

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data for solid waste and recycling collectors:

- 3 times fatality rate of police & fire fighters
- 1/2 the on-the-job injury rate of police & fire fighters

Hazards:

- Employees work in traffic with little to no protection
- Back and joint injuries
- Repetitive motion injuries
- Slips and falls
- Exposure to pathogens, sharp objects & flying objects
- Excessive heat & extreme cold
- Rain, snow & ice.