

# PAPER RECOVERY AND RECYCLING IN SOUTH AFRICA

## Facts and statistics 2019

(All values in metric tonnes)

### PAPER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

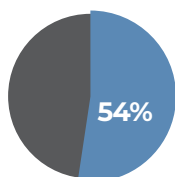
	Paper Production	Paper Imports	Paper Exports	Paper Consumption
Newsprint	106 786	43 678	16 913	133 551
Printing/writing	341 035	551 127	132 569	759 592
Corrugated materials/containerboard	1 295 692	142 637	274 131	1 164 198
Other wrapping papers	10 769			10 769
Tissue	248 153	30 142	35 019	243 204
Other paper	69 065	68 968	99 423	38 611
Board	86 632			86 632
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 158 133</b>	<b>836 552</b>	<b>558 127</b>	<b>2 436 558</b>

### RECOVERY OF RECYCLABLE PAPER

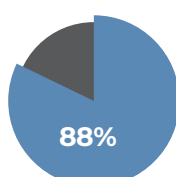
	Paper Recovered in South Africa	Recovered Paper Imports	Recovered Paper Exports	Consumption of Recycled Paper in SA
Newspapers	85 184	554	71 831	13 908
Magazines	6 603			6 603
Corrugated, solid cases, kraft papers	857 305	33 734	19 746	871 293
Office, graphic papers	193 763	2 590	1 126	195 227
Mixed and other papers	59 054	12 304	3 067	68 291
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 201 909</b>	<b>49 182</b>	<b>95 769</b>	<b>1 155 322</b>

### RECOVERABLE PAPER

	Tonnes
Paper consumption	2 436 558
Adjusted for NET trade corrugated box packaging (Positive = net inflow)	- 284 165
Less paper unsuitable for recovery*	- 397 906
<b>Recoverable paper</b>	<b>1 754 487</b>



Locally made paper products contain recycled fibre



Recovered paper is used in new paper products, in particular packaging and tissue.



Baled and laid out, 1.2 million tonnes of recovered paper would cover 219 soccer fields.

# 68.5%

Paper recovery rate for 2019

# 1.2m

Tonnes of paper and paper packaging recovered for recycling in 2019



### 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 estimated bottom up e.g. tissues and sanitary products, cigarette paper, archive material etc.

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