Plastics Recycling Figures
2018

Input recycling rate of 46.3% for all plastics.

More than 519 370 tons of plastics waste were collected for recycling.

70% of the plastics that were recycled in SA during 2018 came from landfill and other post-consumer sources.

34% of South Africans do not have access to any waste management services.

An estimated R 2 267 million was injected into the economy through the procurement of plastic recyclables.

Plastics recycling sustained 7 892 formal jobs.

Since 2009, recycled tonnages grew 64% and virgin polymer 21%.

Growth in plastics recycling 6.7% more than the previous year.

Plastics recycling saved 246 000 tons of CO₂ – the equivalent emissions of 51 200 cars!

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