

Global Exports of Plastic Scrap by Country and Year

(in metric tons)



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Top 20 Exporters	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
USA	1,045,848	1,375,681	1,593,703	2,020,770	2,040,483	2,127,877	2,011,095	1,909,335	2,171,691	2,043,124	1,616,967
Japan	1,296,197	1,517,312	1,513,419	1,487,705	1,638,962	1,631,455	1,673,620	1,681,733	1,670,228	1,606,271	1,526,921
Germany	748,603	846,084	774,655	1,445,533	1,418,680	1,462,561	1,511,349	1,324,863	1,453,609	1,376,833	1,445,155
United Kingdom	440,852	548,298	654,393	711,223	838,188	880,577	811,509	648,614	764,404	791,554	805,072
France	379,183	385,592	390,634	447,683	477,954	502,826	508,034	454,119	483,026	468,754	483,957
Netherlands	438,753	412,010	357,819	245,322	361,137	381,131	428,666	464,294	431,322	505,903	481,088
Belgium	382,820	399,629	369,552	453,559	396,963	414,619	456,860	471,666	437,310	430,720	440,849
Mexico	347,875	419,676	435,085	372,442	414,021	442,197	522,143	517,067	862,744	449,974	429,537
Spain	91,944	108,685	112,448	166,850	217,892	192,363	236,880	225,844	333,466	329,937	318,926
Thailand	139,397	183,287	145,309	166,370	205,915	232,170	263,128	317,540	346,912	265,390	306,372
Viet Nam	18,269	19,147	19,342	18,929	39,760	102,059	110,246	223,408	202,021	119,292	276,395
Italy	101,847	113,942	139,913	212,414	263,949	269,601	228,019	191,621	175,859	223,076	234,262
Canada	219,263	199,638	229,263	188,862	190,252	197,638	203,046	170,783	191,778	208,955	213,690
Rep. of Korea	299,078	324,564	285,244	307,717	201,549	161,358	182,975	183,291	192,851	187,609	208,826
Indonesia	36,838	58,167	53,203	53,728	116,354	166,430	204,750	231,747	193,842	148,735	203,586
Australia	99,881	103,540	125,183	204,739	156,388	151,209	193,087	155,085	185,705	206,060	199,743
Poland	50,877	56,911	66,831	97,153	107,541	102,736	101,301	99,431	138,834	166,378	192,224
Slovenia	12,350	14,651	23,641	28,126	35,362	28,177	69,251	71,594	97,581	103,849	180,460
Malaysia	96,789	107,316	114,943	123,627	134,326	153,865	197,598	250,809	247,007	182,271	163,622
Taiwan	187,864	170,590	149,536	166,445	182,693	164,825	157,914	120,210	146,153	145,125	155,244
Rest of the World	1,860,496	2,040,892	2,466,761	2,551,903	3,527,297	2,752,215	2,218,891	2,168,939	2,031,824	1,909,652	1,860,761
Grand Total	8,295,026	9,405,613	10,020,878	11,471,102	12,965,664	12,517,888	12,290,363	11,881,993	12,758,169	11,869,461	11,743,659

***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) Export data was adjusted for Viet Nam