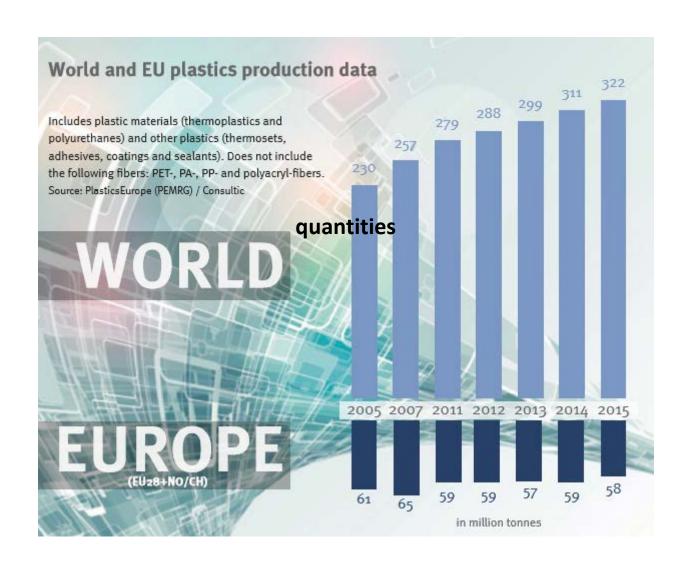
What are mixed plastics? Recycling potentials, quantities, qualities

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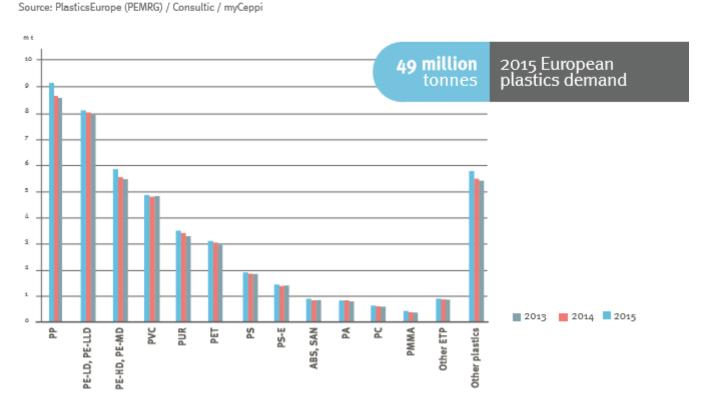
What is the volume plastics of virgin plastics?



What are the types of plastics?

Plastic materials EU demand per polymer

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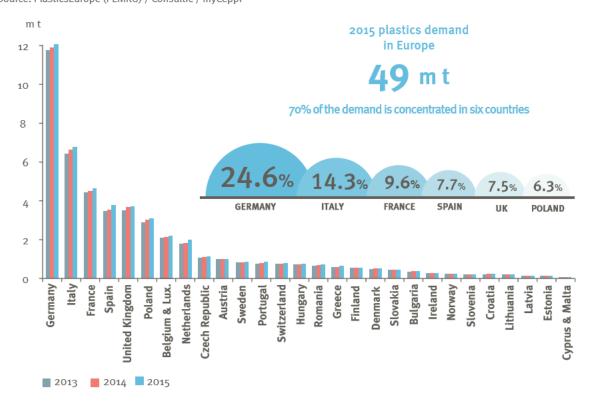


Who are the large users of plastics

Plastic materials EU demand per country

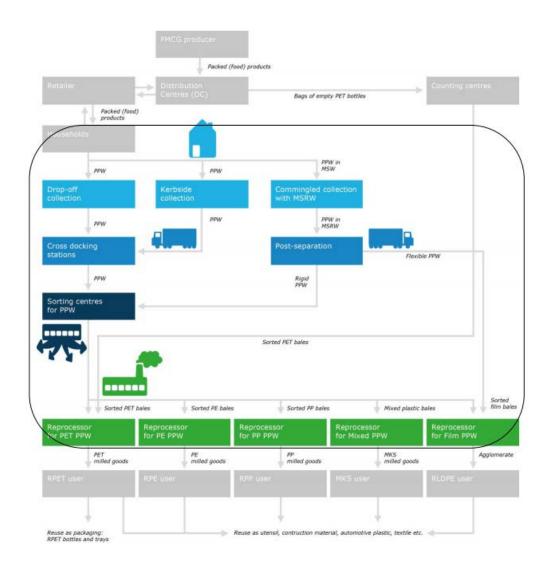
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Source: PlasticsEurope (PEMRG) / Consultic / myCeppi

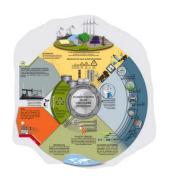


Collection and sorting systems in the Netherlands





Recycling potentials, quantities, qualities in the Netherlands



Product type / material type	PET	PE	PP	PVC	PS	Total
Bottles	3.26%	1.29%	0.02%		0.02%	4.59%
Flasks	1.73%	3.65%	0.62%	0.09%		6.09%
Rigids	6.29%	0.86%	7.48%	0.38%	1.20%	16.21%
Flexibles	0.07%	36.01%	4.41%	0.11%	0.04%	40.64%
Laminated flexibles	0.26%	2.53%	1.21%	0.00%		4.00%
Non-packaging plastics	1.47%	5.29%	5.01%	1.84%	1.00%	14.61%
Undesired plastic packaging*		0.03%	0.01%	0.09%	0.60%	0.73%
Residual plastics**						13.14%
Total	13.08%	49.65%	18.75%	2.51%	2.87%	100.00%

The objects were first sorted by NIR and secondly manually. The percentages have been calculated from weights of the sorted fractions including attached moisture and dirt.

