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Global waste generation



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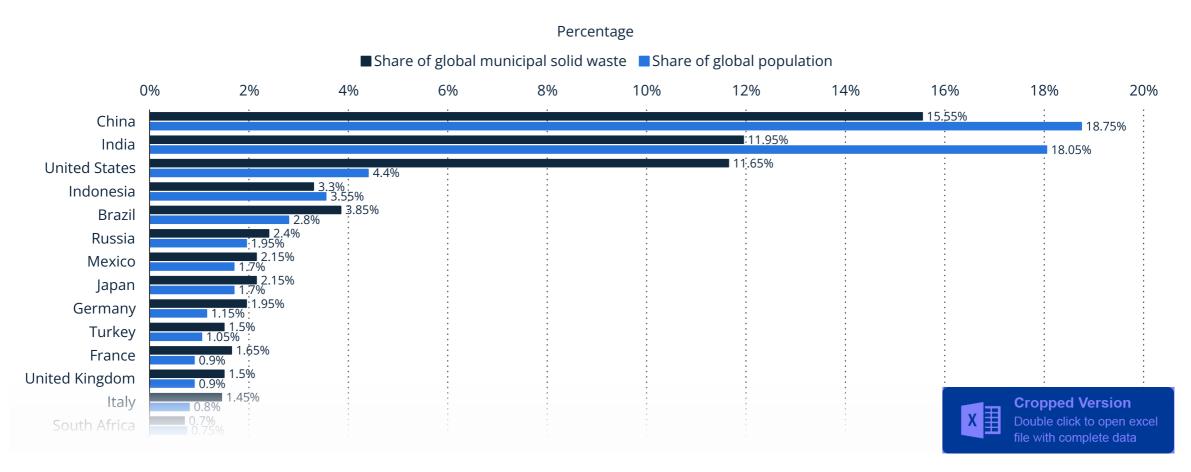


CHAPTER 01

Overview

Global population and municipal solid waste generation shares in 2018, by select country

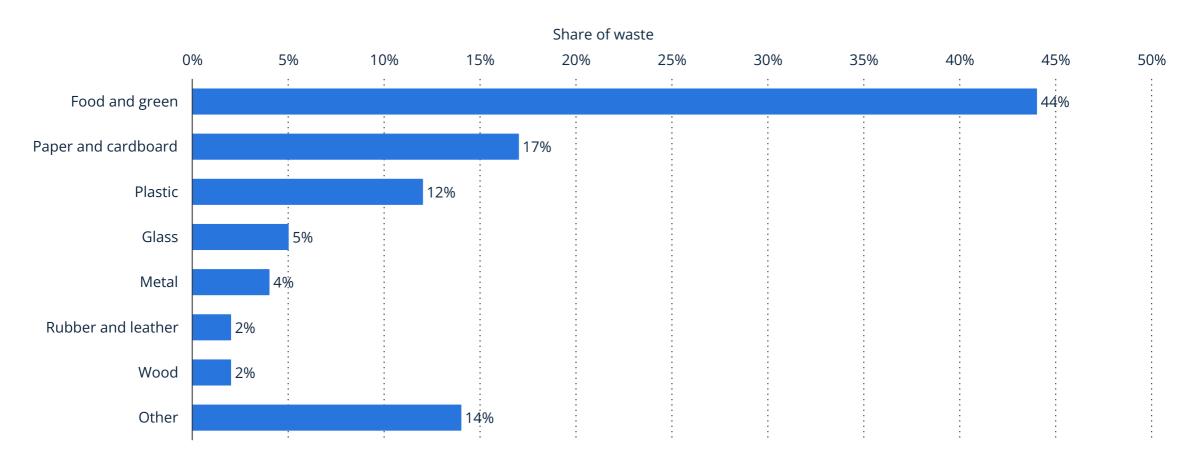
Global population and MSW generation shares by key country 2018





Distribution of municipal solid waste generated worldwide in 2016, by material type

Global waste breakdown by material type 2016

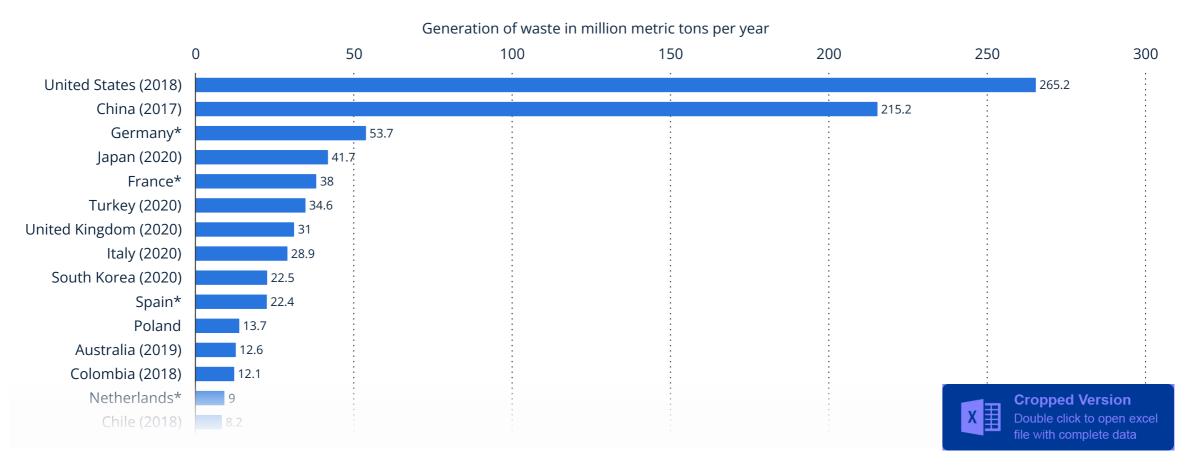




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Generation of municipal waste worldwide as of 2021, by select country (in million metric tons)

