

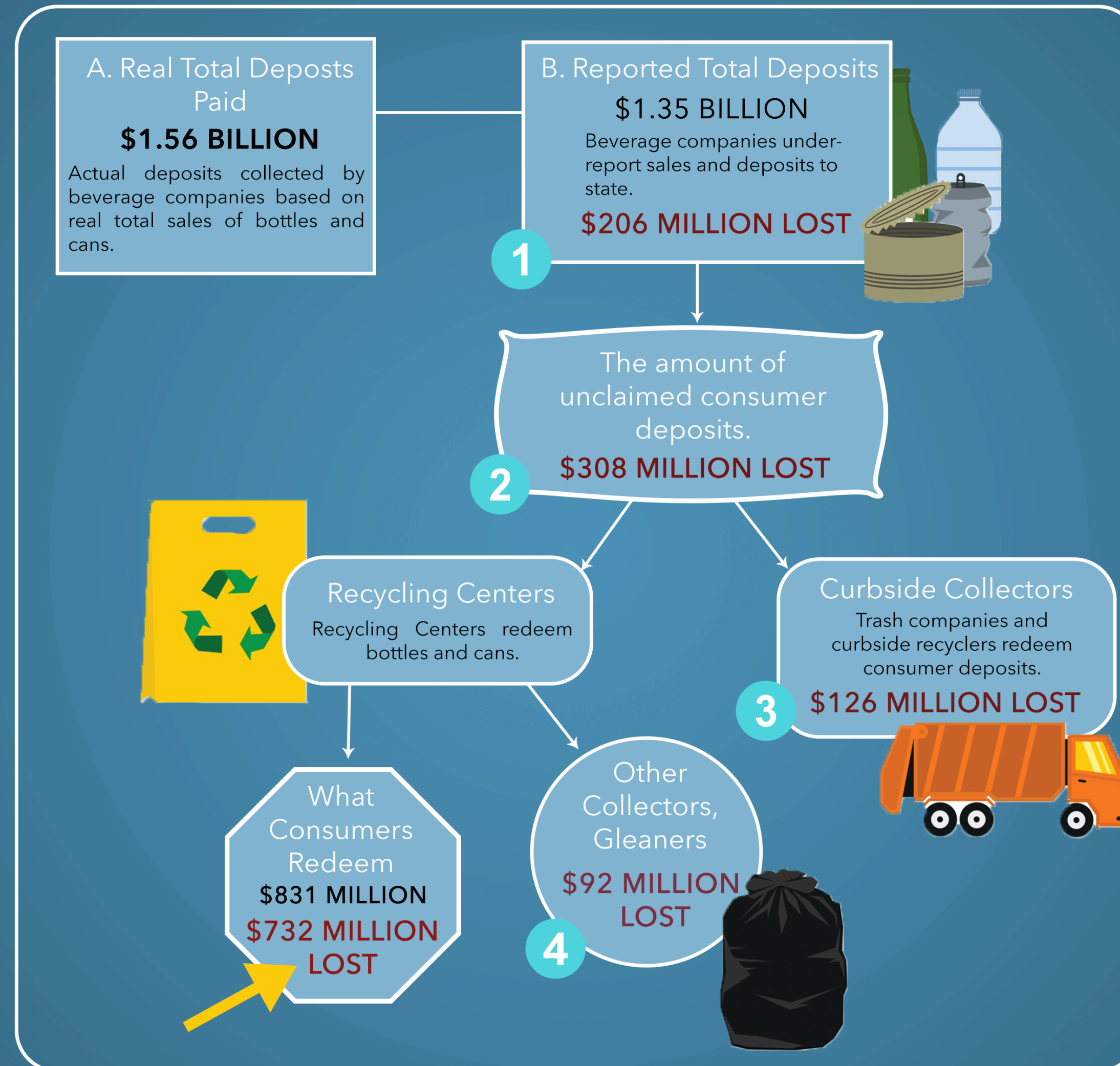
HALF A NICKEL

HOW CALIFORNIA CONSUMERS GET
DEPOSITS RIPPED OFF ON EVERY
BOTTLE DEPOSIT THEY PAY



THE SKIM

CALIFORNIA'S \$732 MILLION BOTTLE DEPOSIT RIPOFF



VIA CONTAINER RECYCLING INSTITUTE & CALRECYCLE

The Skim: California’s \$732 Million Bottle Deposit Ripoff

	How Much of the Deposit Consumers Lose	Why
1	\$206 million	Under-reported deposits: The gap between what the state reports consumers paid in bottle deposits (\$1.35 billion) and market research showing that consumers paid \$206 million more (\$1.56 billion) that they never got back. [SOURCE: CRI's report: Examining the Potential for Increased Revenues in California's Beverage Container Deposit-Return Program, August 13, 2014, page 4]
2	\$308 million	The actual amount of unclaimed consumer deposits. [SOURCE: CalRecycle Fact Sheet 2018]
3	\$126 million	Cash hauled in by curbside haulers and trash companies redeeming deposits rather than consumers. (12%) [SOURCE: CalRecycle Fact Sheet, 2018]
4	\$92 million	Amount that goes to bulk collectors and “gleaners” but does not go back to consumers who made the deposit. [SOURCE: Estimated at 10% of collections at redemption centers.]
Total Deposits Loss	\$732 million	The amount that consumers lose in deposits. (47%) [\$1.56 Billion - Items 1,2,3,4 Above]
Total Deposits Redeemed	\$831 Million	The amount consumers get back in deposits.
Average	2.65¢ for every nickel, 5.3¢ for every dime	The actual redemption rate (53%)

