

Textiles By The Numbers

**A Closer Look At Municipal and Commercial Textile Tonnage
and Modes of Collection Across Massachusetts**

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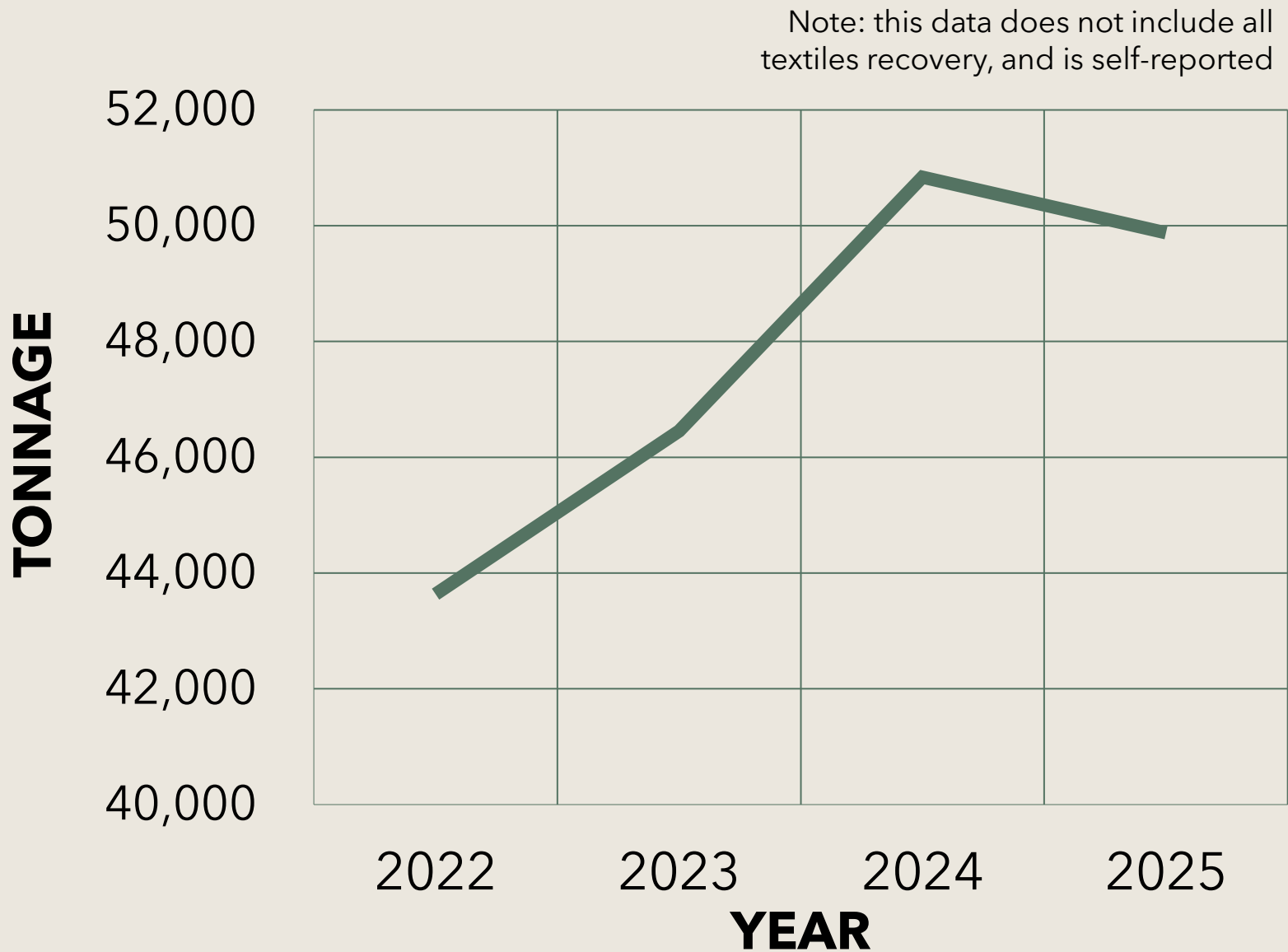
What's in Our Trash and What's Our Goal?

- According to the [2025 Waste Characterization Study](#), 233,000 tons of textiles (5.2 percent) remain in the trash.
- 2030 Goal - reduce disposal of textiles to 127,000 tons.
 - 50 percent reduction from the 2018 baseline of 254,000 tons.
- Part of the overall [Solid Waste Master Plan](#) waste reduction goals.



