



Data Summary

Collections

- **606,000 tonnes** of household plastic packaging were collected at kerbside in 2021.
- **407,000 tonnes** of plastic bottles. A collection rate of **63%**.
- **174,000 tonnes** of plastic pots, tubs and trays. A collection rate of **38%**.
- **27,000 tonnes** of plastic films and flexibles. A collection rate of **7%**.
- The overall collection rate of all consumer plastic packaging in 2021 was **42%**.
- The collection rate for all rigid plastic packaging only in 2021 was around **53%**.
- The collection rate for HDPE drinks bottles was **78%**, PET drinks bottles was **75%**, and non-drinks bottles, the collection rate is **45%**.

Kerbside Provision

- **100%** of local authorities collected plastic bottles at kerbside for recycling.
- **88%** collected plastic pots, tubs and trays. A 1% increase on the previous year.
- **13%** collected plastic films and flexibles. A slight decrease on the previous year, and the **5th consecutive year of decline**.
- **11%** of local authorities collect plastic plant pots at the kerbside for recycling.
- **3%** of local authorities collect coffee capsules at the kerbside for recycling.

Reject Rates

- Local authorities reported material reject rates of **up to 35%**, with an average of **13%**.

Policy & Legislation

- **85%** of local authority respondents said they were supportive or strongly supportive of the introduction of *Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)*.
- **49%** of local authority respondents said they were supportive or strongly supportive of the introduction of *Deposit Return Schemes (DRS)*. **15%** said that they were not or strongly not supportive.
- **71%** of local authority respondents said they were supportive or strongly supportive of the introduction of *Consistency in Household and Business Recycling in England*. **3%** said that they were not or strongly not supportive.
- **81%** of local authority respondents said they were supportive or strongly supportive of Single-Use
- Plastic legislation. **1%** said that they were not or strongly not supportive.