

PAPER RECOVERY AND RECYCLING IN SOUTH AFRICA

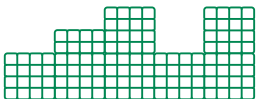
Facts and statistics 2020

(All values in metric tonnes)

PAPER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION	Paper Production	Paper Imports	Paper Exports	Paper Consumption
Newsprint	57 011	26 359	9 701	73 668
Printing/writing	265 264	406 622	102 976	568 909
Corrugated materials/container board	1 198 631	232 564	433 184	998 012
Other wrapping papers	6 630			6 630
Tissue	226 747	21 071	42 449	205 369
Other paper & board	136 959	13 469	10 591	139 836
Total	1 891 240	700 084	598 901	1 992 424

RECOVERY OF RECYCLABLE PAPER	Paper Recovered	Recovered Paper Imports	Recovered Paper Exports	Recycled (beneficiated)
Newspapers	54 447	306	42 786	11 967
Magazines & coated grades	21 689		5 834	15 854
Corrugated, solid cases, kraft papers	882 052	38 052	43 470	876 634
Office papers	120 909	21	3 376	117 554
Mixed and other papers	22 260	2 516	3 967	20 808
Total	1 101 356	40 895	99 433	1 042 817

RECOVERABLE PAPER	Tonnes
Paper consumption	1 992 424
Adjusted for NET trade corrugated box packaging (Positive = net inflow)	- 209 657
Less paper unsuitable for recovery*	-205 369
Recoverable paper	1 577 398



IN 2020, 1.101 MILLION TONNES OF PAPER AND PAPER PACKAGING WERE RECOVERED FOR RECYCLING INTO NEW PRODUCTS.

3.3 million
cubic metres of
landfill space

1322
Olympic sized
swimming pools

200
Soccer
fields

142
Rugby
fields

69.8%
Paper recovery rate
for 2020

19 million tonnes
over 15 years

Paper and paper packaging
diverted from landfill through
paper recovery and recycling.



EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Corrugated boxes used to package imported and exported products are included in collectables - Imports and exports are accounted for so as to give a more realistic estimate of volumes available for collection.

* Unsuitable for recovery (unrecoverable) papers were tissues products and cigarette paper.

RECOVERED PAPER AS % OF RECOVERABLE PAPER

2020	69.8%
2019	68,5%
2018	71,7%
2017	70,7%

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