

PAPER RECYCLING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Facts and statistics

July 2015



Paper recycling statistics for 2014

(All values in metric tonnes)

Paper production and consumption	Paper Production	Paper Imports	Paper Exports	Paper Consumption
Newsprint	223 409	12 810	37 275	198 945
Printing/writing	494 723	523 932	239 283	779 373
Corrugated materials/containerboard	1 154 191	150 307	350 013	954 484
Other wrapping papers	5 724			5 724
Tissue	240 406	20 622	30 192	230 836
Other paper	107 052	53 456	75 711	84 798
Board	31 984			31 984
Total	2 261 790	761 128	732 474	2 290 444

64% of recoverable paper was collected in 2014

Recoverable paper	Tonnes
Paper consumption	2 290 444
Less paper exported in agricultural products	205 657
Less paper unsuitable for recovery	413 720
Recoverable paper	1 671 066

Recovery of recyclable paper	Paper Recovered in South Africa	Recovered Paper Imports	Recovered Paper Exports	Consumption of Recycled Paper in SA
Newspapers	109 973	300	22 839	87 434
Magazines	53 729	1 431	11 246	43 914
Corrugated, solid cases, kraft papers	734 804	32 975	18 280	749 499
Office, graphic papers	60 239	9 772	8 989	61 021
Mixed and other papers	104 385	11 155	10 760	104 780
Total	1 063 129	55 633	72 114	1 046 648

**1,1 MILLION
TONNES**

Paper recovered in SA in 2014.

3,2 million cubic metres of landfill space

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1,276 Olympic-sized swimming pools

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