

Global Exports of Plastic Scrap by Country and Year

(in metric tons)

Top 20 Exporters	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
USA	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	1,667,736
Japan	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	1,431,561
Germany	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	1,218,352
United Kingdom	548,298	654,393	711,223	838,188	880,577	811,509	648,614	764,404	791,554	805,072	679,066
France	385,592	390,634	447,683	477,954	502,826	508,034	454,119	483,026	468,754	483,957	457,667
Netherlands	412,010	357,819	245,322	361,137	381,131	428,666	464,294	431,322	505,903	481,088	387,883
Belgium	399,629	369,552	453,559	396,963	414,619	456,860	471,666	437,310	430,720	440,849	496,630
Mexico	419,676	435,085	372,442	414,021	442,197	522,143	517,067	862,744	449,974	429,537	374,148
Spain	108,685	112,448	166,850	217,892	192,363	236,880	225,844	333,466	329,937	318,926	302,260
Thailand	183,287	145,309	166,370	205,915	232,170	263,128	317,540	346,912	265,390	306,372	NR
Viet Nam	19,147	19,342	18,929	39,760	102,059	110,246	223,408	202,021	119,292	276,395	302,159
Italy	113,942	139,913	212,414	263,949	269,601	228,019	191,621	175,859	223,076	234,262	260,565
Canada	199,638	229,263	188,862	190,252	197,638	203,046	170,783	191,778	208,955	213,690	197,142
Rep. of Korea	324,564	285,244	307,717	201,549	161,358	182,975	183,291	192,851	187,609	208,826	199,572
Indonesia	58,167	53,203	53,728	116,354	166,430	204,750	231,747	193,842	148,735	203,586	193,545
Australia	103,540	125,183	204,739	156,388	151,209	193,087	155,085	185,705	206,060	199,743	146,780
Poland	56,911	66,831	97,153	107,541	102,736	101,301	99,431	138,834	166,378	192,224	166,503
Slovenia	14,651	23,641	28,126	35,362	28,177	69,251	71,594	97,581	103,849	180,460	109,580
Malaysia	107,316	114,943	123,627	134,326	153,865	197,598	250,809	247,007	182,271	163,622	165,810
Taiwan	170,590	149,536	166,445	182,693	164,825	157,914	120,210	146,153	145,125	155,244	133,347
Rest of the World	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	1,682,124
Grand Total	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	10,572,428

*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) Export data was adjusted for Viet Nam and Slovenia