



# Quarterly Report

## Q3 - 2023

### Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative



This year's commemorative bottles were inspired by Oregon's iconic flag

The BottleDrop network reached a major milestone during Q3, eclipsing 1 million account holders for the first time. The quarter was also marked by continued redemption growth, with total year-to-date container returns ending Q3 at 1.59 billion, a 1.2% increase compared to the same period the previous year. Green and Blue Bag return volume also increased, with 3.43 million bags returned during the quarter, a 4% increase over Q3 2022.

OBRC also opened the state's 27th full-service BottleDrop Redemption Center in McMinnville, which became Yamhill County's first full-service Redemption Center and second Green and Blue Bag drop location. The McMinnville Redemption Center opened on September 12 and processed over 1.36 million containers in its first three weeks of operation.

BottleDrop Give nonprofits also reached a new collective milestone, ending the quarter with over \$25 million raised since the program's inception. For years, those funds have helped support community organizations, school groups, town festivals, animal rescues, homeless service providers, and nonprofits providing services of nearly every type across the entire state.

Q3 also marked the third-annual Hidden Bottle Hunt, which was held in early July. Six lucky bottle finders were able to direct \$1,000 donations to the BottleDrop Give nonprofits of their choice, and over 12,000 people celebrated the anniversary of Oregon's Bottle Bill by signing up to receive daily clues leading to the bottles' whereabouts and joining the hunt.



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### OBRC Network at a Glance

Members & Participants	319
Employees in Oregon	533
Processing Plants	6
Clackamas, Eugene, North Bend/ Coos Bay, Pendleton, Redmond, White City	
Redemption Centers	27
BottleDrop Express Sites	17
Dealer Redemption Centers	57
Retail Return Sites Served Q3	1,951
Reverse Vending Machines	697

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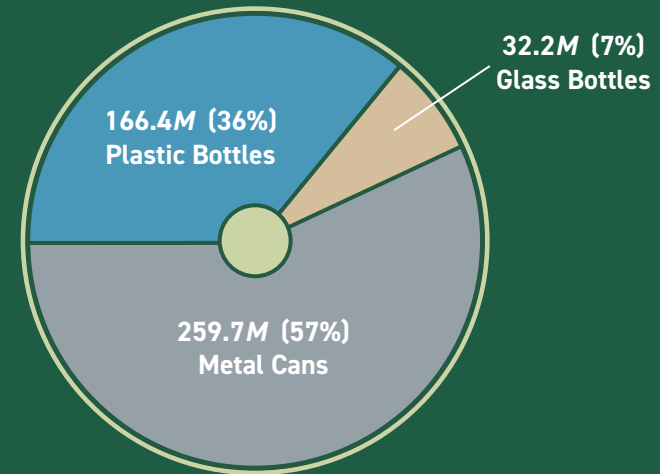


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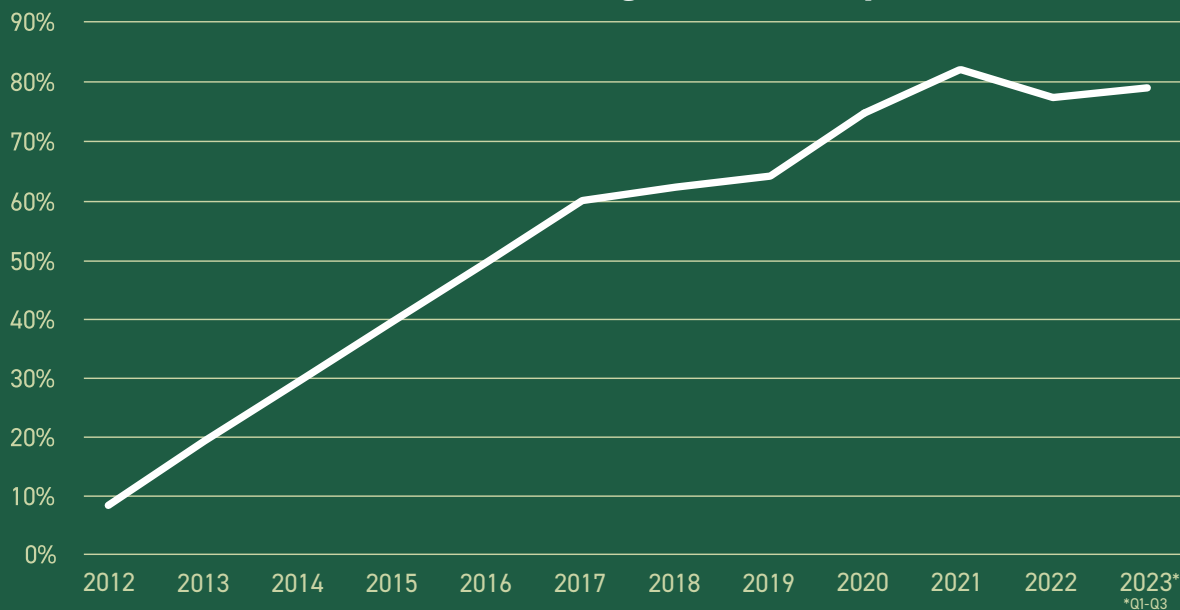
### Quarterly Returns Through the BottleDrop Network

