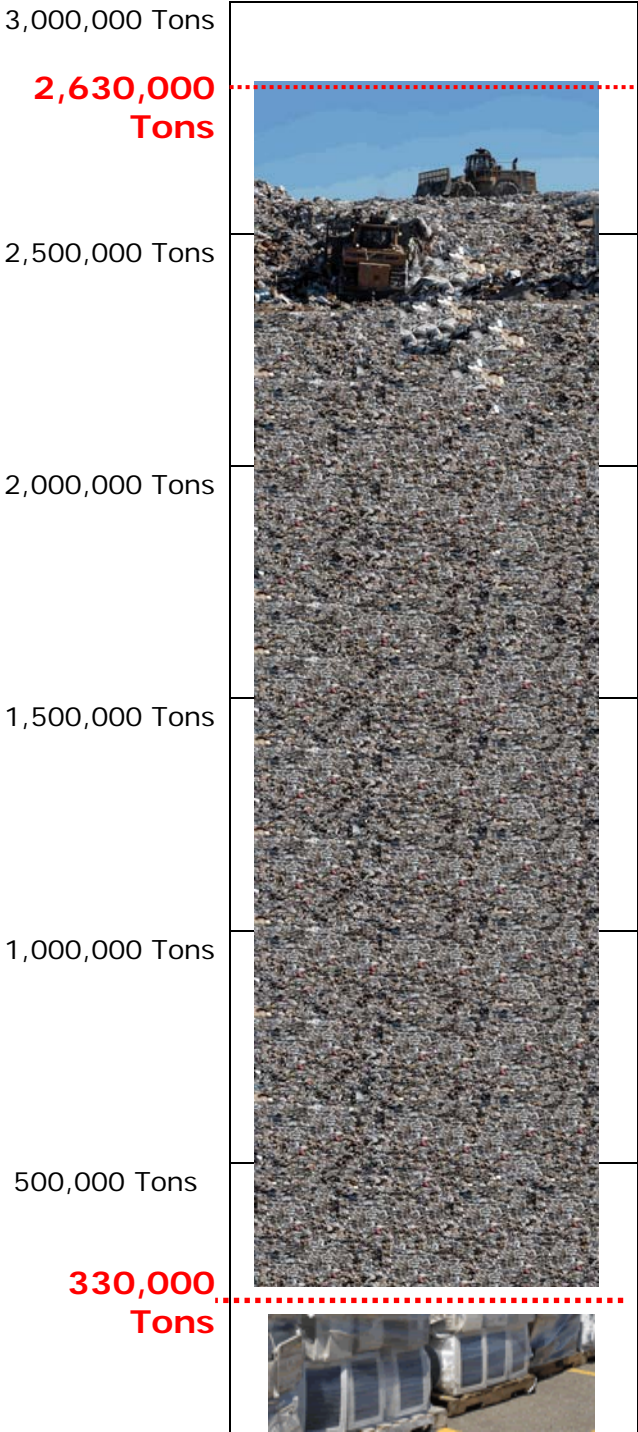


What Happens To Our E-Waste?



TOTAL E-WASTE: 2.63 Million Tons

In 2005, the US generated a total of **2.63 million tons** of electronic waste, according to the EPA¹.

TRASHED: 87.5% 2.3 Million Tons

Of this 2,630,000 tons, 2,300,000 tons (over 87%) ends up in landfills or incinerators.

