

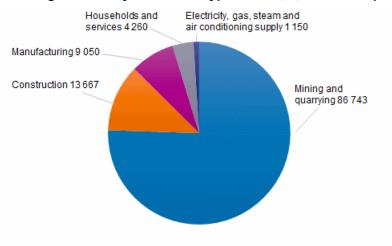
### Waste statistics 2019

Waste from production and consumption

# Waste generated in 2019 declined due to lower amoung of waste from mining and quarrying and construction

Over 116 million tonnes of waste were generated in 2019. This is nearly 12 million tonnes less than in the previous year, when the amount of waste had risen mainly due to waste caused by mining and quarrying. The decrease in 2019 was mainly explained by the changed amount of waste from mining and quarrying, but the decrease was also affected by the fallen amount of waste from construction and demolition.

#### Waste generated by sector and type in 2019, 1,000 tonnes per year



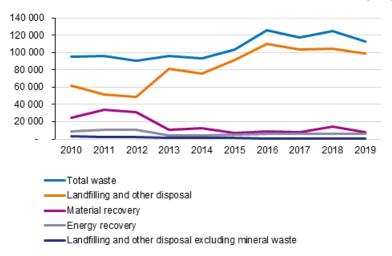
Mineral waste accounted for around 91 per cent of the total amount of waste. In addition to mining and quarrying, mineral waste was generated especially in construction, where the majority of the waste was landfilled surplus soil. The amount of mineral waste generated in construction was 1.8 million tonnes lower than in the year before, in total 13.2 million tonnes.

The total amount of waste in industrial production and energy supply grew from 9.9 to 10.2 million tonnes.

The combined volume of waste generated by services and households grew considerably due to the inaccuracy of statistics, because mineral waste, like soil mass, previously recorded in waste management had to be included in the statistics more generally as being generated by municipal services. For this reason,

the volume of waste from services and households rose to 4.3 million tonnes. Without this change in the amount of mineral waste, the amount of waste from services and households would have increased only a little.

#### Methods of waste treatment in 2010 to 2019, 1,000 tonnes per year



The amounts of waste treatment were the result of the lower amount of waste. Most of the waste was mineral waste landfilled in mining areas and landfilled soil masses of construction. Due to the lower amount of waste, their material recovery was lower than in previous years, which decreased the share of material recovery, being 7.2 per cent of all treated waste.

Examined without mineral waste, slightly less than earlier, 56 per cent of the waste was recovered as energy. This waste was mainly wood waste and mixed waste, such as household waste. The share of material recovery rose slightly from the year before, from 33.4 to 33.9 per cent. Of other than mineral waste, more waste than before ended up at landfills, 9.2 per cent, which is explained by increased reservoirs and landfilling of various sludges.

Data on imports and exports of waste were now calculated for the first time at Statistics Finland. In 2019, around 1.3 million tonnes of waste were imported and around 0.9 million tonnes exported. Relative to all treated waste, the amounts were around 1.2 and 0.8 per cent.

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### Appendix table 1. Waste generation by industry, 2019, 1,000 tonnes

