Waste Data 2016 - 2025

Univesity of Galway 2016 Waste Analysis													
Waste Stream	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year To Date	Average Monthly Weight
Waste Recovered	15,814	17,163	17,787	20,994	20,642	18,763	18,776	13,826	20,694	20,640	18,439	13,220	216,756	18,063
Mixed Recyclables	11,870	12,251	10,645	12,845	13,236	9,719	9,487	8,748	12,602	14,262	12,692	8,386	136,740	11,395
Confidential Shredding	4,029	3,835	3,364	5,620	4,292	3,264	3,887	4,068	3,743	3,494	3,953	2,486	46,035	3,836
Glass	-	2,248	-	2,080	1,484	410	-	1,515	1,862	1,454	1,868	1,362	14,283	1,190
Organic	-	-	-	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180	15
WEEE	1,537	512	512		3,586	303	651	2,157	672	234	1,095	1,322	12,581	1,048
Total Weight	33,249	36,009	32,308	41,718	43,239	32,459	32,801	30,314	39,573	40,084	38,047	26,776	426,574	35,548
Recyling Rate	52%	52%	45%	50%	52%	42%	43%	54%	48%	49%	52%	51%	49%	49%

Univesity of Galway 2017 Waste Analysis													
Waste Stream	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year To Date	Average Monthly Weight
Waste Recovered	17,862	17,755	20,919	14,781	17,895	13,833	14,855	14,659	19,439	21,123	21,826	13,585	208,530	17,378
Mixed Recyclables	14,651	12,259	13,709	11,079	14,081	10,523	17,755	15,077	18,455	16,024	13,125	10,914	167,649	13,971
Confidential Shredding	3,515	3,247	3,362	4,371	5,793	6,613	5,472	4,437	4,045	4,511	4,535	5,044	54,945	4,579
Glass	1,137	429	2,236	-	-	868	1,763	1,897	3,000	-	2,011	1,411	14,752	1,229
Organic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
WEEE	1,641	1,885	150	153	936	1,071	492	1,047	516	191	1,090	348	9,520	793
Total Weight	38,805	35,575	40,376	30,384	38,705	32,907	40,337	37,116	45,455	41,849	42,587	31,302	455,396	37,950
Recyling Rate	54%	50%	48%	51%	54%	58%	63%	61%	57%	50%	49%	57%	54%	54%

Univesity of Galway 2018 Waste Analysis													
Waste Stream	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year To Date	Average Monthly Weight
Waste Recovered	17,459	19,244	17,807	19,112	17,350	16,178	16,172	16,321	19,324	22,369	18,480	10,899	210,715	17,560
Mixed Recyclables	9,497	12,495	9,567	8,534	12,498	13,359	13,855	12,899	15,722	15,869	10,979	7,230	142,503	11,875
Confidential Shredding	4,626	4,845	4,683	4,896	3,718	6,662	5,281	5,904	5,050	5,679	5,761	4,259	61,364	5,114
Glass	2,763	1	-	1,753	1,961	2,002	1,663	1,718	1,443	1,326	1,412	-	16,042	1,337
Organic	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEEE	855	2,971	760	540		220	100	460	260	540	280	900	7,886	657
Total Weight	35,200	39,556	32,817	34,835	35,527	38,421	37,071	37,302	41,799	45,783	36,912	23,288	438,510	36,543
Recyling Rate	50%	51%	46%	45%	51%	58%	56%	56%	54%	51%	50%	53%	52%	52%

Univesity of Galway 2019 Waste Analysis

Waste Stream	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year To Date	Average Monthly Weight
Waste Recovered	13,193	12,905	13,251	12,684	19,578	19,490	20,387	22,910	22,134	23,118	21,785	15,212	**216,646**	18,054
Mixed Recyclables	9,972	11,924	11,798	10,684	10,179	8,813	11,059	9,871	13,136	13,642	12,055	9,125	**132,257**	11,021
Confidential Shredding	6,385	4,907	4,846	4,682	4,635	4,781	5,111	6,155	5,050	5,679	5,761	4,259	**62,251**	5,188
Glass	1,443	1,477	1,472	1,521	2,351	1,198	976	1,750	2,651	1,019	1,664	1,678	**19,200**	1,600
Organic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**-**	-
WEEE	2,680	6,340	680	2,400	540	2,060	1,220	720	1,400	960	1,980	200	**21,180**	1,765
Total Weight	**33,673**	**37,553**	**32,047**	**31,971**	**37,283**	**36,342**	**38,752**	**41,406**	**44,371**	**44,418**	**43,244**	**30,473**	**451,533**	**37,628**
Recyling Rate	**61%**	**66%**	**59%**	**60%**	**47%**	**46%**	**47%**	**45%**	**50%**	**48%**	**50%**	**50%**	**52%**	**52%**

