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# Illinois Electronics Recycling Program 2025 Collection Summary Report

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## Introduction

The Illinois Statewide Electronics Recycling Program began on January 1, 2012 under the Electronics Products Recycling & Reuse Act (EPRRA). On January 1, 2019, the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act (CERA) replaced EPRRA as the statutory framework for the statewide electronics recycling program. CERA incorporated many of the lessons learned from the historic program administration, including replacing numerical annual collection goals with minimum collection site requirements for participating Illinois counties.

The statewide program offers an environmentally sound outlet for residential electronics and reduces the occurrence of open dumping which can be an environmental and economic burden for Illinois taxpayers. CERA requires manufacturers of covered electronic devices (CEDs), listed in Table 1, to register with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) the brands they offer for sale at retail to Illinois residents. These manufacturers are required to fund packaging, transportation, and the subsequent recycling of CEDs collected at participating collection locations. The list of registered manufacturers can be found on the Agency's [website](#).

## Program Participation

Illinois county participation plays an important role in program success. In total, 50 counties opted into the 2025 statewide program. Of those counties, 40 were able to run collection sites or hold collection events. Figure 1 displays a visual depiction of county participation. Approximately 84% of the Illinois population had the opportunity to use a CERA collection site or event during calendar year 2025.

Collectors and recyclers are also vital components of the statewide program. Collectors involved in the program must register each program year with the Agency. In many cases, the participating county acts as their own designated collector. A county may also designate a third party to act as their collector. Collectors must register the collection sites and events with the Agency. These sites and events are published on the Agency's website and added to our [Beyond the Bin Map](#) for public access.

Recyclers involved in the statewide program are selected and assigned to participating counties by the manufacturers. In 2025, five recyclers were selected to participate. Registered collectors and recyclers are responsible for handling CEDs in an environmentally safe manner in accordance with state law. CERA contemplates allowing additional collectors and recyclers maintaining independent collection and recycling networks, which may not be funded by manufacturers.

## Collection Totals and Analysis

CERA requires manufacturers to annually report to the Agency the amount of CEDs collected and recycled from participating collection sites and events by device category. The eight device categories are:

1. Computers and small-scale servers
2. Computer monitors
3. Televisions
4. Printers, scanners, fax machines
5. DVD players/recorders, video players/recorders
6. Video game consoles
7. Digital converter boxes, cable and satellite receivers
8. Keyboards, mice, portable digital music players

Manufacturers reported that approximately ~8.4 million pounds of CEDs were collected from collection sites and events established under CERA in 2025.

Figure 2 illustrates the total weight amount collected by CED category. A majority of the weight collected can be attributed to televisions and accounts for 53.4% of the total weight collected. Although televisions continue to become slimmer and lighter, they remain the heaviest consumer electronic. Additionally, tube televisions persist in Illinois homes despite their phaseout in the mid- to late 2000s. Television collection numbers are expected to remain high for the future due to their size, weight, and abundance. Computer monitor and Peripherals collection numbers are also expected to increase for the future due to the technology operational shift in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The remaining device categories collected include: Printers/Scanners/Fax (12.3%), DVD and VCR Players/Recorders (12.9%), Computers and Small-Scale Servers (6.8%), Computer Peripherals (4.4%), Computer Monitors (5.6%), Cable/Satellite Equipment (4.2%), and Game Consoles (0.4%).

In addition, the Agency is provided with a summary of CED weight collected by each county. A summary of collection weight by county can be found in Table 2. The top four counties by collected weight are Lake County, DuPage County, Cook County, and Will County. These counties represent the four largest Illinois counties by population size.

CERA is among the first of several electronic recycling statutes enacted in the United States. Analysis of program effectiveness is on-going as more data is collected each year. Eleven counties that had opted into the program were ultimately unable to provide collection services during 2025 due to the budgeting, infrastructure, and staffing restraints. Program year 2025 brought in 1,440,656 fewer pounds when compared to program year 2024. A decrease in total weight collected was anticipated. Despite these challenges, local governments and recyclers worked diligently to operate collection sites and hold collection events throughout the program year. This was largely achieved by taking

additional measures to protect the health and safety of employees and residents so that this important program could continue to benefit local communities and the environment.

