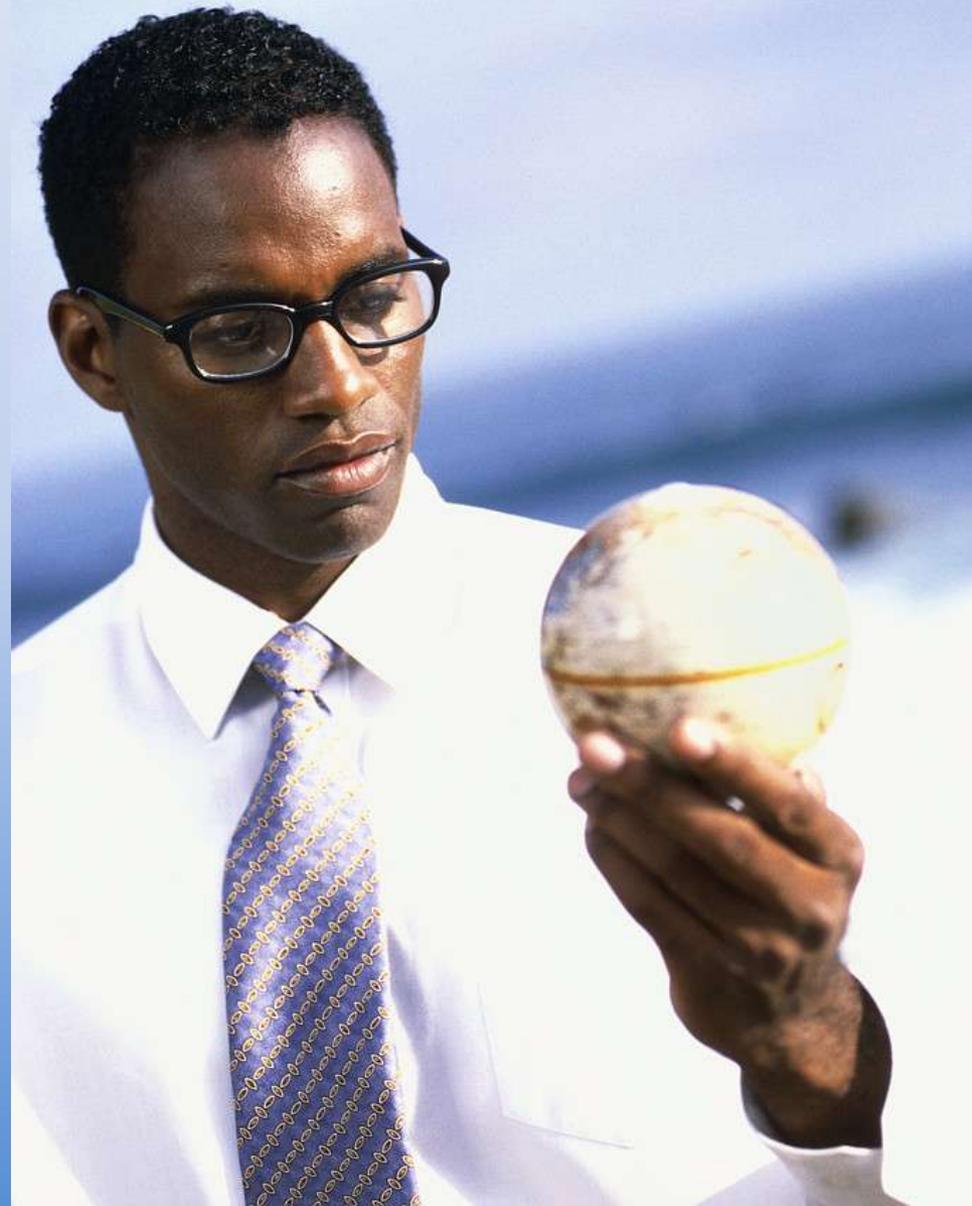
\$14,182,531,000

Bottom Line

Recycling and Reuse = environmental value and
economic opportunity

WASTE-BASED BUSINESSES

Why
Not
In
Connecticut ?



**WE NEED
ENTREPRENEURS**





WE NEED CREATIVE THINKERS

CURRENTLY...

- Plastic, metal, glass, paper
- Carpet recycling
- Mattress recycling
- Gypsum wallboard recycling
- Chip & candy wrappers repurposing
- Building materials – reuse/repurpose
- Cork recycling

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- Residential metal cans, foil
 - Residential glass bottles
 - Residential plastics
 - Paper
 - Cardboard
 - Scrap Metal
 - Wood – reused, recycled
 - Lumber – reclaimed/reused
 - Electronics – reused/recycled
 - Art from scrap metal, sweaters, broken dishes
 - Furniture repair
 - Pallets – refurbished and chipped for mulch
 - Tools
 - Billboards – purses
 - Architectural salvage
 - Clothing – reused/textiles recycled
 - Yellow grease – biofuels
 - Manure - plant pots
 - Asphalt Roofing Shingles
 - Mattresses – soon?
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HAPPENING IN CONNECTICUT

POTENTIAL IN CONNECTICUT

- Carpet, pads, rugs
- Processed asphalt roofing shingles
- Plastic, Plastic, Plastic
 - Child Safety Seats
 - Agricultural Plastic
 - Bottles
 - Tubs, Buckets
 - Vinyl siding
- Gypsum wallboard
 - New construction
 - Decon/Demo
- Glass cullet
 - Asstd Colors
 - Mixed
- Wood & Lumber
- Furniture, HH goods
- Single-paned windows
- Doors, doors, doors
- Scrap metals
- Bicycles
- Cardboard
- Textiles
 - Clothing for reuse
 - Textiles for recycling, repurposing
- Mixed paper
- High grade white paper?
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