

**Recovery rates, disposal rates, quantity recovered and quantity disposed of
at landfills of waste paper and metals
(2010-2014)**

Year	Recovery Rates		Disposal Rates		Quantity recovered		Quantity disposed of at landfills	
	Paper	Metals	Paper	Metals	Paper	Metals	Paper	Metals
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(Thousand Tonnes)		(Thousand Tonnes)	
2010	62	92	38	8	1,195	720	732	64
2011	64	92	36	8	1,278	782	705	66
2012	63	87	37	13	1,162	578	697	87
2013	61	90	39	10	1,035	602	666	65
2014	57	92	43	8	948	921	702	76

Note:

- (1) Hong Kong is a free trade port. At present, there is no environmental legislation mandating the declaration of general recyclables. The EPD compiles statistics on recovery based on relevant information of recyclables from trade declarations lodged by trade declarants. Statistics on the quantity of waste recovery are mainly compiled based on domestic exports statistics of recyclables, supplemented by data obtained from the Waste Recovery Survey on the quantities of locally-generated wastes recycled locally. Statistics on the quantity of waste disposal are mainly compiled based on weighbridge data recorded at entrances of waste treatment facilities, supplemented by data obtained from the Waste Composition Survey on the composition of waste disposed of at landfills by waste type.
- (2) Waste recovery rate is the percentage of wastes generated that are recovered as recyclables. Statistics on waste generation are computed as the sum of waste disposal and waste recovery.