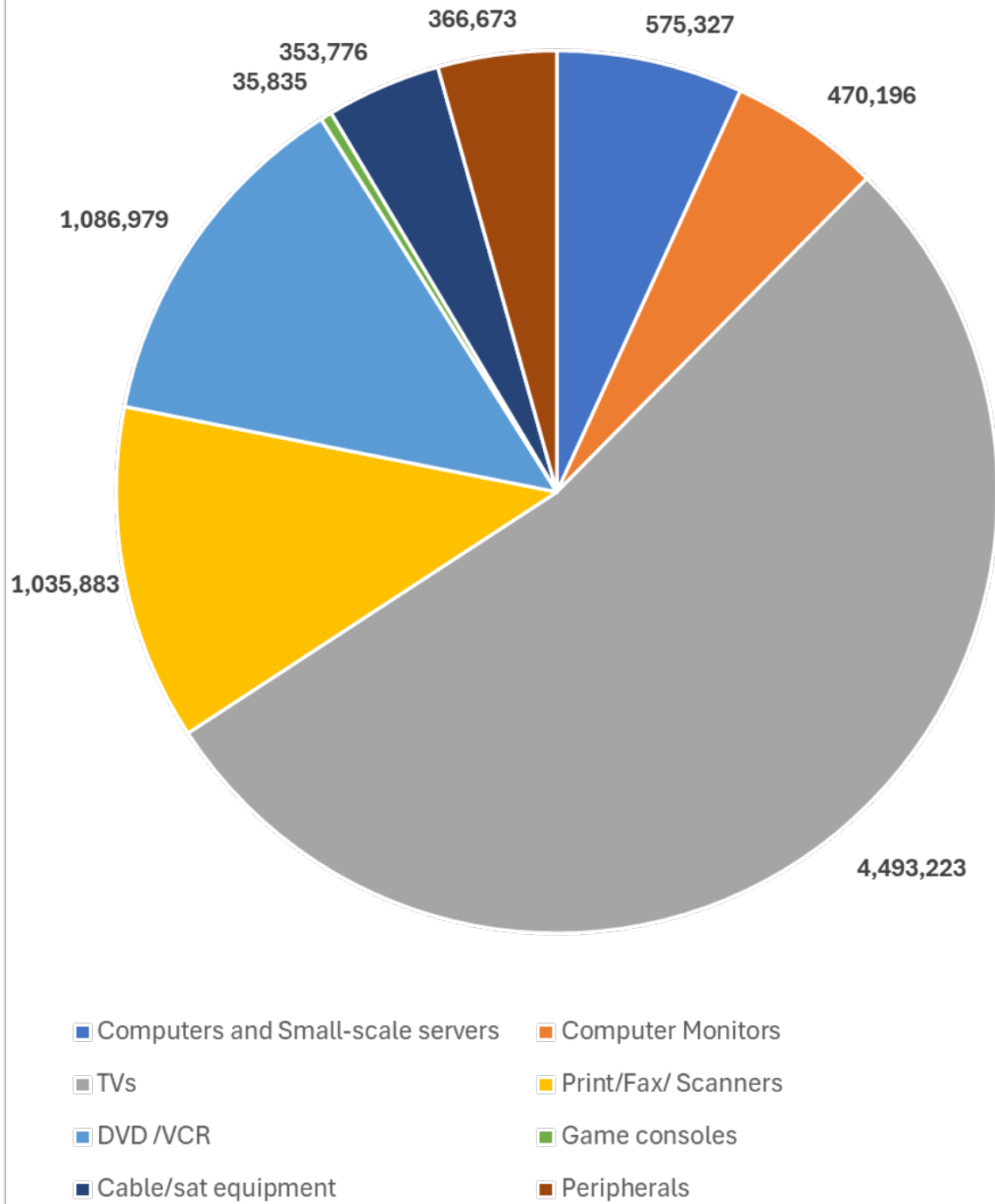
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Table 1. List of Covered Electronic Devices

- Computers
- Computer Monitors
- Keyboards and Mice
- Printers
- Scanners
- Fax Machines
- Small-Scale Servers
- Televisions
- DVD Players
- DVD Recorders
- VCRs
- Cable Receivers
- Satellite Receivers
- Digital Converter Boxes
- Video Game Consoles
- Portable Music Players (with memory capabilities)



**Figure 2. Total CED Weight (lbs.)  
Collected in 2025 Under CERA**



**Table 2.** CED weight (lbs.) Collected by Illinois Counties in 2025 Under CERA

<b>County</b>	<b>Weight (Lbs.) Collected by County (2025)</b>
Bond	28,372
Boone	81,691
Bureau	46,906
Champaign	139,512
Cook	1,010,374
DeKalb	199,524
DuPage	1,504,465
Fulton	29,562
Grundy	42,011
Hancock	10,397
Henderson	3,573
Henry	78,862
Jackson	214,367
Jasper	22,470
Kane	414,561
Kankakee	103,853
Knox	50,030
Lake	1,565,841
LaSalle	93,062
Lee	61,956
Livingston	72,092
Logan	56,520
Macon	79,213
Madison	82,336
Marshall	32,457
McDonough	25,340
McHenry	336,715
McLean	455,314
Mercer	15,106
Ogle	117,780
Peoria	120,737
Perry	18,205
Schuyler	8,934
Vermilion	77,051
Warren	19,492

Washington	25,190
Wayne	12,937
Whiteside	180,163
Will	709,104
Winnebago	271,824
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,417,899</b>

**\* Collection numbers do not include non-opt-in counties, municipal programs outside of CERA, private programs, retailers, for profit businesses, or non-profits.**

