

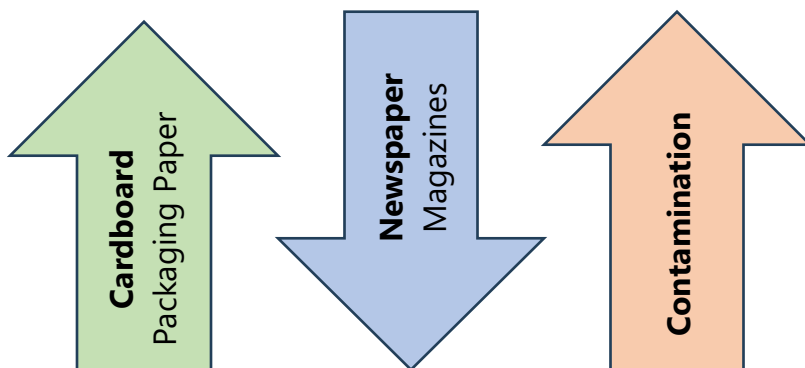
# Fact Sheet

## Composition of Inbound Commingled Recycling

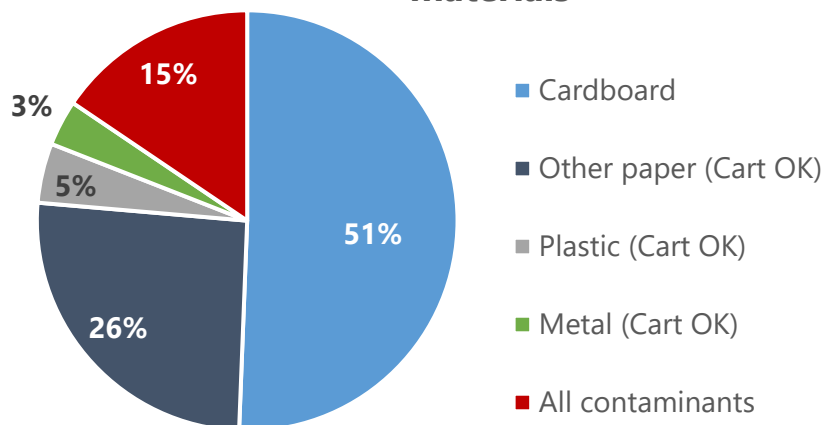
Oregon DEQ completed an inbound commingled recycling collection composition study in 2023, which provides information on materials in commingled recycling across the state, including how much contamination is in the commingled recycling stream, and what materials those contaminants are. This fact sheet contains preliminary results, which may be updated as analysis is completed.

### High level themes

- The commingled recycling stream has changed substantially. Newspaper, magazines, and printing and writing paper have decreased significantly. Cardboard and low-grade paper have increased significantly.
- Overall contamination has increased significantly since 2014.
- Contamination has increased more in urban areas than in rural areas.



Average relative % of inbound recycling materials

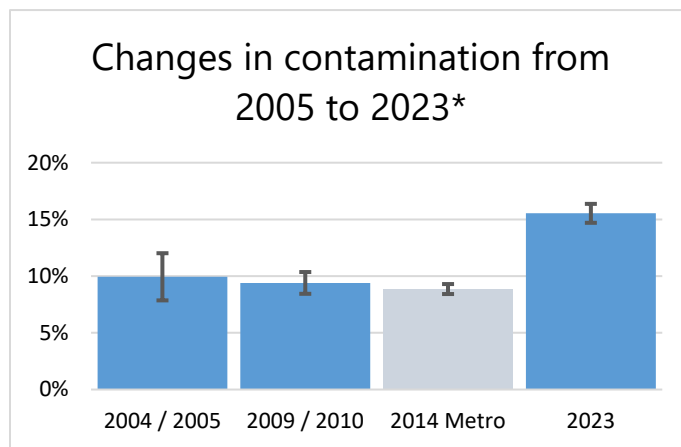


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## Contamination

Inbound recycling contamination did not change significantly from 2004 to 2014 (including a Metro study) and increased by more than 5.5% statewide by 2023.



## What are the contaminants?

<b>Paper (not cart-OK)</b> 3.28%	<b>Rigid plastic (not cart-OK)</b> 3.06%	<b>Bagged garbage</b> 2.35%	<b>All glass</b> 2.06%	<b>Other contaminants</b> 6.82%
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