

Global Imports of Plastic Scrap 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	6,912,222	7,074,626	7,325,810	8,009,674	8,384,190	8,877,767	7,881,304	8,254,247	7,354,229	7,347,176	5,828,750
Hong Kong	4,145,835	4,503,012	4,752,654	4,795,350	3,962,054	3,200,487	2,506,171	3,080,676	2,864,769	2,877,956	1,889,224
Netherlands	221,914	238,843	144,459	295,928	374,308	467,433	531,881	622,941	598,127	611,300	633,601
Germany	239,700	227,723	214,448	296,940	302,344	420,106	423,052	501,628	545,607	548,029	516,740
USA	416,683	412,156	356,098	379,490	342,014	361,294	372,705	417,046	393,392	447,945	442,544
Belgium	281,228	294,000	350,481	285,426	322,250	292,285	259,805	226,729	259,728	312,587	246,820
Malaysia	81,900	38,194	92,323	81,885	142,860	176,779	301,435	225,986	249,941	287,673	549,786
Austria	131,224	148,423	106,394	146,137	210,909	218,640	194,626	250,263	245,451	240,589	220,192
Italy	199,010	162,786	116,475	138,291	145,795	138,957	134,360	160,232	153,379	178,631	195,905
Taiwan	122,913	150,203	119,829	148,887	153,084	149,491	201,522	204,365	221,499	177,934	202,099
Canada	187,747	161,881	129,748	148,031	153,294	155,107	146,523	186,390	249,179	171,657	140,662
India	169,909	97,936	478,491	116,252	131,419	195,988	259,614	251,546	185,746	166,859	145,580
Turkey	19,114	10,848	7,169	23,260	55,780	56,497	67,396	105,287	104,031	159,569	261,863
Sweden	79,494	87,251	138,100	300,324	255,449	134,230	213,483	153,842	179,539	139,748	NR
United Kingdom	97,992	75,784	46,256	53,110	64,237	73,907	93,487	111,097	87,280	130,021	117,314
Czechia	41,874	54,849	48,074	58,555	93,122	111,373	122,698	128,088	131,523	129,925	124,109
France	70,526	81,392	58,708	98,940	109,177	109,822	111,921	110,017	117,055	122,987	144,688
Indonesia	313	8,588	3,175	39,906	90,535	106,994	135,993	107,423	97,146	120,979	128,951
Poland	67,390	42,222	47,907	113,677	113,133	67,305	57,771	62,416	85,814	118,800	119,191
Portugal	12,050	14,876	13,514	21,625	55,617	45,308	51,078	82,725	134,784	107,251	112,446
Rest of the World	649,764	768,681	784,800	889,657	1,070,135	1,045,232	1,202,175	1,138,664	1,118,591	1,087,326	1,339,123
Grand Total	14,148,804	14,654,275	15,334,914	16,441,343	16,531,706	16,405,000	15,268,998	16,381,608	15,376,810	15,484,941	13,359,589

***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