






## Limited Recycling



 POPULATION	432,427
 RECYCLING RATE	12.5%
 RECYCLING PROGRAMS	Single-Family Curbside Recycling Downtown Zero Waste Zone
 MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	Single-Family Residential: Municipal Multi-Family/Commercial: Open-Market
 HIGH-ROAD ECONOMIC POLICIES	—

**Atlanta's piecemeal recycling programs** only make recycling available in certain parts of the city. As a result, Atlanta's recycling rate falls well below the national rate of 34%. The city has taken some steps to build recycling programs by expanding curbside recycling and establishing a Zero Waste Zone that supports recycling, reuse, and composting in hotels, food service, and convention operations in the downtown area. Atlanta presents an opportunity to build a sustainable recycling system as the city works to fill in the gaps in recycling programs, by incorporating high-road job quality and economic development policies.

**Sources:**  
 The Office of Solid Waste Services  
 2011 Fulton County Waste Management Plan