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Measuring solid waste: The waste management industry survey program at Statistics Canada

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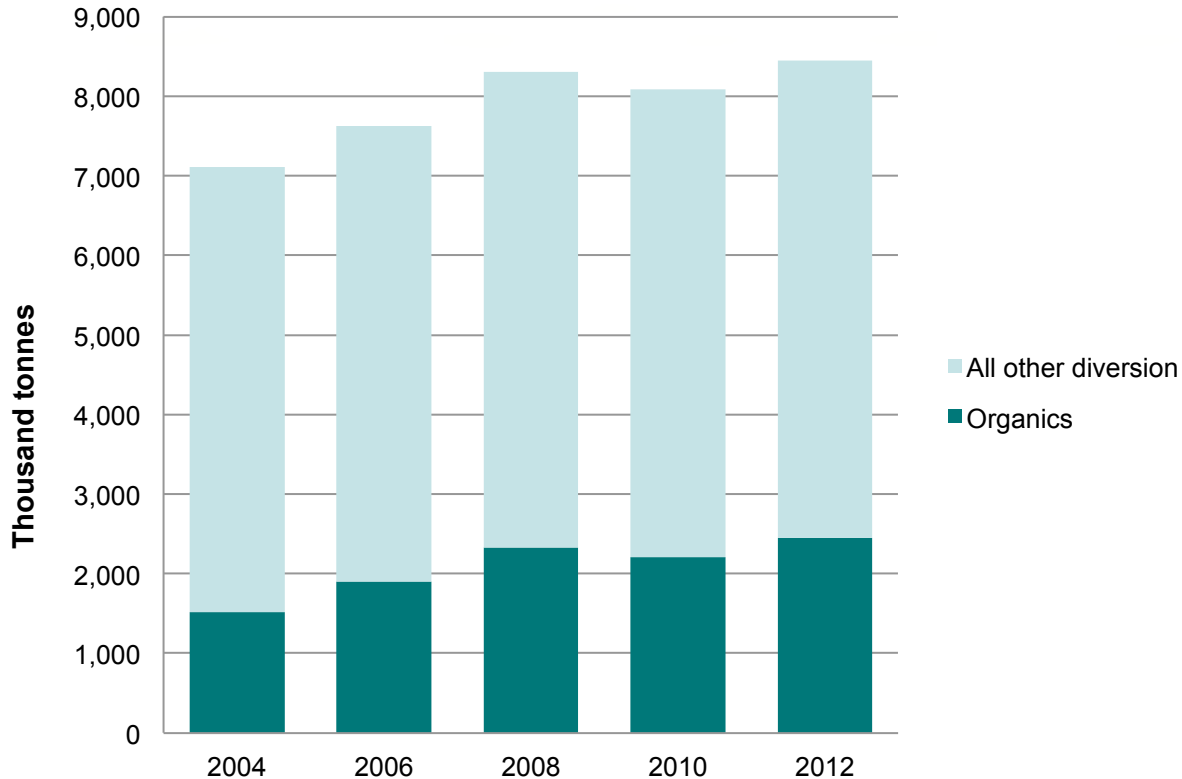
Waste Management Industry Survey (WMIS)

- Biennial survey
- Two questionnaires:
 - Government survey (416 units in 2014 sample)
 - Business survey (324 units in 2014 sample)
- Time series since 1998
- Response rates typically in mid-80% range for government; low-70% for business
- Collection for 2014 reference year began in October 2015 and will continue until April, 2016.
- 2012 results available on CANSIM
<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/150610/dq150610a-cansim-eng.htm>

WMIS – What's in; what's not

- Included:
 - Businesses in NAICS 562 (waste management and remediation services; only companies involved in waste management are in-scope for sample) and government-operated waste processing facilities
- Not included:
 - On-site waste management – e.g., grocery store managing its own packaging waste
 - Reuse or resale – including bottle return programs (Beer Store), used clothing, etc.
 - Households – backyard composting

Diversion, Canada 2004 - 2012



Total diversion

8.4 million tonnes in 2012
 2004 to 2012: 19% increase

Organics

2.5 million tonnes in 2012
 2004 to 2012: 61% increase

All other materials

5.9 million tonnes in 2012
 2004 to 2012: 7% increase

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 153-0043 – Materials diverted, by type, Canada, provinces and territories, every 2 years (tonnes), CANSIM Table 153-0043. Accessed September 8, 2015.

Future work

- Collection period for 2016 RY will take place in spring 2017 to allow for more timely release of results
- Consultations with CCME and other provincial diversion councils and industry associations
 - Aim to address gaps in source-level data, capture of diversion quantities through stewardship programs and other materials currently out-of-scope for the current survey.

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