Containers Redeemed Q3	458.3M
Redeemed per Resident (avg)	107
Green & Blue Bags Processed	3.4M

### Return Volume by Container Type



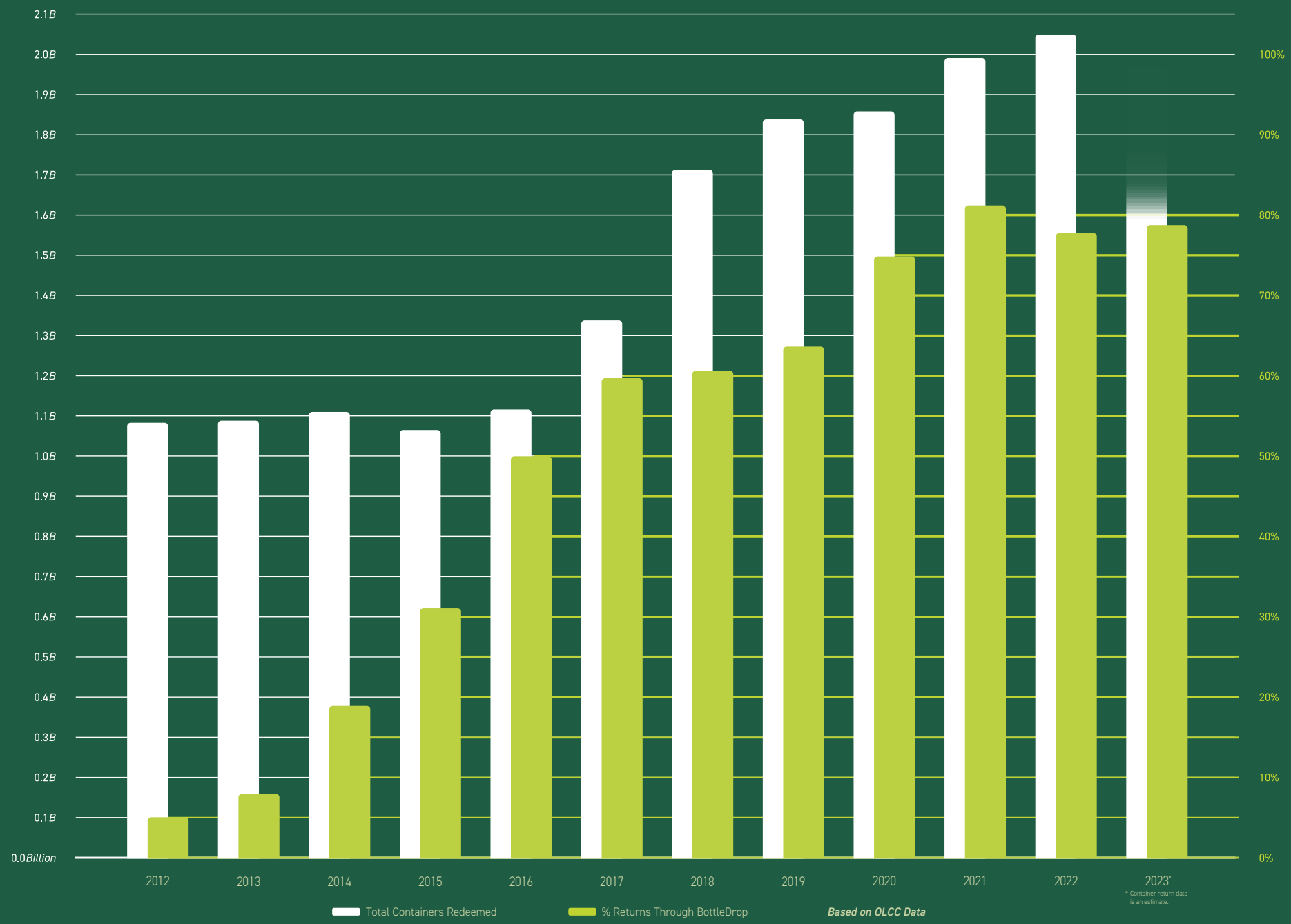
### % Returns Through BottleDrop



**Q3 2023** - The percentage of containers returned through the BottleDrop network rose slightly during Q3, compared to the same quarter last year, and