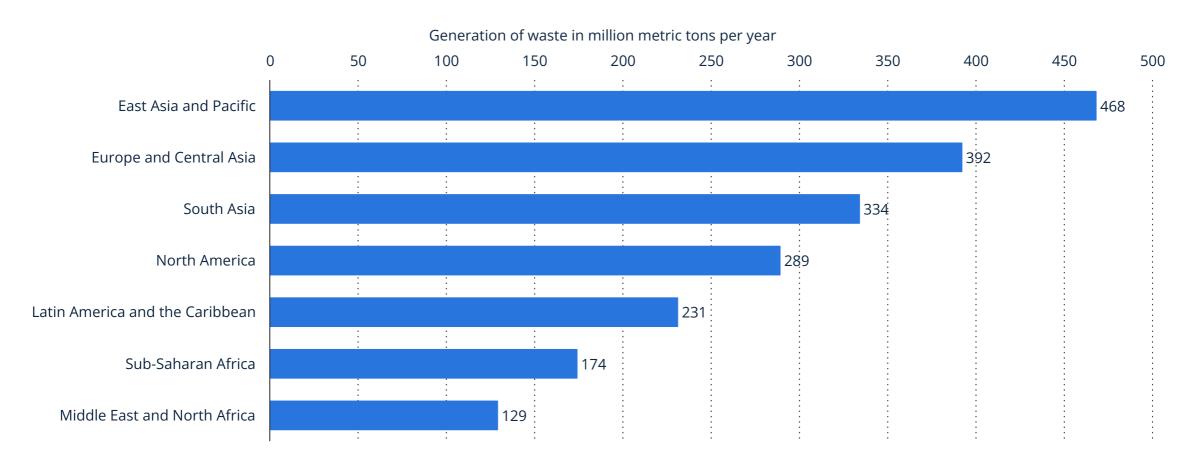
Global municipal waste generation 2021, by select country





Generation of municipal solid waste worldwide in 2016, by region (in million metric tons)*

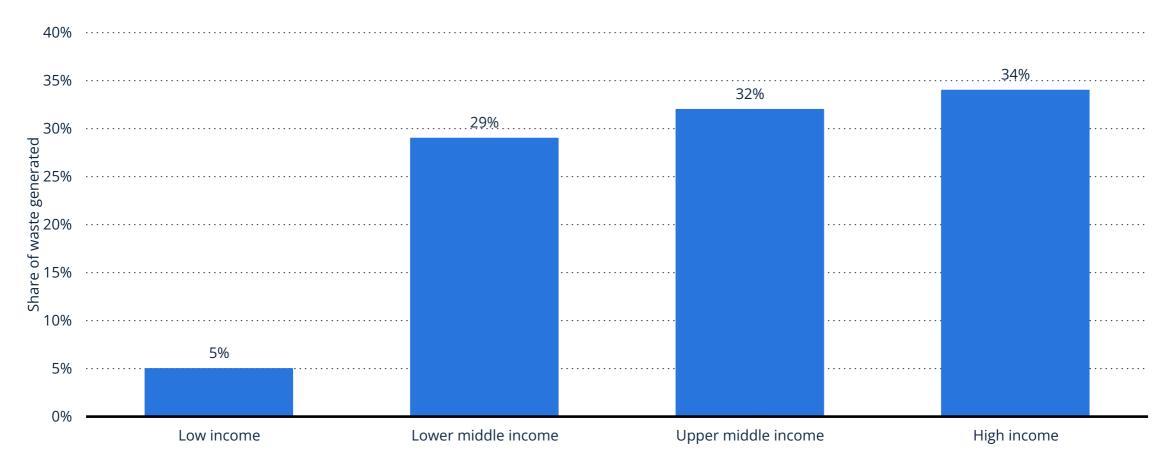
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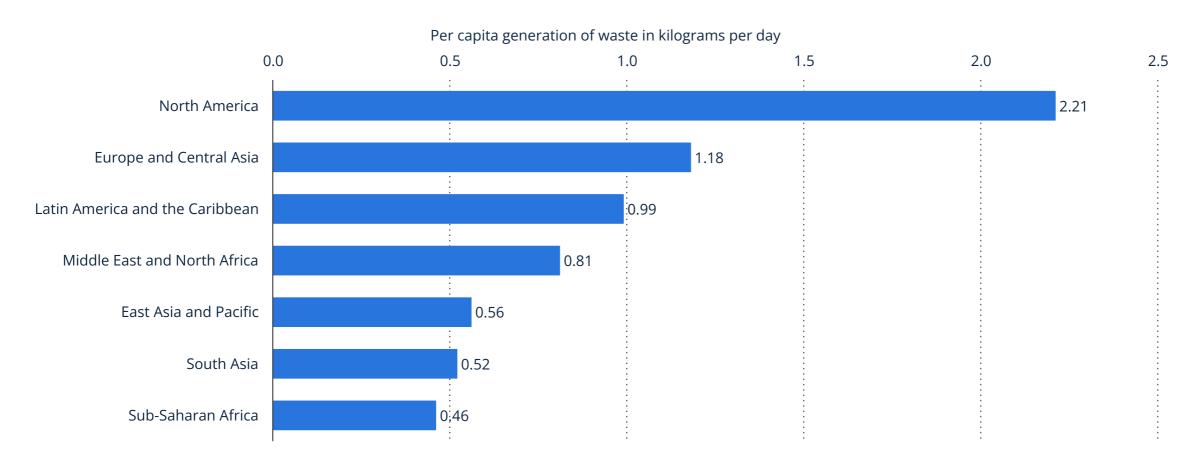


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Average per capita generation of municipal solid waste worldwide in 2016, by region (in kilograms per day)

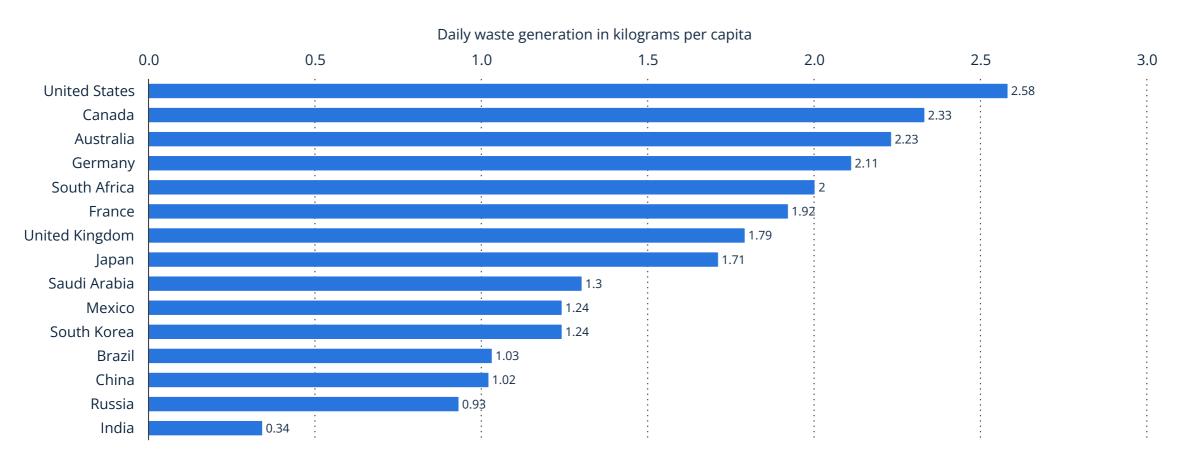
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Daily municipal solid waste generation per capita worldwide in 2018, by select country (in kilograms)

