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# Circular Economy Plastics and Advanced Recycling Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Product Type (Recycled Resins, Pyrolysis Oils & Syncrude, Recovered Monomers & Chemical Intermediates, Additives & Masterbatches from Recycled Feedstock, Recycled Plastic Pellets & Flakes, Compostables & Biodegradable Products and Other Product Types), Material, Recycling Process, Technology, Source of Plastic, Application and By Geography

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## Abstracts

According to Stratistics MRC, the Global Circular Economy Plastics and Advanced Recycling Market is accounted for $21.7 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach $63.9 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 16.7% during the forecast period. Circular Economy Plastics and Advanced Recycling are the integrated approach of redesigning plastic value chains to minimize waste, maximize reuse, and enable high-efficiency recovery through innovative recycling technologies. It emphasizes closed-loop systems where plastics are repurposed via mechanical or chemical processes, reducing reliance on virgin materials. Advanced recycling complements traditional methods converting complex and contaminated plastics into feedstock for new products sustainability goals, regulatory compliance, and resource efficiency across packaging, automotive, textiles, and consumer goods sectors.

According to the Springer Handbook of Circular Plastics Economy, economic analyses of plastics recycling within the circular economy have surged since 2015, reflecting

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increased scientific and policy interest their volume has grown substantially, indicating a maturing market and rising investment in advanced recycling technologies.

**Market Dynamics:**

Driver:

Rising preference for sustainable packaging and recycled products

Consumers and corporations alike are prioritizing packaging made from recycled or renewable materials, especially in sectors such as food, cosmetics, and e-commerce. This trend is reinforced by extended producer responsibility (EPR) regulations and brand commitments to reduce virgin plastic usage. As sustainability becomes a core purchasing criterion, manufacturers are investing in closed-loop systems and traceable recycled content. The convergence of environmental awareness and regulatory compliance is creating a robust growth environment for circular packaging innovations.

Restraint:

Inconsistent waste segregation and collection systems

Many regions still struggle with low segregation rates, leading to contaminated feedstock and reduced recycling yields. This inconsistency affects the scalability of advanced recycling facilities, which require clean and sorted input streams to operate efficiently. Moreover, fragmented municipal policies and limited public awareness hinder the adoption of circular waste management practices. These systemic inefficiencies increase operational costs and limit the availability of high-quality recycled materials.

Opportunity:

Integration of non-fossil feedstocks into circular systems

Emerging innovations in bio-based, bio-attributed, and carbon-captured plastics are opening new avenues for circularity. These non-fossil feedstocks offer a sustainable alternative to petrochemical-derived polymers, aligning with climate goals and reducing lifecycle emissions. Companies are exploring hybrid recycling models that combine mechanical and chemical processes to accommodate diverse material inputs. Strategic investments in renewable feedstock infrastructure and certification frameworks are enabling traceability and market differentiation.

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Threat:

Misunderstanding of chemical recycling processes

Concerns about energy intensity, toxic byproducts, and greenwashing have led to regulatory scrutiny and activist opposition. Inadequate communication about the environmental benefits and safety protocols of pyrolysis, gasification, and depolymerization can hinder adoption. Additionally, inconsistent terminology and lack of global standards contribute to confusion among policymakers and consumers. If not addressed through transparent reporting and stakeholder engagement, these perceptions may delay project approvals and limit market penetration.

Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic had a dual impact on the circular plastics and advanced recycling market. On one hand, supply chain disruptions and reduced industrial activity temporarily slowed recycling operations and infrastructure investments. On the other, the crisis amplified awareness of plastic waste, particularly from single-use medical and packaging materials. This led to renewed urgency for scalable recycling solutions and resilient waste management systems. The pandemic ultimately reinforced the need for localized, flexible, and circular supply chains.

The pyrolysis oils & syncrude segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The pyrolysis oils & syncrude segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period due to its ability to process mixed and contaminated plastic waste into high-value outputs. These outputs serve as feedstock for new polymers, enabling true circularity even for hard-to-recycle materials. Advancements in reactor design, catalyst efficiency, and integration with refining infrastructure are enhancing yield and scalability. The segment benefits from strong interest among petrochemical firms seeking to decarbonize operations and meet recycled content mandates.