| NACE   | Waste cla      | SS                |                           |       |       |                                 |         |                  |             |         |                          |
|--|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------|---------|--------------------------|
|  | Chemical waste | Metallic<br>waste | Paper and cardboard waste |       |       | Household<br>and mixed<br>waste | Sludges | Mineral<br>waste | Other waste | Total   | Of which hazardous waste |
| NACE Section<br>B: Mining and<br>quarrying   | 0              | 0                 | 0                         | 0     | 0     | 0                               | 0       | 86 743           | 0           | 86 743  | 464                      |
| NACE C 10 - 12<br>Food products<br>and beverages   | 1              | 2                 | 11                        | 4     | 428   | 33                              | 46      | 52               | 37          | 614     | 4                        |
| NACE C 16<br>Wood and wood<br>products   | 3              | 2                 | 0                         | 807   | 93    | 7                               | 2       | 18               | 34          | 967     | 10                       |
| NACE C 17 - 18<br>Paper and paper<br>products printing<br>and reproduction<br>of recorded<br>media             | 172            | 21                | 231                       | 1 737 | 3     | 337                             | 338     | 242              | 92          | 3 174   | 19                       |
| NACE C 19-22 Coke and refined petroleum products, Chemicals, chemical products and rubber and plastic products | 103            | 8                 | 5                         | 8     | 4     | 168                             | 23      | 1 452            | 35          | 1 806   | 119                      |
| NACE C 23<br>Non-metallic<br>mineral products  | 2              | 68                | 2                         | 2     | 0     | 9                               | 5       | 283              | 62          | 432     | 7                        |
| NACE C 24 - 25<br>Basic metals<br>and metal<br>products  | 61             | 70                | 3                         | 6     | 0     | 61                              | 75      | 1 466            | 2           | 1 745   | 967                      |
| NACE D,<br>Electricity, gas,<br>steam and air<br>conditioning<br>supply  | 5              | 43                | 0                         | 2     | 0     | 31                              | 29      | 1 036            | 4           | 1 150   | 192                      |
| NACE E, Water<br>supply;<br>sewerage, waste<br>management<br>and remediation<br>activities                     | 33             | 61                | 9                         | 113   | 30    | 103                             | 323     | 388              | 699         | 1 759   | 297                      |
| NACE F,<br>Construction  | 0              | 1                 | 0                         | 381   | 1     | 20                              | 0       | 13 239           | 26          | 13 667  | 287                      |
| NACE G - U,<br>Services,<br>Goverment  | 18             | 71                | 94                        | 36    | 145   | 530                             | 36      | 928              | 175         | 2 033   | 68                       |
| Others (C 13-15, 26-33)  | 21             | 48                | 5                         | 18    | 1     | 24                              | 1       | 187              | 7           | 312     | 35                       |
| Households   | 3              | 110               | 221                       | 40    | 341   | 1 247                           | 0       | 0                | 266         | 2 227   | 9                        |
| Total  | 425            | 504               | 583                       | 3 152 | 1 046 | 2 569                           | 878     | 106 034          | 1 438       | 116 630 | 2 478                    |

### Appendix table 2. Waste treatment in 2019, 1,000 tonnes

| Waste class                | Jäteluokka      |                                      |                   |                                |         |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
|                            | Energy recovery | Incineration without energy recovery | Material recovery | Landfilling and other disposal | Total   |  |  |  |  |
| Chemical waste             | 36              | 43                                   | 221               | 138                            | 438     |  |  |  |  |
| Metallic waste             | 0               | 0                                    | 214               | 1                              | 215     |  |  |  |  |
| Glass waste                | 0               | 0                                    | 119               | 0                              | 119     |  |  |  |  |
| Paper and cardboard waste  | 11              | 0                                    | 497               | 0                              | 508     |  |  |  |  |
| Plastic and rubber waste   | 50              | 0                                    | 64                | 2                              | 115     |  |  |  |  |
| Wood waste                 | 2 535           | 3                                    | 181               | 3                              | 2 722   |  |  |  |  |
| Animal and vegetal waste   | 112             | 0                                    | 893               | 5                              | 1 010   |  |  |  |  |
| Household and mixed waste  | 1 950           | 6                                    | 231               | 68                             | 2 254   |  |  |  |  |
| Sludges                    | 357             | 6                                    | 348               | 568                            | 1 280   |  |  |  |  |
| Mineral waste              | 329             | 4                                    | 4 918             | 98 358                         | 103 609 |  |  |  |  |
| Other waste                | 345             | 44                                   | 508               | 107                            | 1 005   |  |  |  |  |
| Total                      | 5 725           | 105                                  | 8 194             | 99 250                         | 113 275 |  |  |  |  |
| - Of which hazardous waste | 113             | 50                                   | 197               | 1 707                          | 2 068   |  |  |  |  |

### Appendix table 3. Import and export of waste 2013-2019, 1000 tonnes

| Year | Import | Export |
|------|--------|--------|
| 2013 | 772    | 760    |
| 2014 | 878    | 708    |
| 2015 | 967    | 674    |
| 2016 | 1 014  | 651    |
| 2017 | 1 223  | 733    |
| 2018 | 1 224  | 817    |
| 2019 | 1 346  | 935    |



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