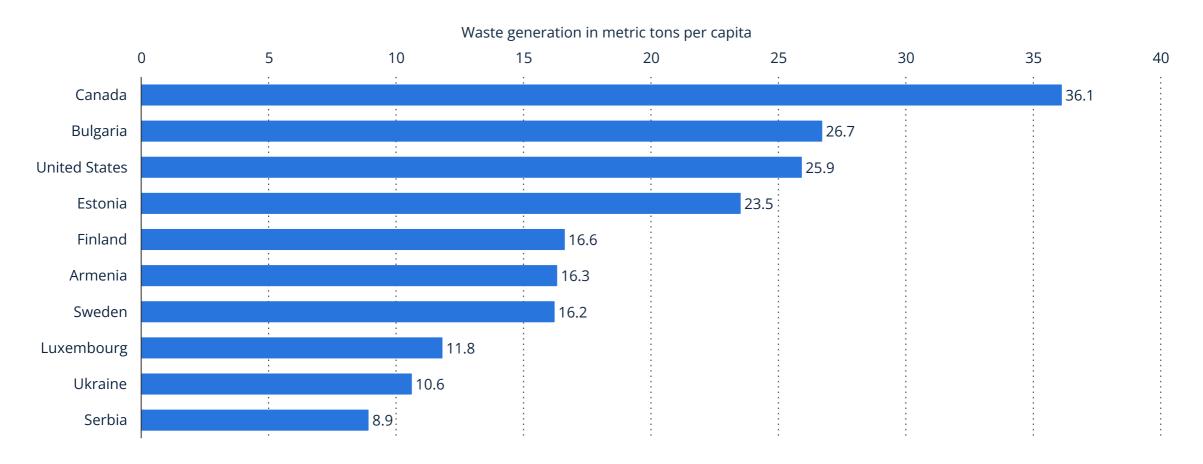
Global per capita generation of municipal solid waste by select country 2018





Estimated annual waste per capita of the leading waste producing countries worldwide as of 2019* (in metric tons)

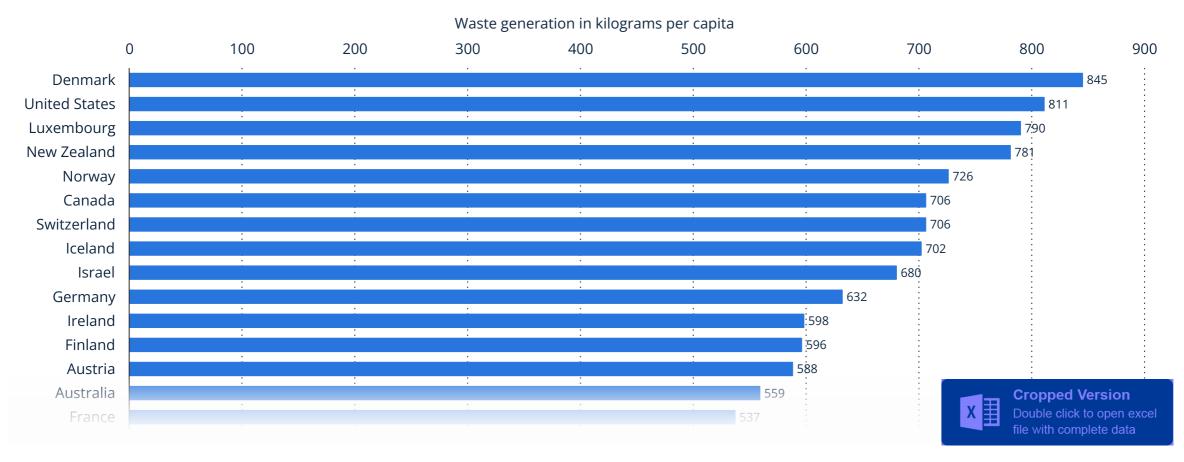
Largest waste producing countries worldwide per capita 2019





Average annual per capita municipal waste generated by OECD countries as of 2022 (in kilograms)

Annual municipal waste generated per capita by OECD countries 2022



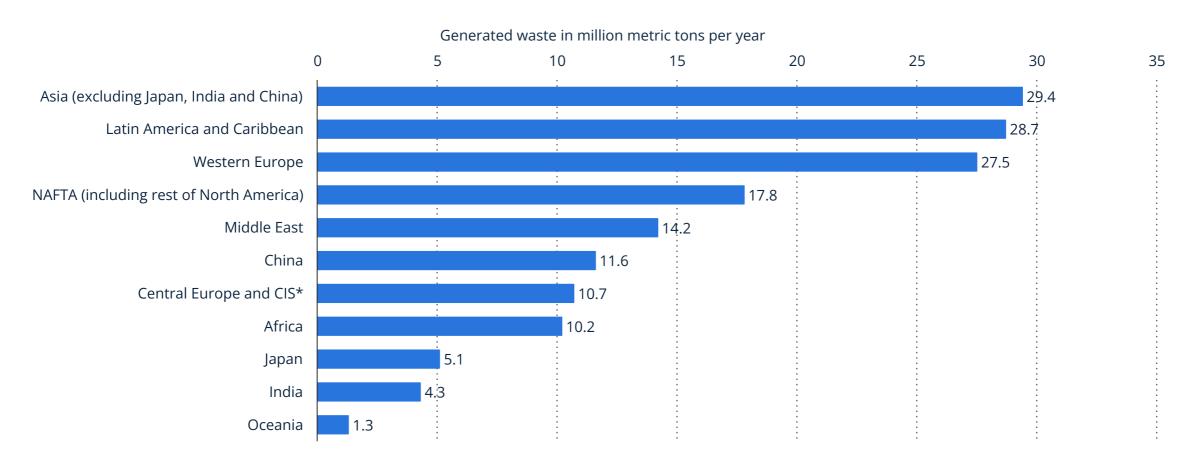


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Volume of plastic municipal solid waste (MSW) generated worldwide as of 2018, by region (in million metric tons per year)

