Composition of Recyclables Going to **Material Recovery Facilities vs. Other Recycling Facilities**

A study from EREF released in 2016 identified 3,913 municipal solid waste (MSW) recycling facilities that were active in 2013. These U.S. facilities managed nearly 73 MILLION tons of recyclable materials – equating to approximately 1.3 lbs/person-day! California managed over 19 million tons of recyclables, the highest in the country, while Montana managed the least at approximately 29,000 tons.

But what is this 73 million tons comprised of? The infographic below breaks down the most commonly processed materials at both material recovery facilities (MRFs) and other (smaller, low-technology) recycling facilities.

	Cardboard	Paper	Glass	Plastic	Metal	Scrap Metal	E-Waste	Other	TOTAL
MRF	32.6%	32.5%	13.0%	6.4%	2.2%	2.5%	0.2%	10.6%	100%
OTHER	55.8%	26.4%	3.0%	9.7%	0.8%	2.9%	0.1%	1.4%	100%

Data found in EREF's Municipal Solid Waste Management in the U.S.: 2010 & 2013 report. Available online at erefdn.org.