have increased compared to the end-of-year average from 2022. Around 8 out of every 10 redeemable containers in Oregon are returned at a BottleDrop Redemption Center or through the Green and Blue Bag programs, rather than as individual containers at retail stores.



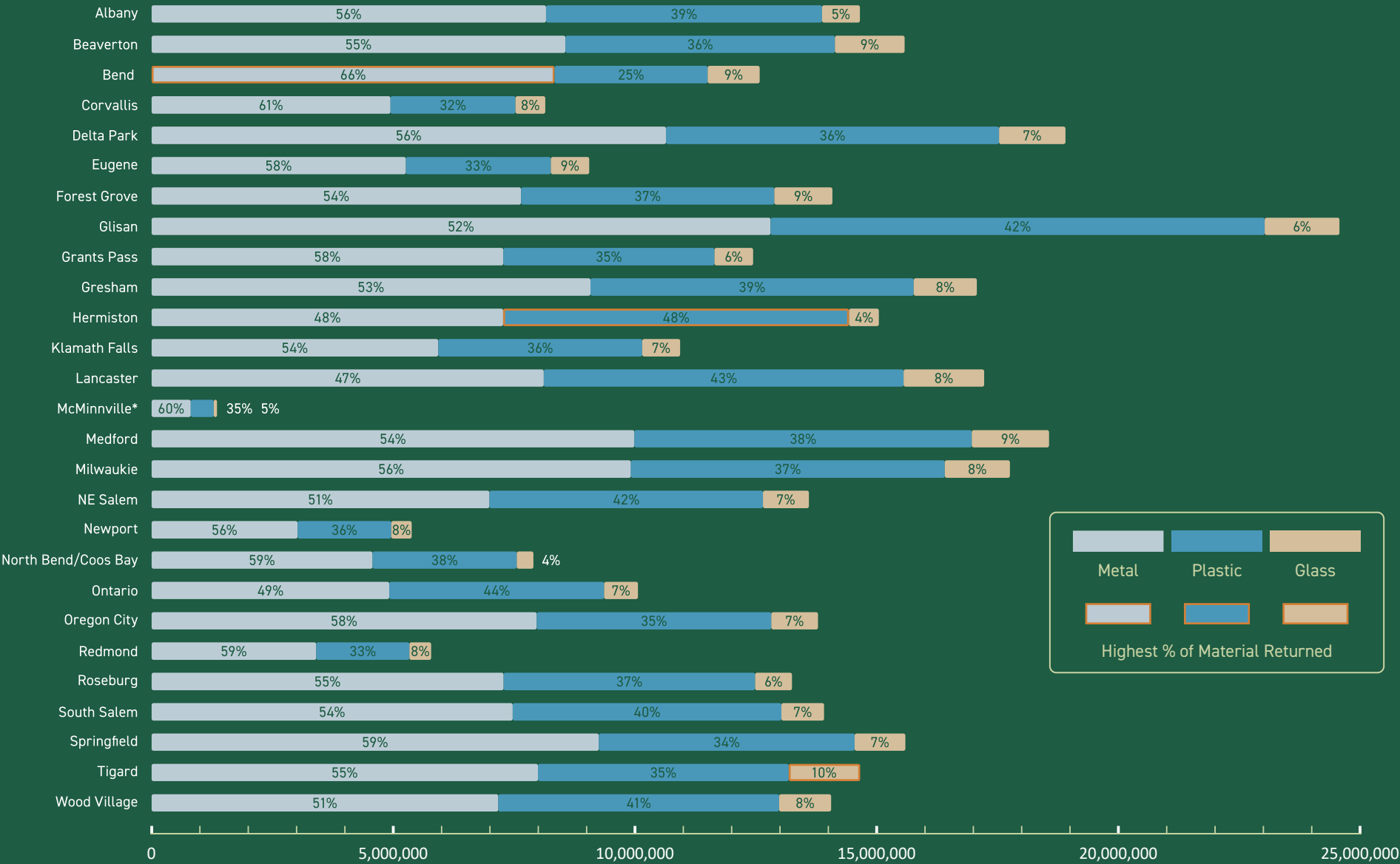
# Container Return Volume Year-Over-Year