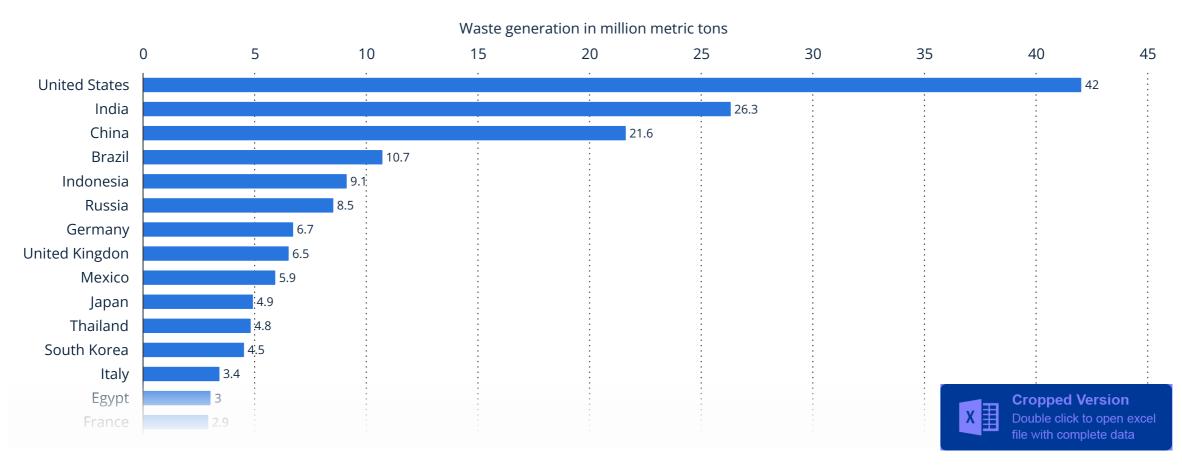
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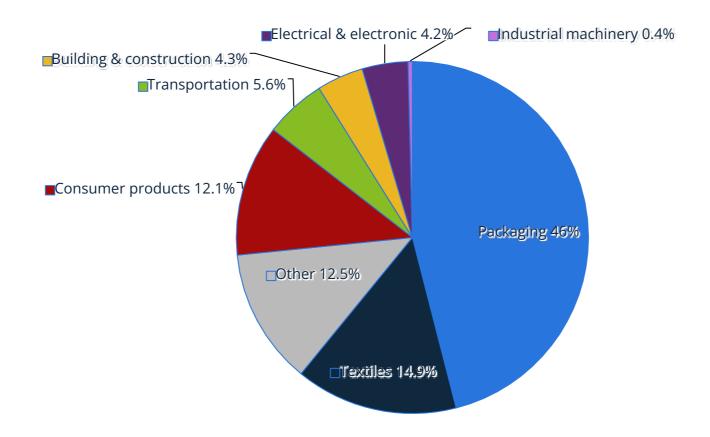
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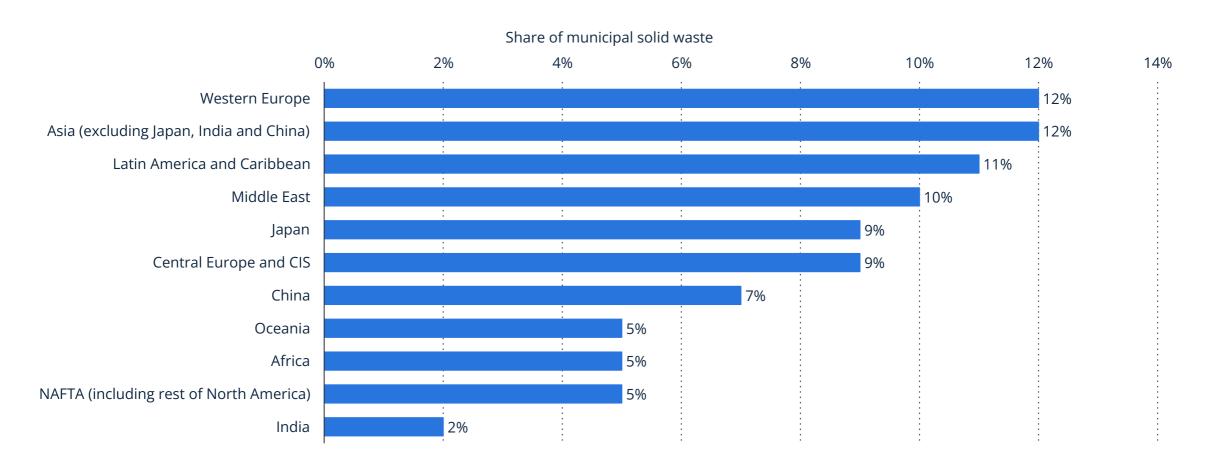
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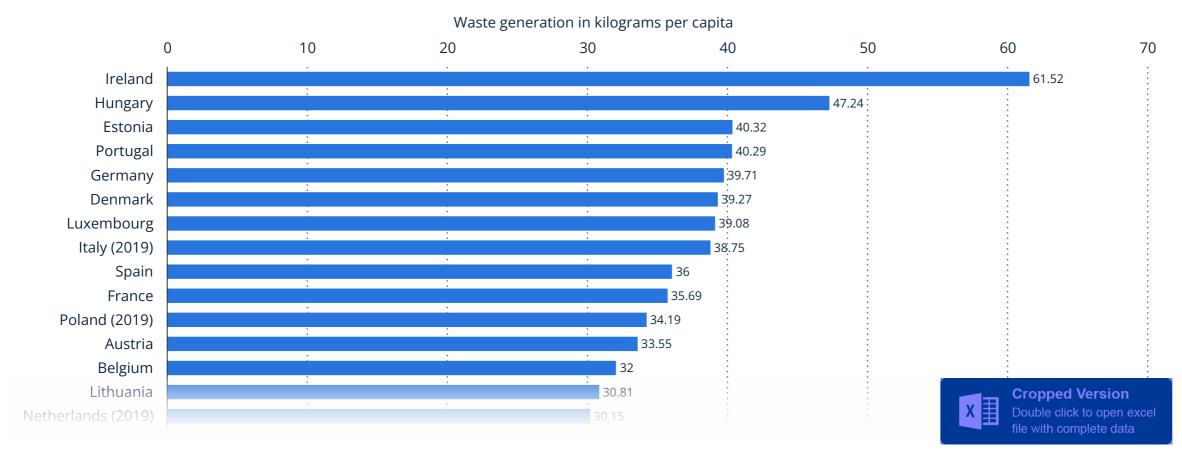
Share of plastics in global municipal solid waste by region 2018





