

Dumpster Data Dive: California vs. BC

CALIFORNIA

39.5 million
residents



BRITISH COLUMBIA

5.7 million
residents



Per Capita Waste Generation Rate

10.54

pounds/person/day

2022

5.2

pounds/person/day

2022

*The per capita waste generation rate is how much material is discarded per person per day, regardless of whether it is later recycled or disposed in a landfill.
California generates twice as much waste per capita as BC - whoa! We are great consumers...*



Per Capita Landfill Disposal Rate

6.3

pounds/person/day

2022

3.2

pounds/person/day

2022

The per capita landfill disposal rate is the number of pounds of waste thrown away each day per person that goes into a landfill.



Recycling Rate

41%

2022

38%

2022

*The percentage of waste that is diverted from landfill to be reused, recycled, or composted.
While BC and California both have low recycling rates, BC is generating much less waste in the first place and what is left over are the hardest to recycle materials.*



Beverage Container Recovery Rate

71%

2022

78%

2024

*The percentage of beverage containers recovered at depots, recycling sites, or curbside. California added wines, spirits, and juices to the program after CFEE study tours and seeing it was being done elsewhere.
California's beverage container recovery goal is 80%.*