

## Waste

Data Sheet

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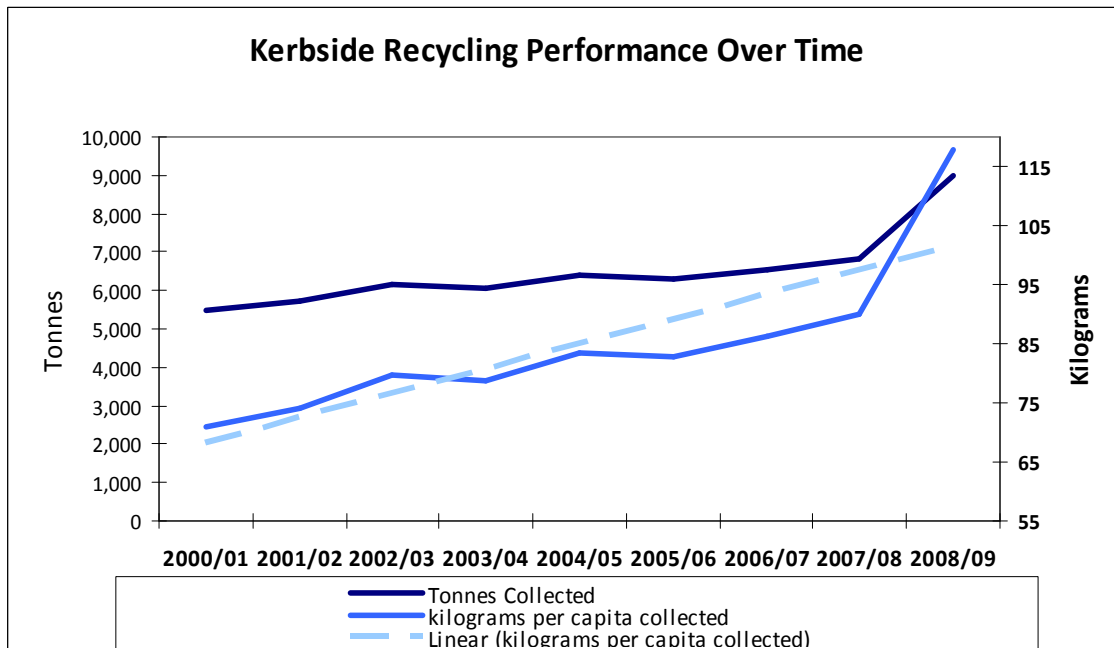
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### What are we monitoring?

**Amount of Household waste collected at the Kerbside for recycling**

### What is the trend?

Blue Mountains City Council provides a weekly kerbside household recycling collection. This is a commingled service with a range of recyclable material placed in the bin. Between 2000-2001 and 2008-2009 the amount of household waste collected for recycling has steadily increased. Almost 95% of material placed in the recycling bin is correct. With the change in collection container from crate to mobile bin in 2008-09, the volume of material collected has increased significantly from 53% of households using the crate based service every week to 71% of households using the wheelie bin service every week.



Year	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
<b>Tonnes Collected</b>	5,464.33	5,725.28	6,167.2	6,072.3	6,376.8	6,303.4	6,554.75	6,850	9,003
<b>Population</b>	77,021	77,389	77,504	77,003	76,497	76,066	76,075	76,181	76,409
<b>Kilograms per Capita Collected</b>	70.946	73.980	79.572	78.858	83.360	82.868	86.162	89.917	117.826

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

Reducing or avoiding waste is the most sustainable waste management method. It is also the method that individuals can make the largest contribution with. Recycling has the potential to divert waste from landfill.

**Source:** Blue Mountains City Council; Blue Mountains City Council, Strategic Waste Action Plan, 2005