The polyethylene terephthalate (PET) segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the polyethylene terephthalate (PET) segment is predicted to

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witness the highest growth rate, influenced by, its widespread use in packaging and textiles. Innovations in chemical recycling technologies such as enzymatic depolymerization and solvent-based purification are improving the recyclability of colored and multilayer PET. Regulatory mandates for recycled PET in beverage bottles and textile applications are further boosting demand. The segment's growth is also supported by consumer preference for transparent and lightweight packaging solutions.

**Region with largest share:**

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share, fuelled by, regulatory frameworks, corporate sustainability commitments, and advanced recycling infrastructure. The region benefits from strong investment in chemical recycling startups and public-private partnerships aimed at reducing landfill dependency. High consumer awareness and pressure from environmental groups are driving adoption of circular packaging across retail, automotive, and consumer goods sectors.

**Region with highest CAGR:**

Over the forecast period, the North America region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, driven by, its leadership in scaling advanced recycling technologies. The region's focus on decarbonization, coupled with stringent plastic waste regulations, is creating a fertile ground for innovation. States like California and New York are pioneering extended producer responsibility laws and recycled content mandates, encouraging rapid market expansion. The presence of major chemical and packaging firms investing in circularity further amplifies growth prospects.

**Key players in the market**

Some of the key players in Circular Economy Plastics and Advanced Recycling Market include Eastman Chemical Company, Agilyx Corporation, Brightmark LLC, Plastic Energy, Loop Industries, Carbios, LyondellBasell Industries, ExxonMobil Chemical, BASF SE, Dow Inc., Ioniqa Technologies, Veolia, Covestro AG, TotalEnergies, Honeywell International Inc., GreenMantra Technologies, INEOS Styrolution, ReNew ELP, Clariter, and Chevron Phillips Chemical Company.

**Key Developments:**

In November 2025, ReNew signed a $331M agreement with the Asian Development

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Bank to develop a large-scale solar and wind hybrid project. The facility will be located in Andhra Pradesh and aims to deliver 600 MW of clean energy.

In October 2025, Honeywell finalized the spin-off of Solstice Advanced Materials to streamline its specialty chemicals portfolio. The move supports focused innovation in low-global-warming refrigerants and propellants.

In October 2025, GreenMantra Technologies and Closed Loop Partners extended a $10M loan to GreenMantra Technologies to scale its recycling operations. The funding will support capacity expansion at its Brantford, Ontario facility.

Product Types Covered:

- Recycled Resins
- Pyrolysis Oils & Syncrude
- Recovered Monomers & Chemical Intermediates
- Additives & Masterbatches from Recycled Feedstock
- Recycled Plastic Pellets & Flakes
- Compostables & Biodegradable Products
- Other Product Types

Materials Covered:

- Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)
- Polypropylene (PP)
- Polystyrene (PS)
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
- Multi-layer/Composite Plastics

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Bioplastics (PLA,PHA)

Other Materials

Recycling Processes Covered:

Mechanical Recycling

Chemical Recycling

Biological Recycling

Hybrid Recycling

Other Processes

Technologies Covered:

Pyrolysis

Gasification

Depolymerization

Solvolysis

Enzymatic Recycling

Other Technologies

Source of Plastics Covered:

Post-Consumer Plastic Waste

Post-Industrial Plastic Waste

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Applications Covered:

- Packaging
- Automotive & Transportation
- Construction & Building Materials
- Consumer Goods & Appliances
- Textile & Apparel
- Electronics & Electricals
- Agriculture & Horticulture
- Industrial & Manufacturing
- Other Applications

Regions Covered:

- North America
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  - Mexico
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  - UK

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- Rest of Europe

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Rest of Middle East & Africa

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- Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments
- Strategic recommendations for the new entrants
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Benchmarking of key players based on product portfolio, geographical

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presence, and strategic alliances

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