

# Global Imports of Recovered Paper by Country and Year

(in metric tons)



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Top 20 Importers	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>China</b>	19,621,156	22,562,110	24,205,826	27,501,707	24,352,351	27,278,635	30,067,145	29,236,774	27,518,476	29,283,649	28,498,511
<b>Germany</b>	3,113,906	3,025,551	3,164,258	2,860,872	3,624,764	4,108,603	4,021,672	3,907,364	3,954,795	4,001,180	4,285,733
<b>India</b>	1,737,049	1,782,177	1,739,619	2,161,685	1,962,983	2,079,101	2,303,727	2,531,167	3,187,792	3,088,921	3,177,568
<b>Netherlands</b>	2,577,200	2,449,310	2,568,851	1,376,270	2,928,725	3,193,646	2,931,399	2,739,020	2,383,691	2,618,133	2,748,707
<b>Indonesia</b>	2,081,228	2,224,823	2,080,390	2,284,656	2,412,462	2,323,760	2,292,488	2,216,424	2,280,384	1,692,351	2,021,051
<b>Spain</b>	1,125,285	1,277,484	1,170,728	921,186	1,279,188	1,154,169	1,226,263	1,544,586	1,505,165	1,627,547	1,638,323
<b>Rep. of Korea</b>	1,210,907	1,182,108	1,306,820	1,121,827	1,355,990	1,530,872	1,467,150	1,589,486	1,547,289	1,542,292	1,562,258
<b>Mexico</b>	1,443,660	2,065,761	1,429,525	1,408,012	1,478,018	1,414,239	1,304,863	1,259,274	1,407,736	1,384,800	1,531,175
<b>Austria</b>	1,174,401	1,316,447	1,288,989	1,172,977	1,299,671	1,387,955	1,284,855	1,212,240	1,162,476	1,226,687	1,279,027
<b>Thailand</b>	1,049,631	1,015,835	1,217,338	969,850	1,023,857	923,981	999,833	858,301	856,513	1,133,075	1,086,867
<b>Belgium</b>	1,219,998	1,315,999	1,473,890	1,643,748	1,454,905	1,456,191	1,311,531	1,335,797	1,147,548	1,089,102	1,069,313
<b>France</b>	1,036,022	980,719	948,400	787,686	877,312	886,447	749,516	771,529	940,699	1,015,194	977,765
<b>Canada</b>	2,045,287	1,944,475	1,764,051	1,314,241	1,057,584	802,379	1,205,258	721,825	628,656	736,422	762,639
<b>Viet Nam</b>	257,425	404,012	525,867	289,623	591,162	556,700	384,196	450,556	637,453	648,232	712,826
<b>Taiwan</b>	762,968	982,719	834,122	562,640	568,558	596,030	864,889	790,494	845,821	586,012	708,933
<b>Poland</b>	3,894	8,529	14,240	17,843	264,677	306,645	392,984	457,695	518,191	444,857	479,079
<b>Sweden</b>	794,722	777,648	841,728	894,365	1,059,611	976,319	871,241	612,446	618,816	462,590	454,577
<b>Turkey</b>	52,832	28,919	84,827	82,246	115,965	71,922	52,501	80,068	183,834	301,404	450,913
<b>Hungary</b>	28,555	39,498	17,188	103,115	359,743	390,415	415,333	442,558	428,249	398,172	433,586
<b>Switzerland</b>	130,576	131,125	119,819	95,382	139,285	257,718	324,956	351,626	319,471	329,472	379,998
<b>Rest of the World</b>	<b>3,751,369</b>	<b>4,414,568</b>	<b>4,024,626</b>	<b>3,487,292</b>	<b>4,566,107</b>	<b>5,701,649</b>	<b>4,470,457</b>	<b>4,146,438</b>	<b>3,712,562</b>	<b>4,016,561</b>	<b>3,035,154</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>45,218,070</b>	<b>49,929,817</b>	<b>50,821,102</b>	<b>51,057,223</b>	<b>52,772,916</b>	<b>57,397,376</b>	<b>58,942,257</b>	<b>57,255,668</b>	<b>55,785,619</b>	<b>57,626,652</b>	<b>57,294,003</b>

**\*Notes**

- 1) Data tables were derived from the UN Comtrade Database (last downloaded on March 23, 2018)
- 2) Top 20 determined by latest year of complete data
- 3) Import data was adjusted for the Viet Nam and Taiwan