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## Q3 Return Volume by Redemption Center & Material



Sum of Containers Returned

\* McMinnville was in operation for only three weeks of the quarter





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### BottleDrop Accounts

<i>New accounts added daily</i> (avg)	<b>386</b>
Q3 New Accounts	35,551
Bend	1,137
Eugene	3,738
Hermiston	865
Medford	1,763
Portland	11,305
Online	16,743
Total BottleDrop Accounts	1,020,249



The BottleDrop network ended the quarter with 13.1% more account holders than it had at the end of Q3 2022 (901,915) and 30.8% more account holders than it had at the end of Q3 2021 (780,051).



Hidden Bottle Hunt Zone 3 winner Kylan Taylor of Klamath Falls selected his nonprofit Tater Tots Pediatric Therapy, which provides speech therapy and physical therapy services for children through age 18 in the Klamath Basin.

## BottleDrop Give

Total Nonprofit Fundraisers	5,398
Q3 New Give Accounts	84
Total Raised in Q3	\$1,466,138
Total Raised All-Time	\$26,375,751

### **BottleDrop Give**

Oregonian's generosity continued in Q3 2023, with BottleDrop Give nonprofits exceeding \$1 million raised for the 13th quarter in a row. The impressive work from nearly 5,400 nonprofits delivered Give's second-highest fundraising quarter ever. Additionally, OBRC hosted the 3rd annual Hidden Bottle Hunt, which empowered six lucky finders to direct \$1,000 donations each to causes close to their hearts. Camp Odakoda, Hygiene4All, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Oregon & SW Washington, Pendleton Cultural Foundation, Rabbit Advocates, and Tater Tots Pediatric Therapy were selected by the winners.



### BottleDrop Refillable Program

Refillable Bottles in Rotation	3,046,173
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Varieties of beer, cider, kombucha, & wine available in Refillable Bottles	140
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Producers Using Refillables	11
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Ancestry Brewing, Buoy Beer Co., Captured by Porches Brewing, Cooper Mountain Ale Works, Coopers Hall Winery, Double Mountain Brewery, Gigantic Brewing, Pagan Brews, Pierce Wines, Röeder Apfelwein, Walkabout Brewing

Statewide Refillable Programs in US	1
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#### ***A Great Way to Enjoy Oregon's Craft Beverages***

OBRC continued to partner with Oregon craft beverage makers through the BottleDrop Refillable Program. Q3 brought another label option for Refill partners, which is already in use, helping ensure that Refill bottles are efficiently washed for another life.





### ORPET

#### *PET Processing - St. Helens, OR*

Plastic Bottles Returned Q3	211.9M
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Pounds of PET Flake Processed	7.6M
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ORPET continues to be a steady source of Grade-A rPET flake. It is all processed right here in Oregon and provides recycled content for new, high-quality products, reducing the reliance on virgin plastics.

Variations in ORPET's quarterly recycling data are due to fluctuations in processing throughput.





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