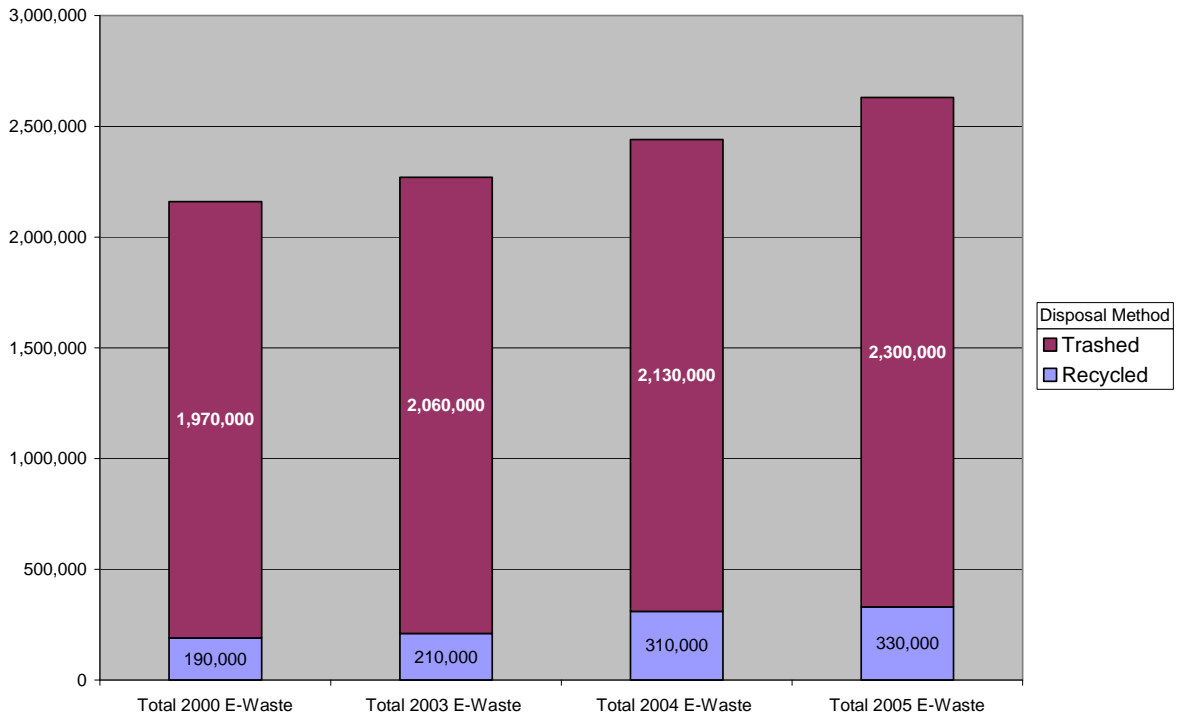
RECYCLED: 12.5% 330,000 Tons

Only 330,000 tons, or 12.5% is "recovered" for recycling, according to the EPA. But some recyclers estimate that as much as **50 to 80% of that amount is exported for processing elsewhere**, much of it going to developing countries, particularly in Asia.



E-Waste Growth Trends

Amount of E-Waste Trashed Vs Recycled (Tons) 2000 - 2005



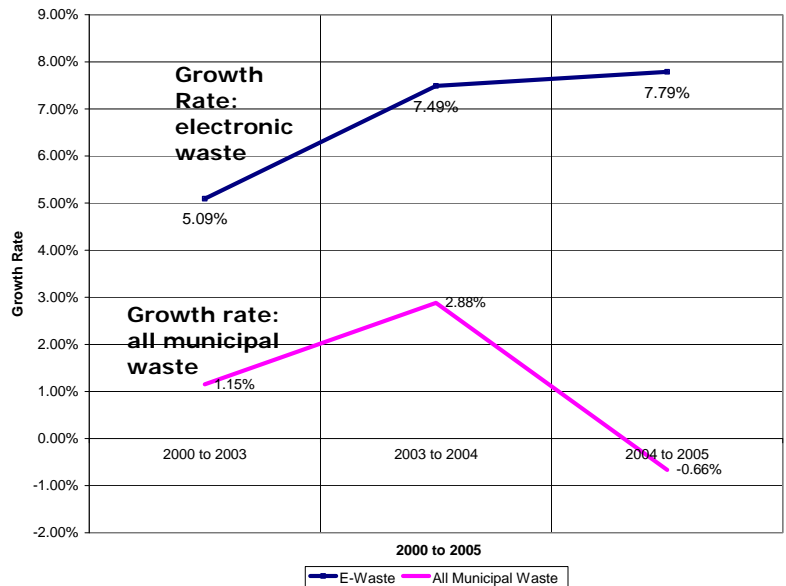
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E-Waste Is Still Fastest Growing Waste Stream

While the overall amount of municipal waste actually DECREASED from 2004 to 2005, the amount of electronic waste increased from 2.44 million tons to 2.63 million tons, nearly **eight per cent** in one year.

Definitions:

- **E-WASTE:** The EPA report defines e-waste as products such as TVs, VCRs, DVD players, video cameras, stereo systems, telephones, and computer equipment.
- **RECYCLED:** Products separated out from waste stream for recycling. This includes e-waste that is exported by recyclers.
- **TRASHED:** Items not "recovered" are disposed into landfills, incinerators, or waste-to-energy incinerators.
- **Not Included:** These numbers do not include products which are no longer used, but placed into storage.



1. US EPA, Municipal Solid Waste In the United States, 2005 Facts and Figures, October 2006. <http://www.epa.gov/msw/pubs/mswchar05.pdf>