

Waste Recycling

Dataset Source	Description	Characteristics	Limitations
<p>Municipal Government</p> <p>Web site: Check relevant municipal government website(s); contact institutional food service directors.</p>	<p>Municipalities often keep data on compostable wastes that are collected by local waste hauling services. In rare cases, local government personnel will also measure how much of this waste matter is converted into compost.</p> <p>Some schools or other institutional food services also track the waste they generate.</p>	<p><u>Unique Feature:</u> If data covering compostable wastes are tracked by municipal officials, this may serve as a reliable source of secondary data to help plan for composting. Otherwise, your local food assessment leadership team may wish to compile its own summaries directly from agencies and waste handlers.</p> <p><u>Comprehensiveness:</u> Variable.</p> <p><u>Levels:</u> Usually a municipality or a food service.</p> <p><u>Accuracy:</u> Variable.</p> <p><u>Ease of use:</u> Variable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality, character and scope of local data compilations varies from place to place. • Often becomes a primary data collection challenge: local food leaders will need to make direct contact with local waste officials to learn what data are currently available