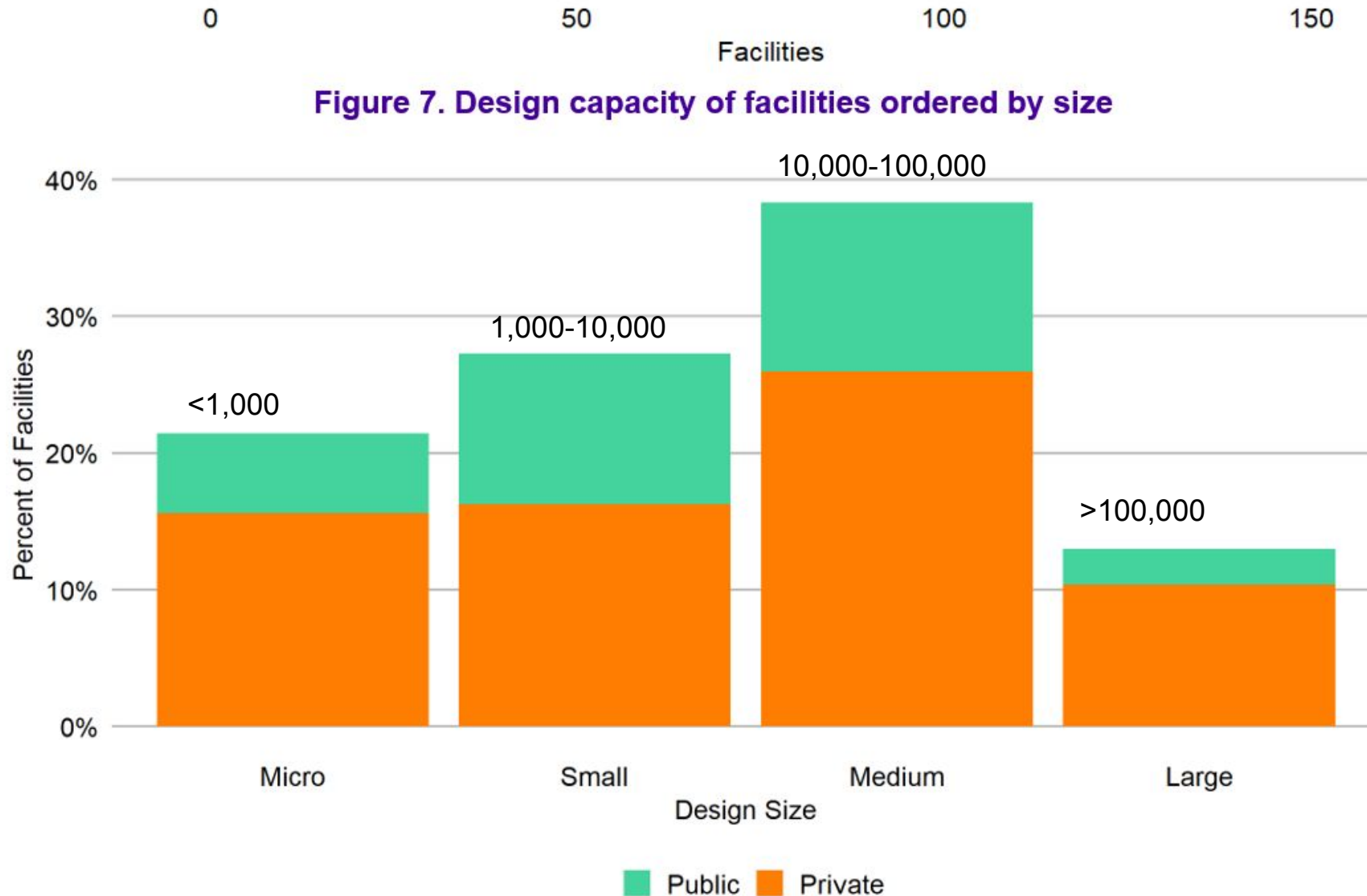


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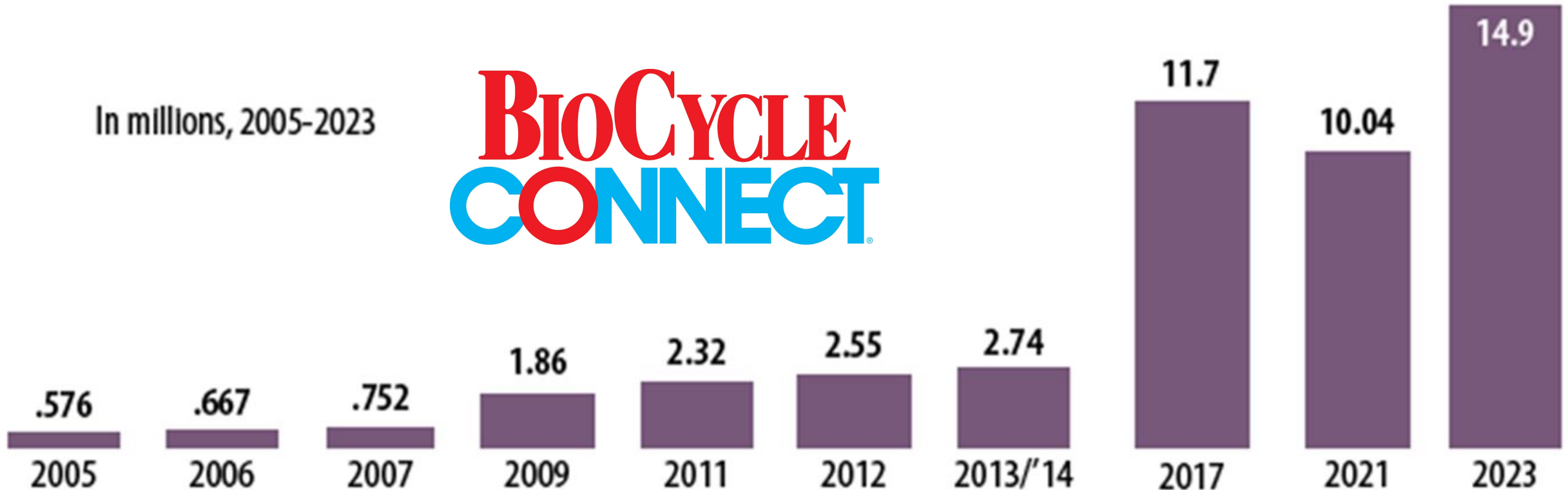
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Figure 1. U.S. households with SSO food waste collection

