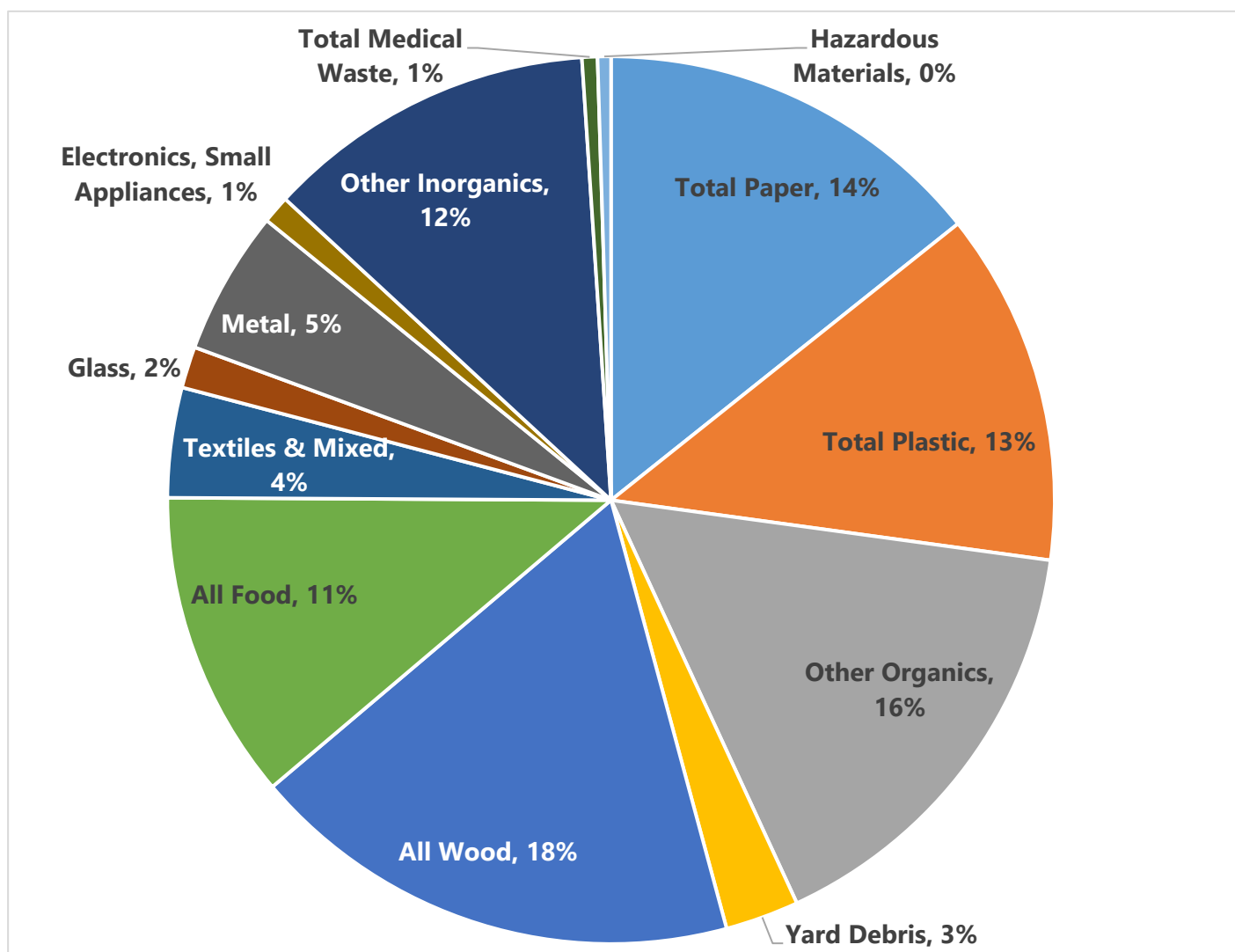


Fact Sheet

Composition of Solid Waste Disposed in Oregon

Oregon DEQ completed a disposal composition study in 2023, which provides information on solid waste materials disposal in Oregon, including the quantity of materials disposed across 152 material categories, various geographic areas, and substreams. This fact sheet contains preliminary results, which may be updated as analysis is completed.



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Disposal composition

Organic (carbon containing) materials (non-paper) is the largest material category, and makes up more than half of the materials disposed in Oregon.

- Wood (18%), increased since 2016
- Food (11%), decreased since 2016
- Textiles (4%), no significant change since 2016
- Yard debris (3%), no significant change since 2016
- Other organics (16%)

Paper is the next largest material category, contributing to 14% of the state's disposed materials. Packaging and food serviceware make up the largest portion of this category, followed by paper products, and then printing and writing paper. The amount of paper disposed did not change significantly since the previous study.

Plastic makes up 13% of the disposed materials in Oregon, where plastic film is the largest portion of this category, followed by rigid plastic products, and then by rigid plastic packaging. The amount of plastic disposed increased slightly since the previous study.

Other inorganics is the next largest material category at 12% of the state's disposed materials. Rock, dirt and pet litter are the largest portion of this category, followed by gypsum wallboard. The amount of other inorganics disposed did not change significantly since the previous study.

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