Generation of plastic packaging waste in the European Union (EU-27) in 2020, by country (in kilograms per capita)

Generation of plastic packaging waste per capita in the EU-27 2020, by country



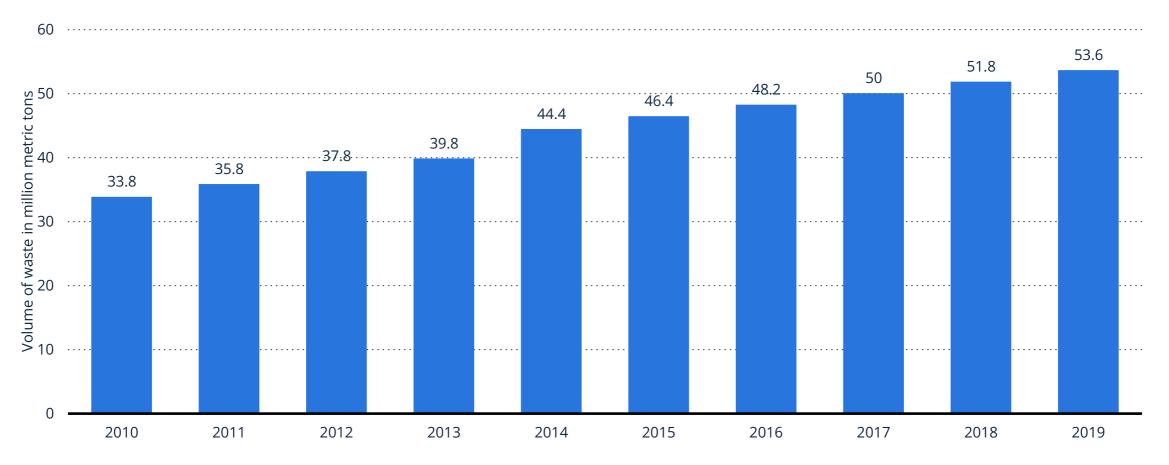


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Electronic waste

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Global e-waste generation 2010-2019

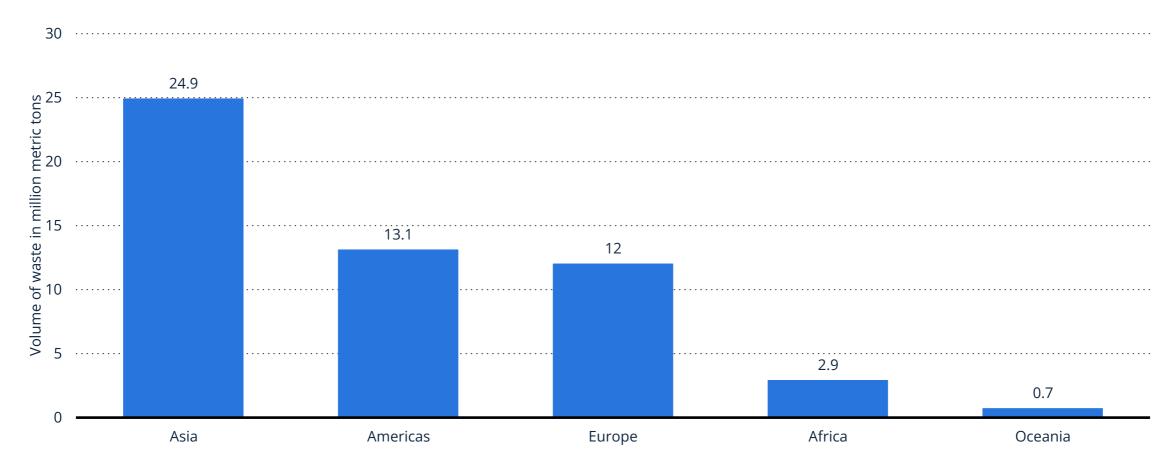




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Generation of electronic waste worldwide in 2019, by region (in million metric tons)

Global e-waste generation by region 2019

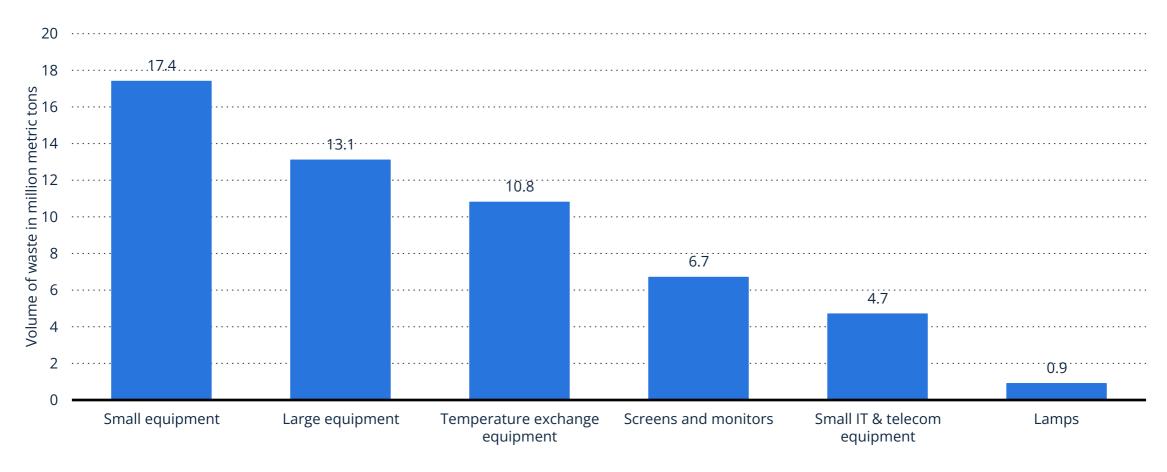




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Generation of electronic waste worldwide in 2019, by type (in million metric tons)*