Univesity of Galway 2020 Waste Analysis

Waste Stream	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year To Date	Average Monthly Weight
Waste Recovered	18,697	20,676	13,049	2,383	4,336	4,935	9,371	5,424	10,237	8,544	5,854	9,156	**112,662**	9,388
Mixed Recyclables	12,997	12,723	6,400	624	430	1,506	7,568	4,448	9,897	8,035	8,631	5,189	**78,447**	6,537
Confidential Shredding	5,321	4,151	948	-	-	-	336	-	-	2,884			**13,640**	1,137
Glass	3,693	1,403	949	3,387	3,387	3,387	3,410	1,699	4,047	1,535	2,167	3,411	**32,475**	2,706
Organic	28	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**54**	5
WEEE	1,015	5,000	500	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	2,620	250	**9,885**	824
Total Weight	**41,751**	**43,953**	**21,872**	**6,394**	**8,153**	**9,828**	**20,685**	**11,571**	**24,681**	**20,998**	**19,272**	**18,006**	**247,163**	**20,597**
Recyling Rate	**55%**	**53%**	**40%**	**63%**	**47%**	**50%**	**55%**	**53%**	**59%**	**59%**	**70%**	**49%**	**54%**	**54%**

Univesity of Galway 2021 Waste Analysis

Waste Stream	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year To Date	Average Monthly Weight
Waste Recovered	6,600	6,891	9,179	9,622	8,553	9,836	8,781	9,639	15,593	15,801	18,029	11,764	**130,288**	10,857
Mixed Recyclables	3,213	3,577	4,980	3,834	3,514	4,513	3,580	8,648	12,221	9,353	12,579	25,522	**95,534**	7,961
Confidential Shredding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,306	1,902	3,509	2,095	**9,812**	818
Glass	3,000	3,519	3,446	4,867	4,345	3,700	2,736	3,028	2,959	2,921	1,058	2,777	**38,356**	3,196
WEEE	-	-	2,160	400	-	400	-	-	400	-	1,320	1,020	**5,700**	475
Total Weight	**12,813**	**13,987**	**19,765**	**18,723**	**16,412**	**18,449**	**15,097**	**21,315**	**33,479**	**29,977**	**36,495**	**43,178**	**279,690**	23,308
Recycling Rate	**48%**	**51%**	**54%**	**49%**	**48%**	**47%**	**42%**	**55%**	**45%**	**41%**	**37%**	**66%**	**53%**	**53%**

Univesity of Galway 2022 Waste Analysis - Whole Campus *

Waste Stream	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year To Date	Average Monthly Weight
Waste Recovered	24,194	28,220	30,703	28,455	46,952	26,509	26,880	25,969	33,515	34,231	31,048	27,048	**363,724**	30,310
Mixed Recyclables	26,338	13,263	15,559	15,925	17,057	11,346	15,109	14,295	19,382	17,932	18,238	11,691	**196,135**	16,345
Glass	8,376	3,909	4,884	6,402	6,245	3,400	3,692	2,676	2,900	4,965	5,628	3,938	**57,015**	4,751
Organic / Green Waste	2,425	5,003	12,972	10,316	7,160	27,960	4,579	4,163	4,172	5,010	14,808	3,873	**102,441**	8,537
Confidential Shredding	2,509	2,048	1,480	2,100	2,035	1,800	1,600	1,745	2,257	2,300	1,970	1,695	**23,539**	1,962
WEEE	320	135	890	246	1,700	1,155	4,020	2,120	2,310	2,420	440	-	**15,756**	1,313
Total Weight	**64,162**	**52,578**	**66,488**	**63,444**	**81,149**	**72,170**	**55,880**	**50,968**	**64,536**	**66,858**	**72,132**	**48,245**	**758,610**	63,218
Recycling Rate	**62%**	**46%**	**54%**	**55%**	**42%**	**63%**	**52%**	**49%**	**48%**	**49%**	**57%**	**44%**	**52%**	**52%**

