

Global Imports of Recovered Paper by Country and Year

(in metric tons)



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Top 20 Importers	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
China	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	25,716,582
Germany	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	4,543,913
India	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	3,280,683
Netherlands	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	3,250,333
Indonesia	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	2,192,203
Spain	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	1,525,263
Rep. of Korea	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	1,459,811
Mexico	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	1,076,687
Austria	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	1,210,376
Thailand	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	NR
Belgium	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	909,540
France	980,719	948,400	787,686	877,312	886,447	749,516	771,529	940,699	1,015,194	977,765	986,729
Canada	798,143	716,081	300,088	711,534	911,543	992,497	817,785	787,768	712,125	806,420	897,704
Viet Nam	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	799,710
Taiwan	404,012	525,867	289,623	591,162	556,700	384,196	450,556	637,453	648,232	712,826	1,800,878
Poland	982,719	834,122	562,640	568,558	596,030	864,889	790,494	845,821	586,012	708,933	1,105,864
Sweden	8,529	14,240	17,843	264,677	306,645	392,984	457,695	518,191	444,857	479,079	412,530
Turkey	777,648	841,728	894,365	1,059,611	976,319	871,241	612,446	618,816	462,590	454,577	398,199
Hungary	28,919	84,827	82,246	115,965	71,922	52,501	80,068	183,834	301,404	450,913	753,444
Switzerland	39,498	17,188	103,115	359,743	390,415	415,333	442,558	428,249	398,172	433,586	462,764
Rest of the World	4,414,568	4,024,671	3,487,311	4,566,075	5,701,488	4,470,456	4,146,485	3,914,857	4,016,453	3,035,239	4,599,917
Grand Total	49,262,799	50,224,886	50,852,536	52,200,636	56,743,390	58,274,716	56,789,556	55,519,616	57,243,891	56,867,666	57,383,130

***Notes**

- 1) Data tables were derived from the UN Comtrade Database (last downloaded on March 27, 2019)
- 2) Due to unresolved reporting questions, top 20 determined by 2016 reported data. NR = Not Reported
- 3) Import data was adjusted for the Viet Nam and Taiwan