

Expanding Recycling Programs: Balancing State and Local Control

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Issues We Will Cover

- What's the current law? Current traditions & practices?
- Should waste/recycling programs be steered at state or local level?
- How should states be involved, given budget restrictions?
- Why aren't we even average?
 - When it comes to recycling rates...
 - We lag far behind national averages

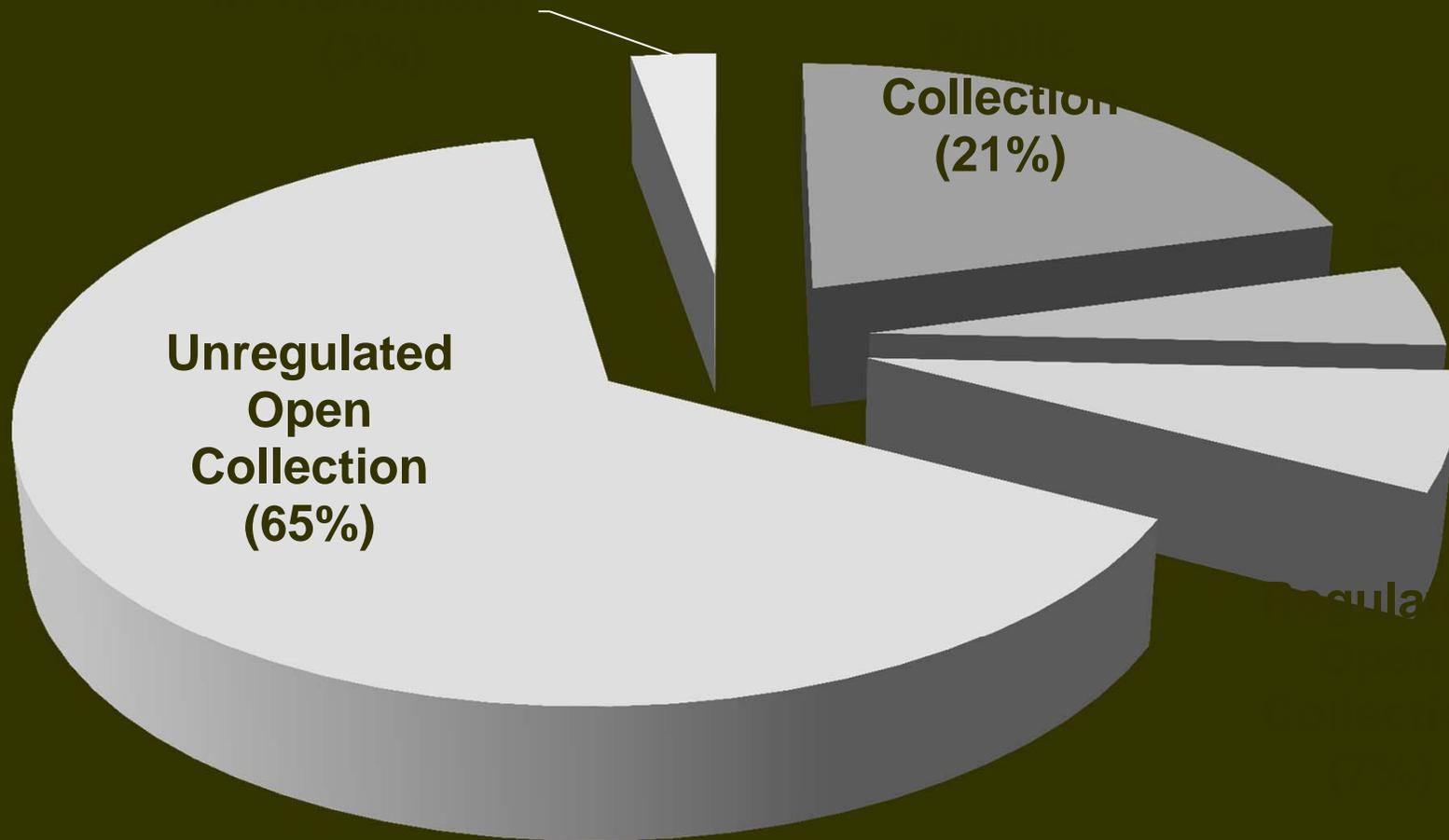
Current Lay of the Land



How waste/recycle collection happens in the Rockies

- Unlike CA, TX, WA, OR, IN, etc. no mandate for local government to be involved in waste collection for public health & environmental protection
- Patchwork approach to who's in charge & what's expected in Rockies
- Good land for landfills is plentiful in much of the Rockies

Collection Service by Colorado Population (cities with at least 10,000 people)



*Survey on CO cities with
>10,000 population (2010) –
includes HOA populations
(LBA/Gracestone 2010)*

Thank You!

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