

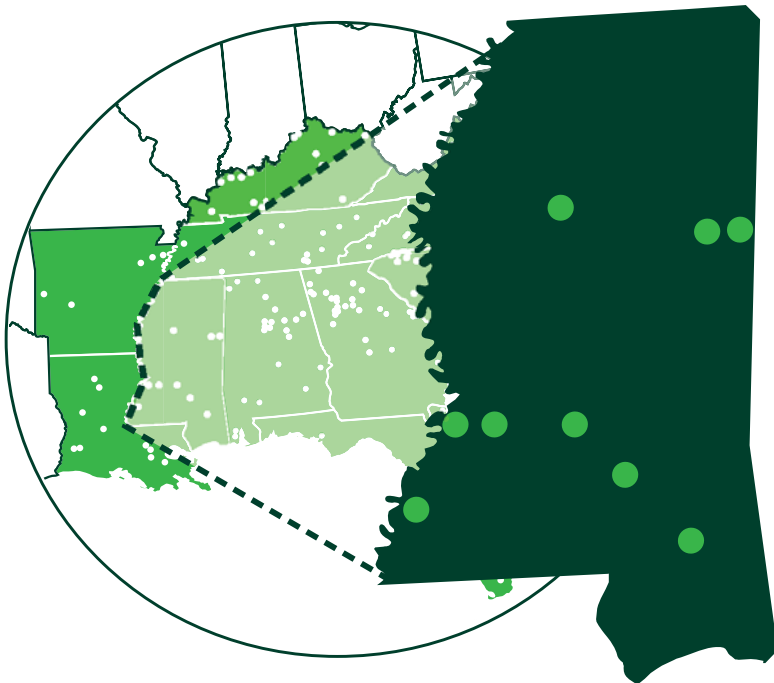
A PROFILE OF MISSISSIPPI'S RECYCLING ECONOMY

When communities invest in local recycling collection programs, they're supporting MS manufacturers who use recycled plastic, glass, metal, and paper to make new consumer goods.

Recycling isn't just about **smart** use of natural resources – it's about delivering **valuable** commodities to some of our most important businesses.

LOCAL INVESTMENT, REGIONAL RETURN

The Southeast is unique in its access to healthy recycling markets that feed regional manufacturing needs.



This map highlights key manufacturers who look to recycled materials to make their products.

Increased recycling rates help Mississippi manufacturers source good, affordable manufacturing feedstock.

A 2010 SERDC study determined that Mississippi is home to 9 manufacturers who rely on recycled content feedstock.

These companies:

- Make more than **\$1.3 billion** in yearly sales
- Employ approximately **527 Mississippi citizens** directly in the manufacture of recycled content products

Source: Hoovers/OneSource Business Databases (SERDC)

RECYCLING IN MISSISSIPPI a healthy industry poised to grow

Local commitment to recycling supports Southeastern companies who haul, recycle, and manufacture goods.

RECYCLING IS AN INVESTMENT THAT RETURNS AGAIN AND AGAIN 

Mississippi boasts key manufacturing facilities using recycled content made from steel and wastepaper. Mississippi also benefits from the steel, aluminum and plastics recycling manufacturers in neighboring Arkansas and Alabama. In addition to manufacturers and end users of recycled content, Mississippi boasts strong recycling programs for waste tire materials and for agricultural containers.

If each person in Mississippi recycled just one aluminum can per week each year, the state would generate over \$1.3 million in revenue.

*Calculated using 35 cans/pound of aluminum and \$.30/pound 2010 spot price for aluminum cans

According to a past report by the Southern States Energy Board, the recycling industry in the state employs 5,000 people. A study in 2006 by the State Recycling Task Force further estimated almost \$100 million in annual direct labor income and \$130 million annual total labor income with close to \$8 million in State General Fund Revenues was generated by the state's recycling industry.



Just increasing recycling by **10%** can make significant improvements in the local economy.

According to an economic study by the College of Charleston

Results from a 2010 SERDC study to map demand of recycled feedstock in the Southeast US