Univesity of Galway 2023 Waste Analysis - Whole Campus *

Waste Stream	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year To Date	Average Monthly Weight
Waste Recovered	26,566	35,058	36,085	32,019	34,583	22,956	23,769	25,330	35,881	39,484	42,784	29,953	384,468	32,039
Mixed Recyclables	17,321	14,651	17,045	17,330	14,088	15,938	15,305	13,342	20,928	23,618	24,283	21,813	215,662	17,972
Glass	3,103	5,905	5,712	3,357	6,520	4,361	3,979	3,683	2,842	5,550	7,244	4,577	56,833	4,736
Organic / Green Waste	4,921	4,859	4,808	4,371	3,798	3,078	5,491	5,606	4,469	7,664	16,495	8,500	74,060	6,172
Confidential Shredding	2,360	4,492	2,440	5,600	2,455	4,320	3,930	2,455	2,730	2,205	1,615	2,085	36,687	3,057
WEEE	540	0	0	600	160	1,460	1,800	975	4,526	7,840	1,345	0	19,246	1,604
Total Weight	**54,811**	**64,965**	**66,090**	**63,277**	**61,604**	**52,113**	**54,274**	**51,391**	**71,376**	**86,361**	**93,766**	**66,928**	**786,956**	65,580
Recycling Rate	**52%**	**46%**	**45%**	**49%**	**44%**	**56%**	**56%**	**51%**	**50%**	**54%**	**54%**	**55%**	**51%**	**51%**

Univesity of Galway 2024 Waste Analysis - Whole Campus *

Waste Stream	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year To Date	Average Monthly Weight
Waste Recovered	33,136	34,553	38,472	36,289	28,383	27,767	36,795	32,215	37,725	40,633	40,291	30,655	384,468	34,743
Mixed Recyclables	22,666	19,747	22,000	20,639	15,628	10,785	12,382	15,655	20,204	15,454	18,598	11,092	215,662	17,071
Glass	3,931	5,590	5,912	5,551	5,192	3,776	3,776	3,097	6,082	3,612	5,288	5,014	56,833	4,735
Organic / Green Waste	4,381	4,176	4,470	6,893	4,124	3,539	7,525	4,391	6,765	7,281	7,567	5,202	74,060	5,526
Confidential Shredding	4,392	1,866	3,210	2,223	4,035	3,159	1,617	2,627	3,219	2,097	2,756	1,497	36,687	2,725
WEEE	1,880	720	1,445	1,150	1,650	0	2,150	0	2,577	1,570	0	400	19,246	1,129
Total Weight	**70,386**	**66,652**	**75,509**	**72,745**	**59,012**	**49,026**	**64,245**	**57,985**	**76,572**	**70,647**	**74,500**	**53,860**	**791,139**	65,928
Recycling Rate	**53%**	**48%**	**49%**	**50%**	**52%**	**43%**	**43%**	**44%**	**51%**	**42%**	**46%**	**43%**	**51%**	**47%**

Univesity of Galway 2025 Waste Analysis - Whole Campus *														Average Monthly Weight
Waste Stream	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year To Date	Average Monthly Weight
Waste Recovered	31,552	33,110	38,056	35,900	39,303	27,151	30,813	26,866	34,237	42,324	39,215	32,937	411,464	34,655
Mixed Recyclables	14,642	19,348	17,317	19,846	19,405	16,978	15,470	13,990	21,351	23,582	19,385	16,652	217,966	17,788
Glass	3,953	3,082	5,658	3,324	5,055	3,915	3,666	2,632	4,731	4,933	6,230	5,170	52,349	4,004
Organic / Green Waste	15,267	11,016	12,217	5,795	5,161	5,276	13,225	10,836	7,270	8,275	7,596	17,342	119,276	11,074
Confidential Shredding	5,540	2,240	1,090	1,780	1,740	4,810	8,150	4,350	3,790	1,250	2,420	1,750	38,910	2,663
WEEE	1,620	650	280	498	745	1,375	0	1,585	850	1,310	810	120	9,843	762
Total Weight	71,426	69,072	76,738	67,586	73,704	57,854	64,791	58,536	71,658	82,521	75,992	73,718	843,596	70,444
Recycling Rate	57%	53%	48%	46%	44%	56%	63%	57%	53%	48%	48%	56%	52%	52%

Notes:

*In 2022 we started to incorporate the waste data from the student residences and all restaurants, cafes & bars for the first time. This gives a more accurate whole campus view on the waste generated on campus and helps us to highlight areas which need improvement.

*All weights measured in KGs

*New Green Waste stream added in 2022 which comprises grass & hedge cuttings which are composted along with food waste to produce fertilizer which we us for campus plants.