2025 State-Level Economic Data and Impact for the Waste Recycling Industry (Including Arkansas): Environmental Research & Education Foundation Interactive Map



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The Environmental Research & Education Foundation ("EREF") has produced an interactive map titled:

2025 Economic Data for the Waste & Recycling Industry ("Map").

The Map provides state-level economic data for both United States waste and recycling industries.

Data includes:

- Number of establishments.
- Employees.
- Annual payroll.
- Revenue.
- Average salaries.

EREF states that the data utilized by the report is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' 2025 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages and the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 Economic Census. The data is stated to cover businesses classified under NAICS Code 562, Waste Management and Remediation Services, that includes:

- Waste collection.
- Waste treatment and disposal.
- Remediation.
- Related services.

EREF states that its mission is to:

… advance scientific research and create educational pathways that enable innovation in sustainable materials management practices.

The Map enables the user to look at such statistics on an accounting basis. For example, one can select five Arkansas county and note the following:

1. Drew – Employees (7) – Establishments (3) – Annual Payroll ($231K) – Average Salary ($32,981) – 2022 Revenue (not reported)

2. Washington – Employees (425) – Establishments (35) – Annual Payroll ($27.7M) – Average Salary ($65,202) – 2022 Revenue (not reported)
3. Pulaski – Employees (744) – Establishments (69) – Annual Payroll ($51.7M) – Average Salary ($69,555) – 2022 Revenue ($174.5M)
4. Miller – Employees (84) – Establishments (10) – Annual Payroll ($5M) – Average Salary ($59,327) – 2022 Revenue (not reported)
5. Greene – Employees (114) – Establishments (5) – Annual Payroll ($5.7M) – Average Salary ($49,944) – 2022 Revenue (not reported)

A link to the Map can be found here.