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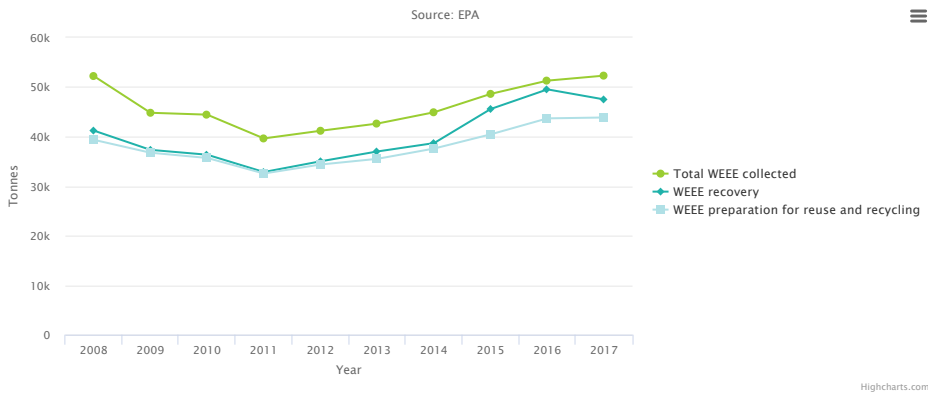
## WEEE STATISTICS FOR IRELAND

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Reference Year 2017 (*Draft data: subject to validation by Eurostat*)

In 2017, Ireland surpassed the EU targets for collection of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and for recovery of all ten categories of WEEE.

WEEE collected and recovered, 2008 - 2017



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### KEY TRENDS

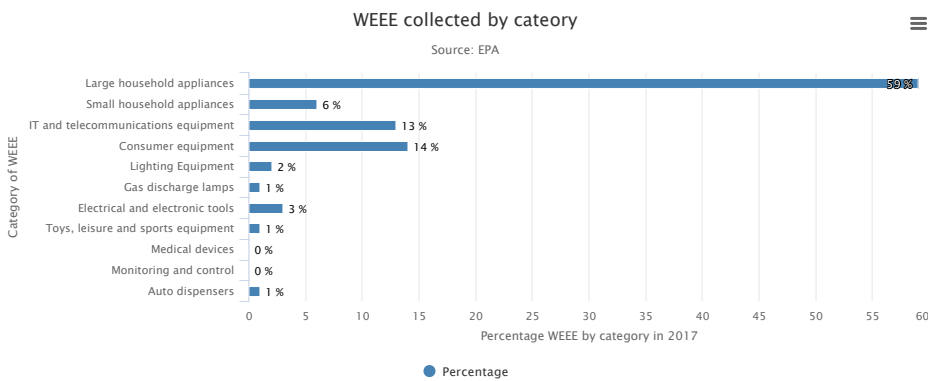
The highchart above illustrates the trends in WEEE collected and WEEE recovered. The economic recession that occurred between 2008 and 2011 led to a decrease in the WEEE collected, as householders and business did not replace electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) as frequently. The increase in total WEEE collected from 2012 onwards is likely driven by the recovering economy.

- ▶ Ireland has reached the EU targets for recycling and recovery of all ten categories of WEEE.
- ▶ The 2017 EU WEEE collection target is set at 45% of EEE placed on the market. In 2017, Ireland achieved a collection percentage of 51.
- ▶ More than 52,300 tonnes of WEEE (all categories, household and non-household) were collected for treatment.
- ▶ More than 47,500 tonnes of WEEE were recovered.
- ▶ 59 per cent of WEEE collected by weight comprised large household appliances.
- ▶ 69 per cent of the WEEE collected was treated in Ireland (although not necessarily final treatment).

There are ten categories of WEEE under the EU WEEE Directive, including large and small household appliances, IT and telecommunications equipment. Recovery of valuable materials contained in WEEE (metal, plastic, glass, rare metals) along with reuse of EEE reduces the amount of new materials required in the production of EEE and is beneficial to the environment. Recovery activities include preparing for reuse, recycling, energy recovery and other recovery.

### WEEE COLLECTED BY CATEGORY

Large household appliances accounted for 59% by weight of all WEEE collected in 2017.



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Show Table 1 WEEE recovery rates, 2017

Categories	EU recovery target	Ireland's recovery percentage	EU preparation for reuse and recycling target	Ireland's preparation for reuse and recycling percentage
1 Large household appliances	85%	90%	80%	85%

2	Small household appliances	75%	89%	55%	75%
3	IT and telecommunications equipment	80%	93%	70%	84%
4	Consumer equipment	80%	95%	70%	85%
5	Lighting equipment	75%	95%	55%	86%
5a	Gas discharge lamps	Not applicable	87%	80%	82%
6	Electrical and electronic tools	75%	89%	55%	75%
7	Toys, leisure and sports equipment	75%	90%	55%	76%
8	Medical devices	75%	93%	55%	85%
9	Monitor and control instruments	75%	29%	55%	76%
10	Automatic dispensers	85%	91%	80%	84%

Open in Excel: [Table 1. WEEE recovery rates, 2017 \(XLS 10KB\)](#)