Textile Tonnages Collected from Vendors Operating in MA

Year	Total Tonnage	Percent Increase
2022	43,636	N/A
2023	46,455	7%
2024	50,839	9%
2025	49,878	-2%



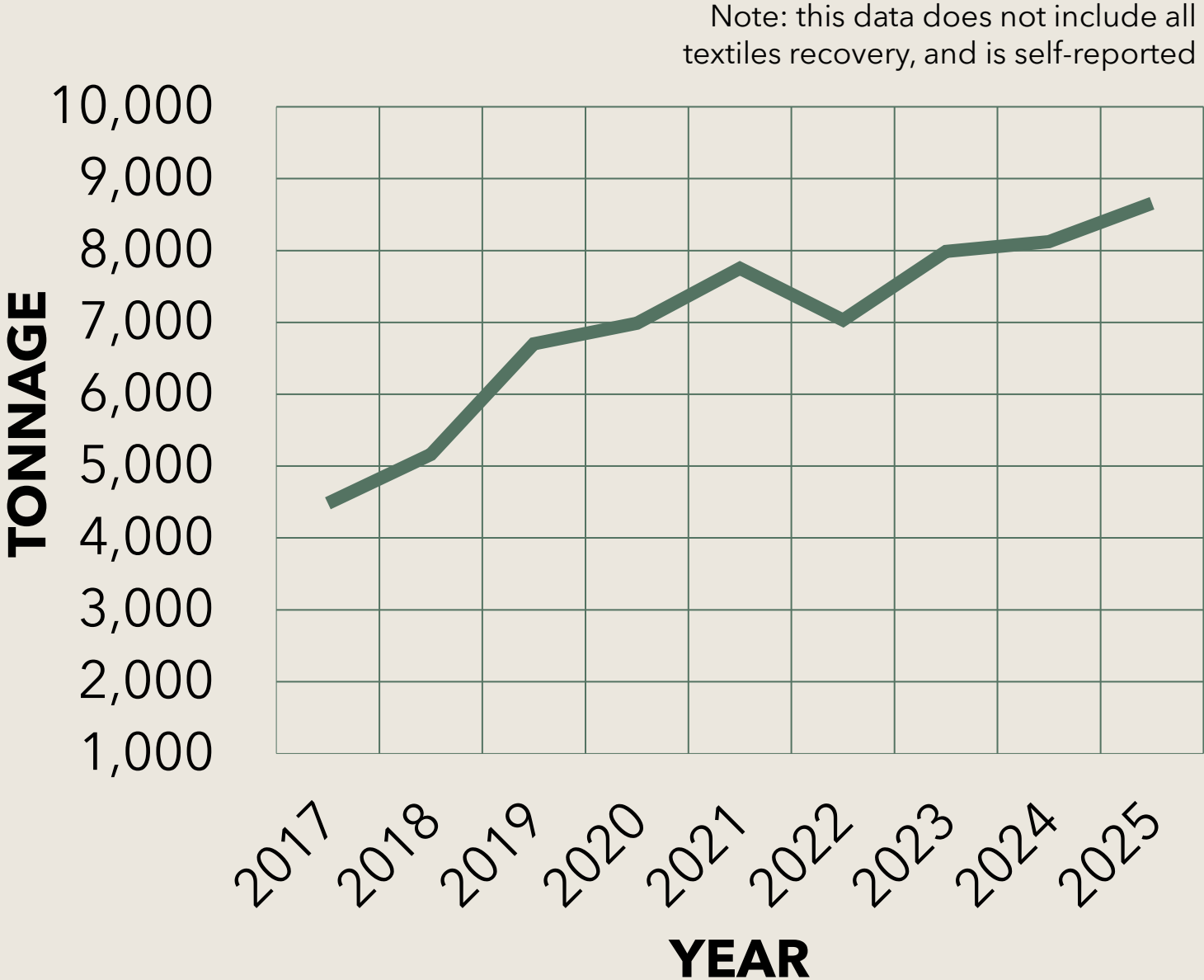
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- **190,808 total tons of textiles** collected by different vendors over **4 years** (2022-2025).
- **18 vendors** reported tonnages in 2025.
 - 12 of these vendors reported a percent increase in the tonnage they collected.
 - 6 vendors reported a percent decrease.
- Overall, there was a **-2% decrease** in textile tonnage collected from 2024 to 2025.
- Vendors with a tonnage decrease cited reasons like market downturn, restructuring some points of their collection, and loss of a major contract.



Total MA Municipal Textile Tonnage Collected

Year	Total Tonnage
2017	4,482
2018	5,161
2019	6,700
2020	6,987
2021	7,750
2022	7,033
2023	7,989
2024	8,122
2025	8,657



Municipal Textile Collection Mechanisms

About 86% of the 352 municipalities in the state of MA reported data about the type of municipal textile collection program they have:



80% reported a **drop-off** textile collection program



3% reported a **curbside** textile collection program



17% reported having **both** drop-off and curbside programs

In addition to these modes of collection, **30%** of municipalities also reported hosting a **one-day collection event**.