In millions, 2005-2023



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**California, Colorado, Washington,
Minnesota, Maryland**

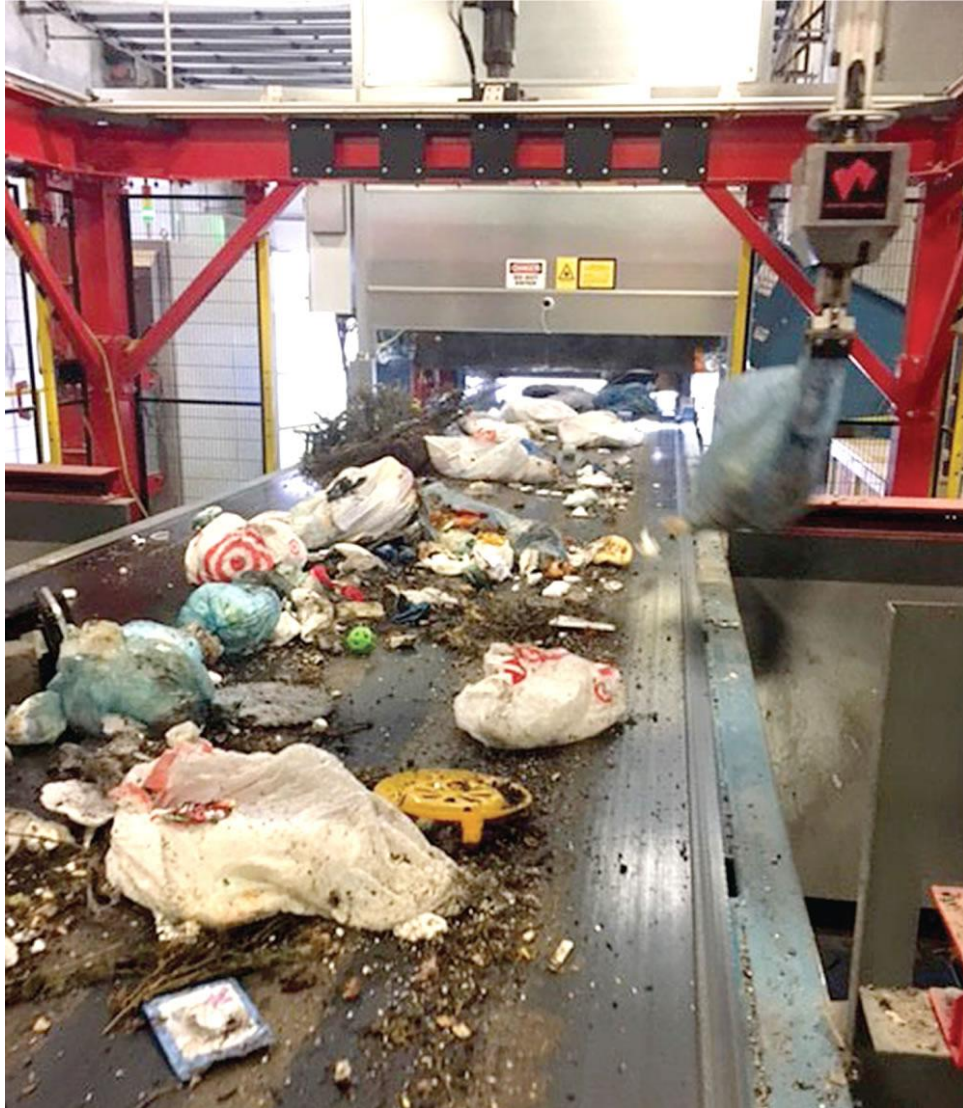
Key Labeling Principles:

- *3rd Party Certification based on ASTM
- *Encourage Field Testing as well as Lab Testing
- *Green/Beige colors/stripping depending on product
- **Education and enforcement
 - **no greenwashing allowed**



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Extended Producer Responsibility



Keys:

Needs Assessment

**Seat on Producer Advisory
Committee or PRO**

**Composting as a recipient of
funding**

**Eco-modulation- higher fees for
less recyclability/compostability**

Adequate Time



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Other Things In Play

Infrastructure

- **Permitting**
- **Zoning**

Feedstock challenges

- **VT Source Separation Policy**
- **Depackaging**

Misnomers

- **“Electric composters”**
- **“Composting” to describe any kind of pickup or product of organics recycling**



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Don't Forget -- Why We're All Here

Composting is important because:

Reducing methane emissions by removing organic waste from landfills is one of the most impactful and cost-effective ways we can make a difference in combating climate change



THANK YOU!!!

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