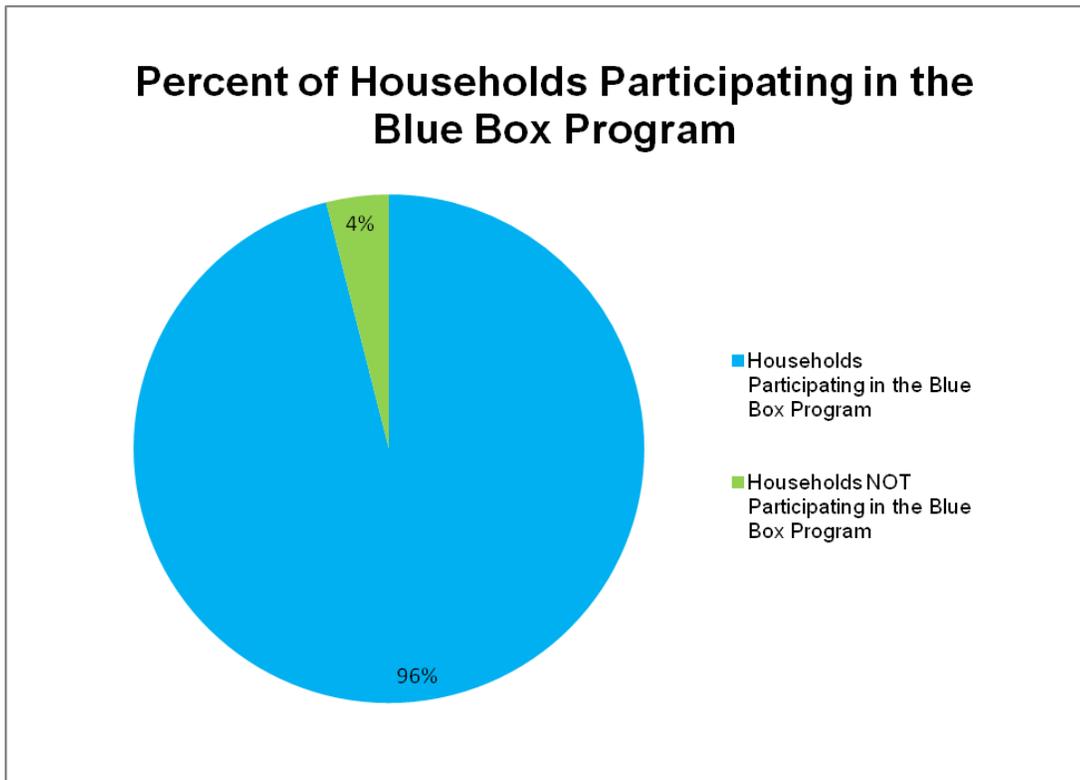


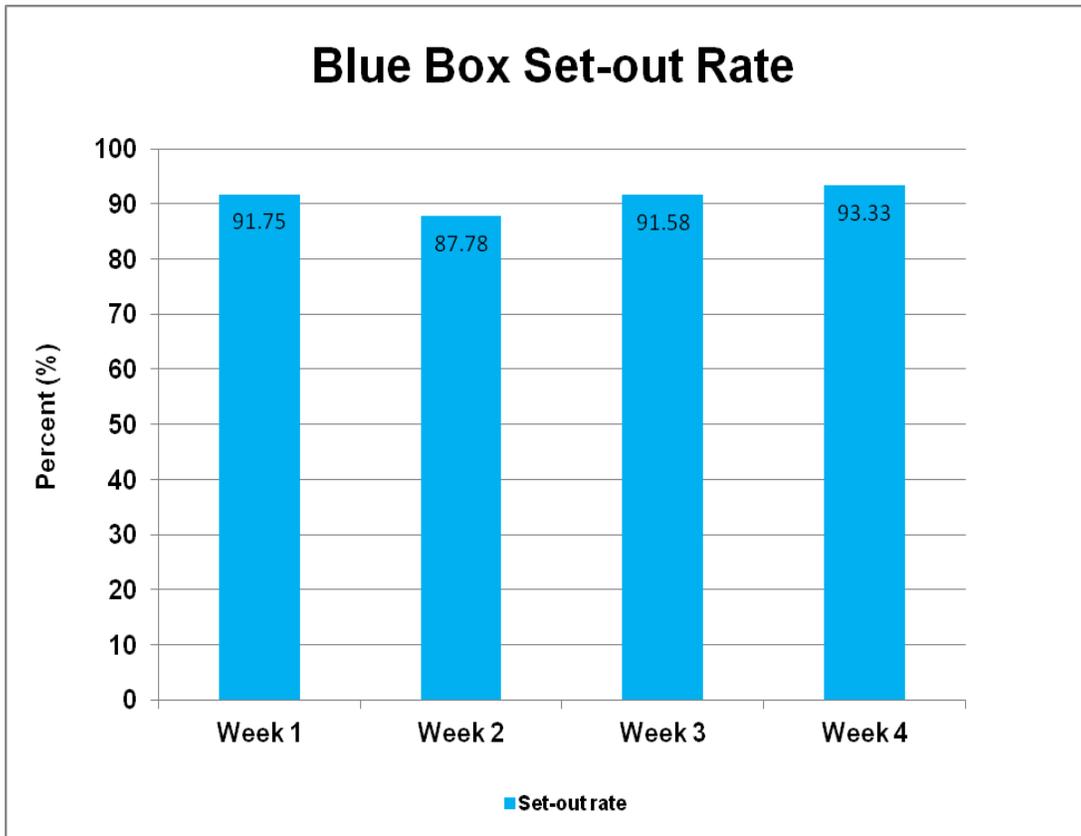


## Best Practices Statistics from the Fall 2014 Waste Audit (September 24 to October 17, 