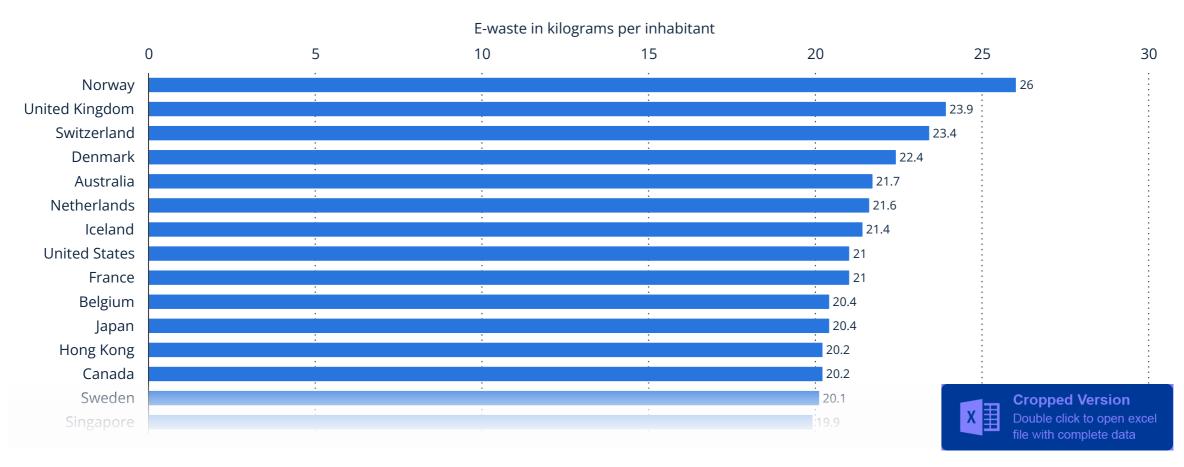
Global e-waste generation by type 2019





Leading countries based on per capita electronic waste generation in 2019 (in kilograms per person)

Global per capita e-waste generation by country 2019

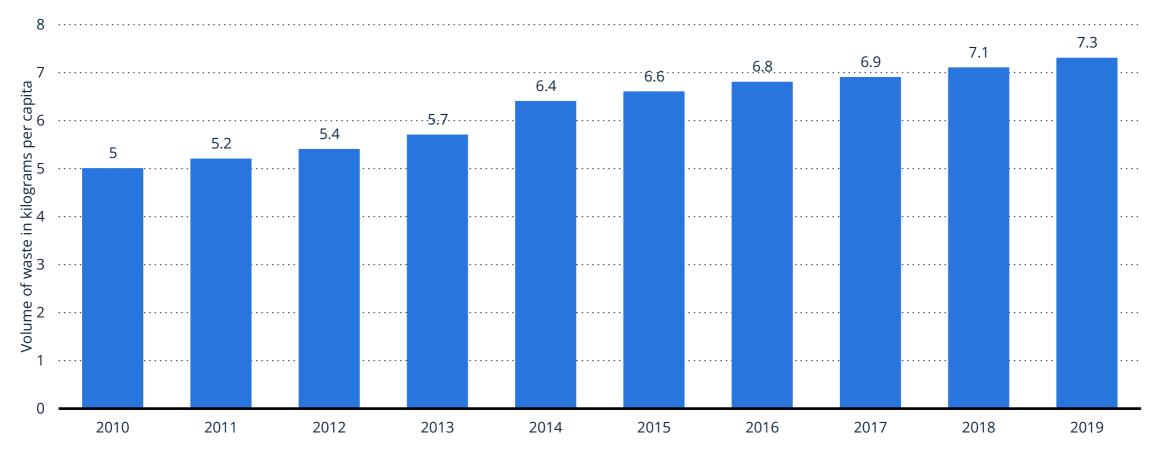




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Per capita electronic waste generation worldwide from 2010 to 2019* (in kilograms per capita)

Global e-waste generation per capita 2010-2019





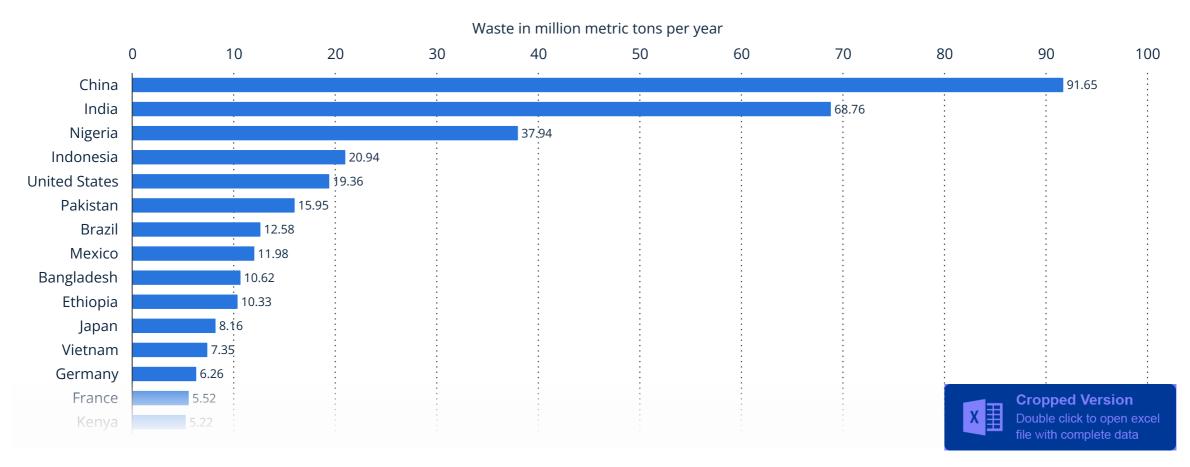
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Annual household food waste produced in selected countries worldwide as of 2020* (in million metric tons per year)