Counties that Have Lost the Greatest Number of Centers, 2012 to 2017

County	No. of Recycling Centers (2012)	No. of Recycling Centers (2017)	No. of Recycling Centers Lost	No. of Recycling Centers % Change	People served/ redemption center, 2017
Los Angeles	585	477	108	18%	21,470
Sacramento	132	55	77	58%	27,541
San Diego	143	103	40	28%	32,196
Kern	128	89	39	30%	10,057
Orange	150	119	31	21%	26,841
San Bernardino	156	125	31	20%	17,282
San Joaquin	59	31	28	47%	24,093
Riverside	146	118	28	19%	20,210
Tulare	71	44	27	38%	10,724
Santa Clara	58	32	26	45%	60,568

Percent of Each Major Grocery Store Chain With a Redemption Center, 2018

Grocery Store Chain	No. of Exempt Zones	Zones Not Served	Total Zones	% Served	% Not served
Albertsons & Safeway	102	253	373	32%	68%
Costco Wholesale	40	77	124	38%	62%
El Super	11	16	58	72%	28%
Food 4 Less	41	50	128	61%	39%
Food Maxx Store	17	31	54	43%	57%
Grocery Outlet	57	97	145	33%	67%
Lucky Store	22	61	72	15%	85%
Northgate Gonzalez Market	10	14	48	71%	29%
Raleys Supermarket	18	45	62	27%	73%
Ralphs Grocery + Ralphs Fresh Fare + Ralphs Marketplace	53	119	194	39%	61%
Save Mart	31	52	70	26%	74%
Smart & Final / Smart & Final Extra	92	174	259	33%	67%
Sprouts Farmers Market	32	78	107	27%	73%
Stater Bros Market	39	77	174	56%	44%
Superior Grocers	11	19	56	66%	34%
Trader Joes Market	57	136	180	24%	76%
Vallarta Supermarket	13	18	55	67%	33%
Vons Market + Vons Foods and Drug + Pavilions	71	149	225	34%	66%
Walmart Supercenter + Walmart Neighborhood Market + Sam's Club	103	180	248	27%	73%
Whole Foods Market + 365	33	78	84	7%	93%

California's Ten Counties with Most Scarce Redemption Centers

County	No. of Recycling Centers (2012)	No. of Recycling Centers (2017)	No. of Recycling Centers Lost	No. of Recycling Centers % Lost	People Served per Single Redemption Center in 2017
Marin	3	2	1	33%	131,802
San Francisco	22	9	13	59%	97,136
Sonoma	24	7	17	71%	72,160
Contra Costa	42	18	24	57%	63,306
Santa Clara	58	32	26	45%	60,568
San Mateo	25	13	12	48%	59,246
Alameda	51	28	23	45%	58,763
Tuolumne	3	1	2	67%	54,707
San Luis Obispo	20	7	13	65%	40,014
Solano	23	13	10	43%	33,540

Audited Companies

A C Foods
ACM Prado's Disbritbutors, Inc
Advanced Refreshment
Ale Industries
AmCom Food Services
Americal Beverage Group
AquaHydrate
Arizona Beverage
Berkeley Farms
BiRite Foodservice Distributors
Coastal Pacific
Crystal Creamery
Crystal Geyser
Del Reka
Dempsey's Restaurant & Brewery
Dollar Tree
Dynamic Nutrition
Eagle Distributing Co., Inc.
First World Asian
Fotuna Foods
Horizon Beverage
Jalimex Foods Corporation

JC Sales
JFC International
K-Mart
L&C Food
Matagrano
Mexicorp
Morendell Imports
Morris Distributing
Nash Finch
Nor-Cal Beverage
Performance Food Group
Premium Beverages
Private Spring Water
Ready Pac Produce
Real Deal
Reynaldo's Mexican Food Company
Rite Aid
Saccani Distributing Company
Sambazon
Sequoia Beverage Company (Bueno)
Southwest Traders
SPI West Port, Inc.

Stanislaus Distributing
Steve's Candy
Sun Hing Foods
Sunsweet Grower
Super Store - Lathrop
Super Store Industries - Fairfield
SuperValu
Sysco Food Services of Central California
Sysco Riverside
System Services of America
The Dan-Dee Company
Trader Joe's Company
Vend Mart, Inc.
Victory Wholesale Grocers
Wal Mart
Wal-Mart (limited review)
Winery Exchange, Inc.
Wisconsin Cheese Group
Wonderland
San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps
Allan Company
Gold Coast

**Total Number of
Audits Completed
in 2016**

66 Total

**50 out of 66
companies held
back deposits and
other fees totaling**

\$17,642,622



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2.64

CA REDEMPTION VALUE