2014)

The average blue box participation rate calculated over a four week period was 96%.

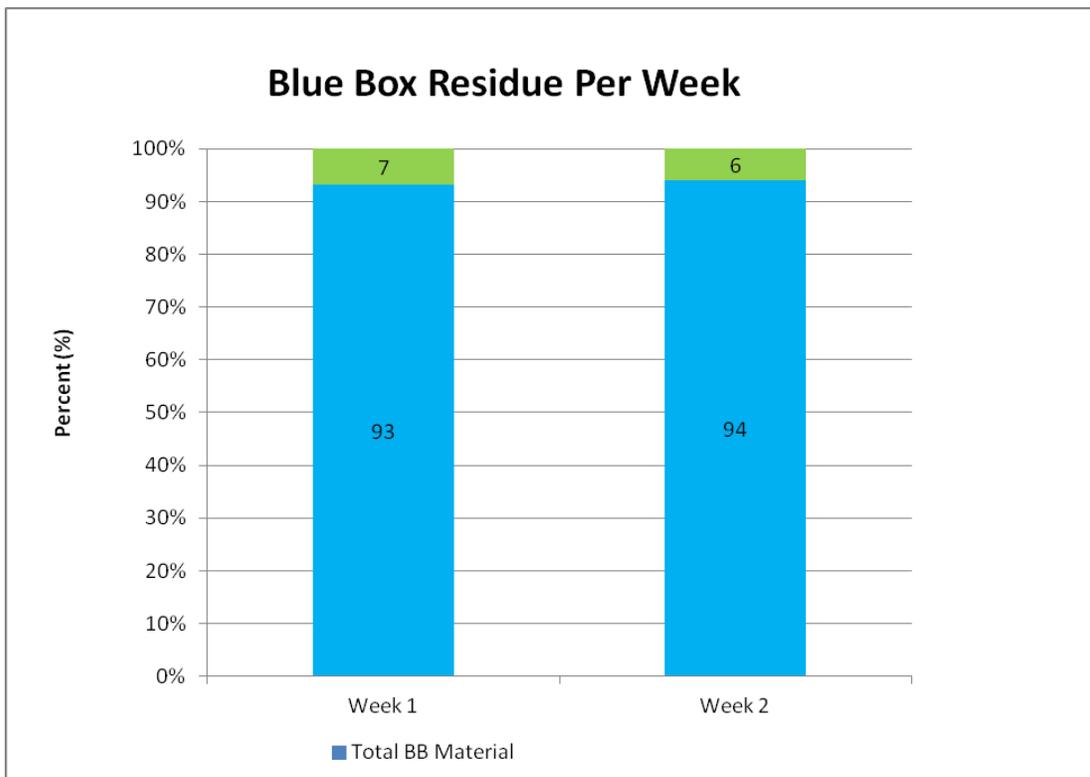


Average set-out rate over 4 weeks was 91%.