^{**} Residual plastics are mostly: black coloured packages and a small amount of PC, PLA objects.

^{*} Undesired plastics are: kit-tubes (PE), chewing gum and drug strips (PP, PVC) and expanded PS objects.

Recycling potentials, quantities, qualities in the Netherlands



Table 11: Sorting division of post-consumer plastic packaging waste up to 2014 and estimated for 2015, recovered masses % (w gross/ w gross) (Thoden van Velzen 2014).

Product	2014	2015		
PET, DKR 328-1	6-8%	7%		
PE, DKR 329	6-9%	8%		
PP, DKR 324	6-8%	10%		
Film, DKR 310	14-17%	21%		
Mix, DKR 350	38-41%	39%		
Metals	0-1%	-		
Sorting residues	23-26%	15%		



Estimating the Dutch quantities

NETHERLANDS	2016	Plastic recycling	g	258.000	NETHERLANDS	2025	Plastic recycling		500.000
Туре	Quality		258.000 tons	s	Type	Quality		500.000	tons
PET	328-1	7%		18.060	PET	328-1	7%		35.000
PE	329	8%		20.640	PE	329	8%		40.000
PP	324	10%		25.800	PP	324	10%		50.000
F310	310	21%		54.180	F310	310	21%		105.000
MK350	350	39%		100.620	MK350	350	39%		195.000
Metals	340	-			Metals	340	-		
Sorting resid	u	15%		38.700	Sorting resid	u	15%		75.000
	total	100%		258.000		total	100%		500.000

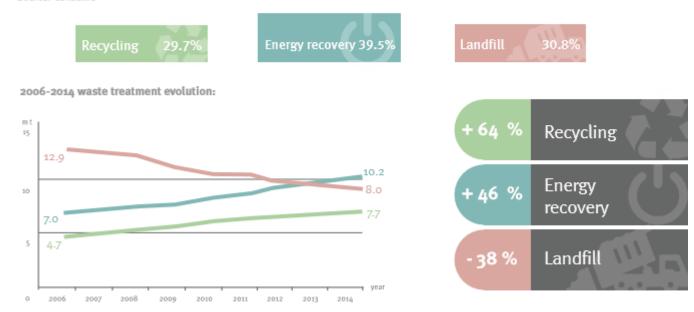
What are the quantities today in Europe?

Plastics waste treatment in EU28+2

In 2014, 25.8 million tonnes of post-consumer plastics waste ended up in the official waste streams. 69.2% was recovered through recycling and energy recovery processes while 30.8% still went to landfill.

Within the different plastic applications, plastic packaging reached the highest recycling rate with 39.5%* and represented more than 80% of the total recycled quantities.

Source: Consultic



The annual average of post-consumer plastics waste generation from 2006 to 2014 is 25 million tonnes

^{*}Based on in-put quantities into recycling facilities.

Estimations about the European quantities applying German/Dutch specifications

EUROPE	2016	Plastic recycli	ng 7.700.000	EUROPE	2025	Plastic recycling		15.000.000
EU28+2				EU28+2				
Туре	Quality		7.700.000 tons	Туре	Quality		15.000.000	tons
PET	328-1	7%	539.000	PET	328-1	7%		1.050.000
PE	329	8%	616.000	PE	329	8%		1.200.000
PP	324	10%	770.000	PP	324	10%		1.500.000
F310	310	21%	1.617.000	F310	310	21%		3.150.000
MK350	350	39%	3.003.000	MK350	350	39%		5.850.000
Metals	340	-		Metals	340	-		
Sorting res	idu	15%	1.155.000	Sorting res	sidu	15%		2.250.000
	total	100%	7.700.000		total	100%		15.000.000

Estimations about the mixed plastics European quantities applying German/Dutch specifications

EUROPE	2016	MK350	3.003.000	EUROPE	2025	MK350	5.850.000
EU28+2				EU28+2			
Туре	Quality		3.003.000 tons	Туре	Quality		5.850.000 tons
PET	MPET	19%	570.570	PET	MPET	19%	1.111.500
PE	329	8%	240.240	PE	329	8%	468.000
PP	324	10%	300.300	PP	324	10%	585.000
F310	310	15%	450.450	F310	310	15%	877.500
MK350	350	18%	540.540	MK350	350	18%	1.053.000
Metals	340			Metals	340		
Sorting res	idu	30%	900.900	Sorting res	idu	30%	1.755.000
	total	100%	3.003.000		total	100%	5.850.000



Mixed plastics is most significant volume and urgently requires european coordination with harmonized regulations on waste collection and sorting specifications including transparent calculation methodology for recycling.