

Recyclable Materials Collected by Wisconsin Responsible Units (in tons)

Mandatory Reporting	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Old corrugated cardboard (OCC)	54,323	53,974	65,181	68,041	74,833	74,198	67,593	78,113	101,774	124,397
All other paper	206,659	208,220	185,267	195,460	192,002	194,674	188,627	182,525	154,147	127,485
Aluminum containers	8,092	10,752	11,494	6,162	6,241	6,515	6,208	6,982	7,787	8,082
Steel (tin)/bimetal containers	14,536	18,032	18,282	17,763	17,963	16,756	16,718	17,314	15,573	16,164
Glass containers	81,062	92,297	98,572	91,724	95,438	91,872	94,835	92,120	107,747	98,431
Plastic containers #1-7	26,097	29,599	33,905	30,962	31,832	37,481	47,344	34,072	36,402	35,452
Total Mandatory Reporting	390,824	412,899	412,767	410,192	418,376	421,526	421,495	411,125	423,431	410,011
Optional Reporting										
Waste tires	5,314	5,460	4,812	6,023	5,333	4,504	5,558	6,842	7,900	6,433
Yard waste	250,021	259,291	277,955	279,141	251,394	240,007	274,725	245,401	254,085	222,312
Total Optional Reporting¹	265,776	279,326	297,466	296,840	269,713	257,314	292,185	263,027	274,537	228,745
Total Mandatory Reporting	390,824	412,899	412,767	410,192	418,376	421,526	421,495	411,125	423,431	410,011
Total All Optional Reporting	265,776	279,326	297,466	296,840	269,713	257,314	292,185	263,027	274,537	228,745
Total Tons Reported	656,600	692,225	710,233	707,031	688,089	678,839	713,680	674,151	697,968	638,756
WI Population	5,703,525	5,717,110	5,753,810	5,771,098	5,796,268	5,804,426	5,837,059	5,864,450	5,879,284	5,942,193
Per capita mandatory reporting (lbs)	137	144	143	142	144	145	144	140	144	138
Per capita mandatory + optional reporting (lbs)	230	242	247	245	237	234	245	230	237	215

¹Prior to 2021, waste appliances, electronics, used oil and filters, tires, yard waste, and used lead acid batteries were included in totals for optional reporting. From 2021 forward, optional reporting only represents waste tires and yard waste.

Note: Wisconsin law bans these materials from landfills, however, these totals may contain incidental amounts of non-banned materials such as residential mixed paper, plastic #3-7 containers, and foam polystyrene.