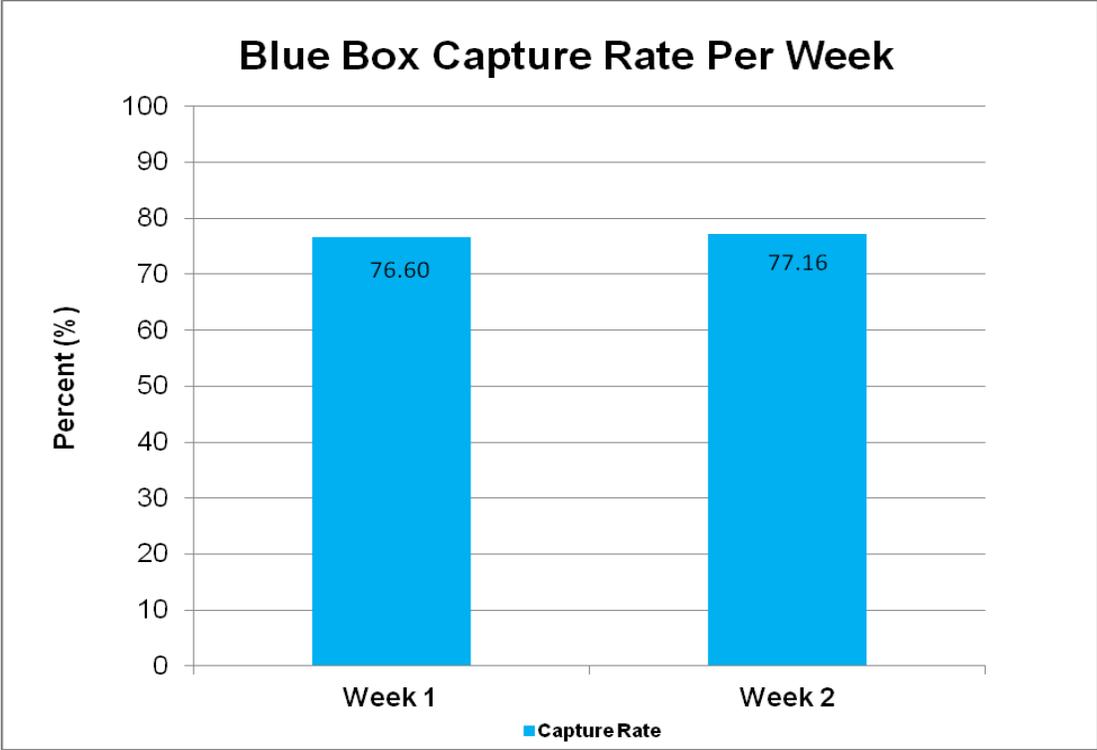
Weekly Set-out Rate

The average Blue Box residue rate over 2 weeks was 6.5%.



Weekly residue rate

The average capture rate over a two week period was 77%.



Capture rate per week

## Definitions

**Waste Audit:** A formal, structured process used to quantify the amount and type of waste including recyclables being generated.

**Participation Rate:** The percentage of households on a curbside collection route who set out recyclables at least once in a consecutive four week period. (Different from the set-out rate as it measures the percentage of residents participating in the program in general, not necessarily on every given collection day.)

**Set-out Rate:** The percentage of households on a curbside collection route setting out recyclables on the day of collection. As a percent the set-out rate is the # of households setting out recycling on a collection day divided by the total number of households available to set out material.

**Residue Rate:** The percent of material in a recycling stream that is rejected during processing.

**Capture Rate:** The amount of recyclables set out for recycling divided by the total amount of recyclables set out for recycling plus recyclables left in the garbage.