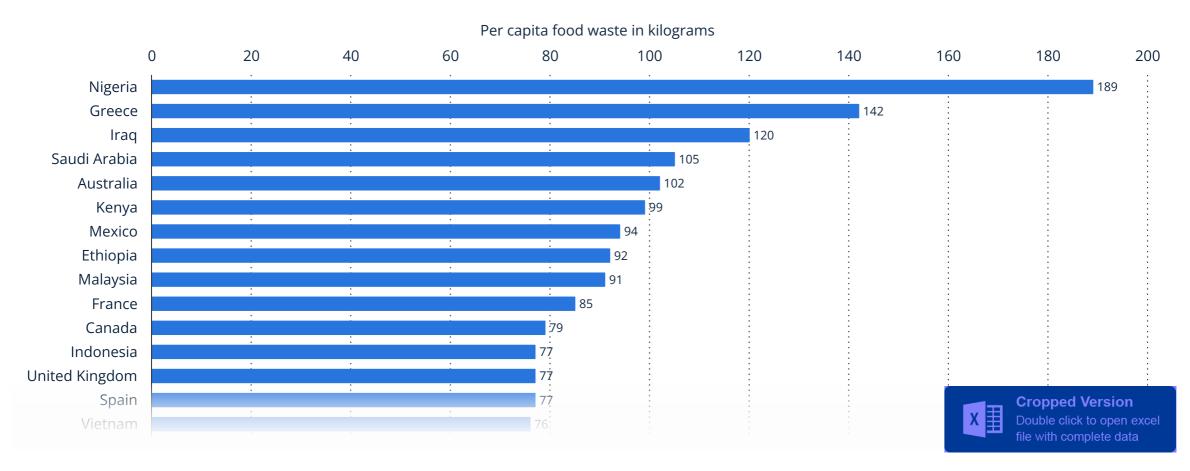
Food waste produced annually in selected countries worldwide 2020





Annual per capita household food waste of selected countries worldwide as of 2020 (in kilograms per year)

Per capita household food waste of selected countries worldwide 2020

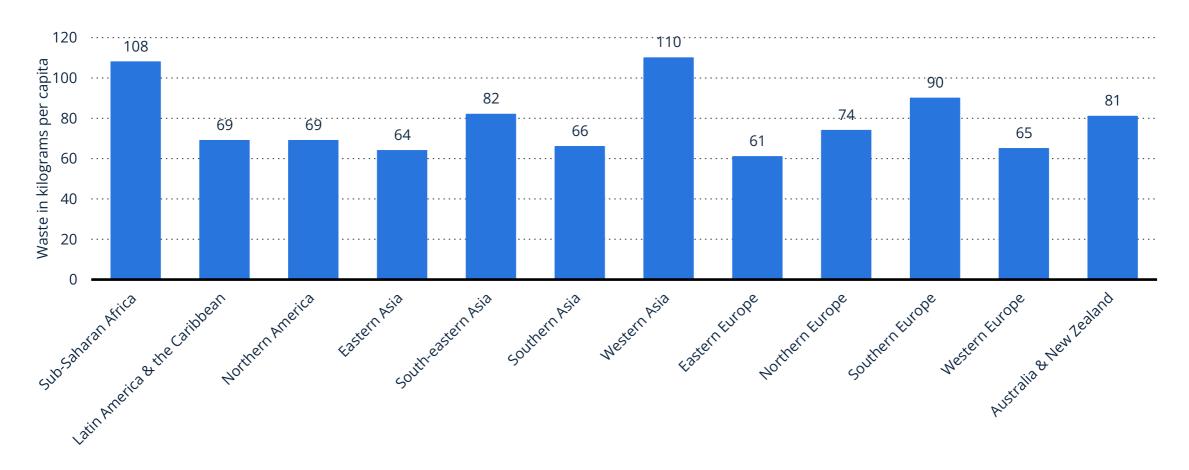




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Estimated annual household food waste produced per capita worldwide as of 2020, by region (in kilograms per capita)

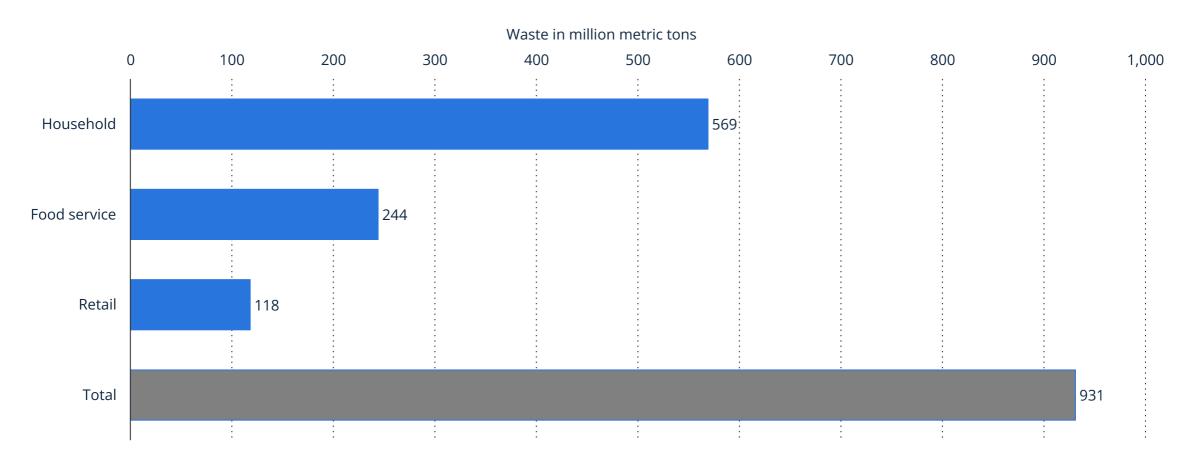
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Total food waste produced worldwide in 2019, by sector (in million metric tons)

