

The Economic Impact of the Scrap Recycling Industry in the United States

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The Paper Scrap Recycling Industry's TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS

\$33.95 BILLION



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The U.S. recycling industry processes more than **130 million** metric tons of scrap, metal, paper, plastics, electronics, textiles, glass, and rubber annually.



More than **70 percent** of the scrap processed in the U.S. is used in domestic manufacturing.



The U.S. exports commodity grade recyclable material to roughly **150 + countries** each year for use in manufacturing.



The material recycled annually in the U.S. saves the CO2 equivalent of **410 million** tons of greenhouse gas emissions, the amount of energy used in **43 million** homes in a year.