Food waste production worldwide 2019, by sector



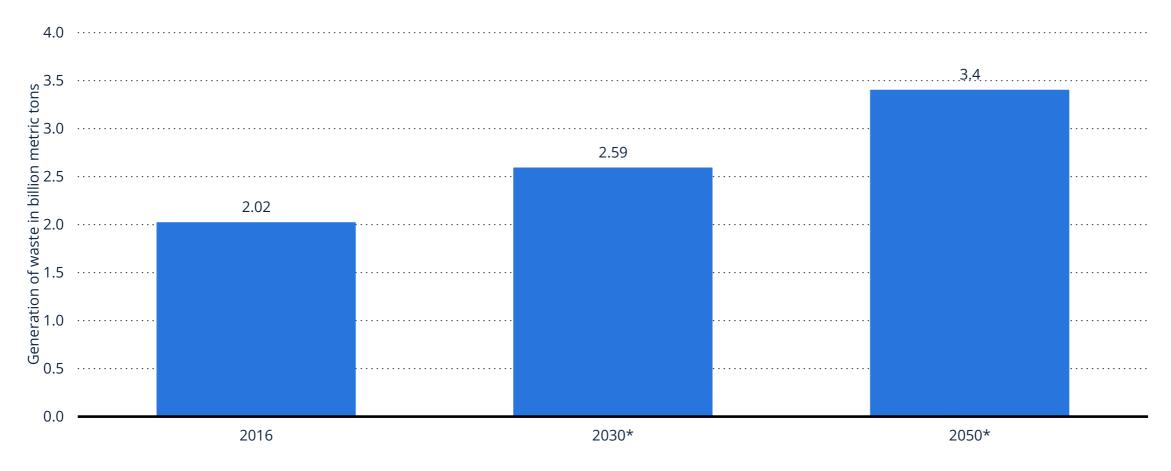


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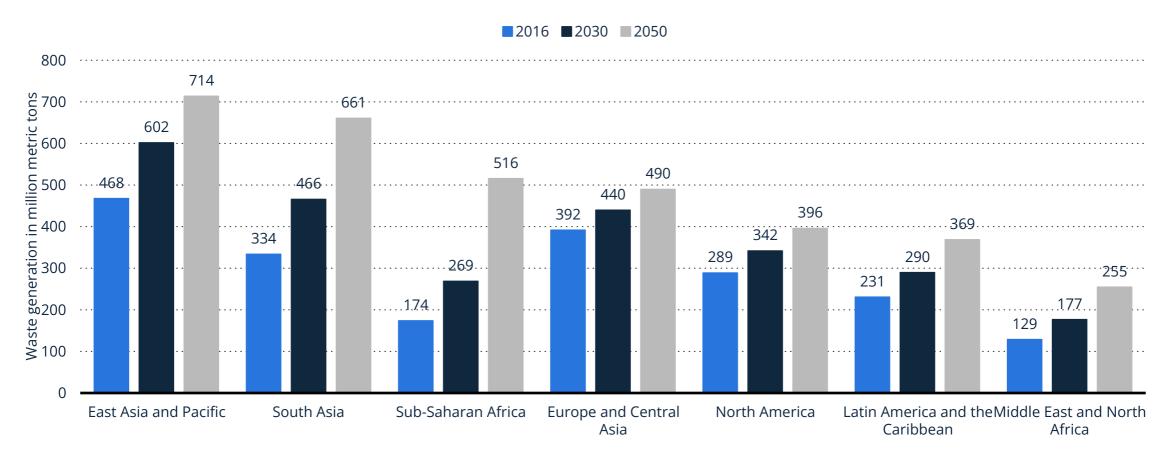
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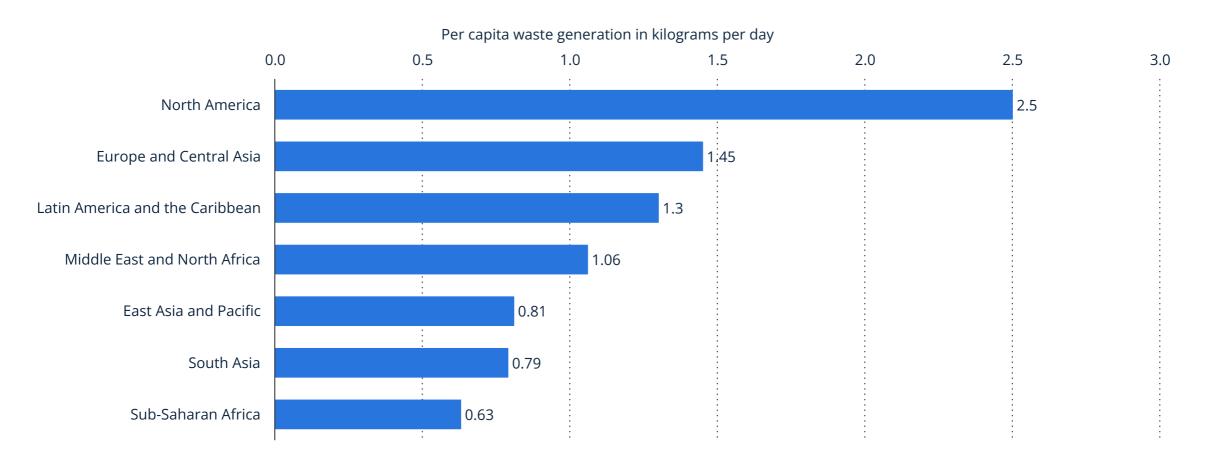
Global waste generation outlook by region 2016-2050





Projection of waste generation per capita worldwide in 2050, by region (in kilograms per day)

Global waste generation per person outlook by region 2050

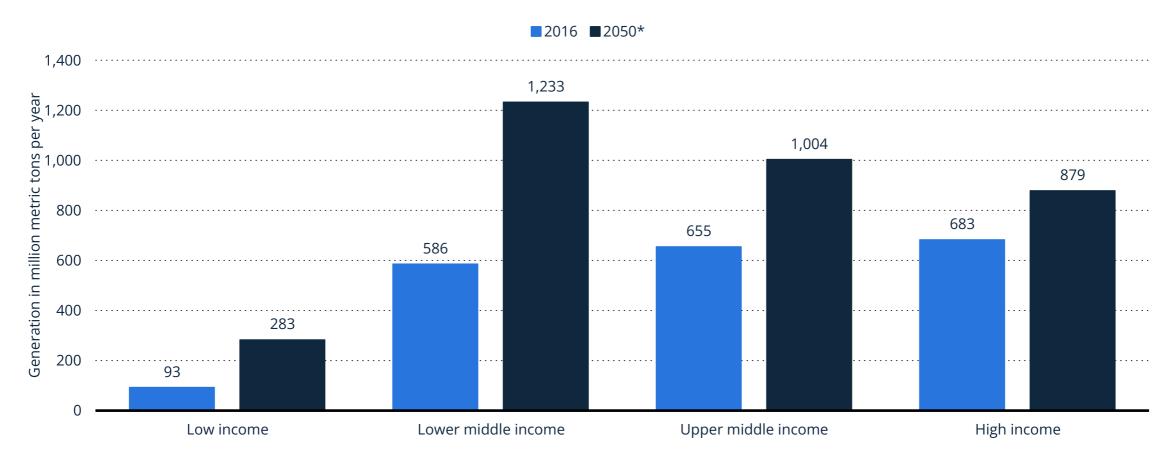




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Projected annual municipal solid waste generation worldwide in 2016 and 2050, by income group (in million metric tons)

Global municipal solid waste generation by income group 2016-2050





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