TEXAS RECYCLED NEWSPRINT SURVEY

2025 Survey Results

Each year Texas Commission on Environmental Quality conducts a survey of Texas newspaper printers and publishers to determine their use of recycled newsprint. The following results are from calendar year 2025, which were compiled in 2026.

Summary of Results

State law sets the objective for newspaper publishers to meet at least one of two recycling goals. In 2025, zero publishers submitted data for the survey results and the objectives were not met. Cumulative totals, however, have stayed above the post-consumer recycled content goals since 1995.

Use of Recycled Newsprint

One goal is for recycled newsprint to comprise 30 percent of total newsprint purchased. Recycled newsprint is defined as newsprint containing 25 percent or more post-consumer recycled content.

- Since 1995, 35% (3.23 million tons) of all newsprint purchased by respondents has been recycled newsprint.

Aggregate Post-Consumer Recycled Content

The current goal for aggregate post-consumer recycled content in newsprint (i.e., the overall percentage of post-consumer recycled content in all newsprint purchased) is 18 percent.

- Since 1995, respondents have purchased approximately 2.34 million tons of post-consumer recycled content (23% of all newsprint purchased).

Goals and Totals

Table 1 – Cumulative Newsprint Usage Results (Since 1995)

Number of Times Publications Reported	Total Amount of Newsprint Purchased	Percentage of Total that was Recycled Newsprint	Percentage of Post-consumer Recycled Content in Newsprint
6,705	8.45 million tons	35% (Goal: 30%)	23% (Goal: 18%)

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Table 2 – Newsprint Usage Goals

	Newsprint that was Recycled Newsprint (Percentage)		Post-consumer Recycled Content in Newsprint (Percentage)	
Year	**Goal**	**Actual**	**Goal**	**Actual**
1995	10	20	2.5	18
1996	10	24	2.5	22
1997	20	37	12	21
1998	20	43	12	21
1999	20	46	12	22
2000	30	46	18	33
2001	30	46	18	34
2002	30	52	18	48
2003	30	38	18	30
2004	30	40	18	23
2005	30	56	18	46
2006	30	57	18	42
2007	30	36	18	43
2008	30	48	18	36
2009	30	51	18	42
2010	30	28	18	28
2011	30	27	18	24
2012	30	34	18	25
2013	30	40	18	28
2014	30	42	18	19
2015	30	31	18	15
2016	30	41	18	25
2017	30	36	18	12
2018	30	0	18	0
2019	30	3	18	1
2020	30	38	18	10
2021	30	6	18	4
2022	30	37	18	13
2023	30	68	18	15
2024	30	2	18	0
2025	30	0	18	0
Average	**N/A**	**35**	**N/A**	**23**

Table 3 – Newsprint Survey Details

Year	Number of Publications Represented	Total Amount of Newsprint Purchased (tons)	Total Amount of Recycled Newsprint Purchased (tons)	Total Amount of Postconsumer Recycled Content Purchased (tons)
1995	291	662,482	132,423	119,247
1996	280	528,480	128,659	116,266
1997	283	631,817	236,680	132,682
1998	295	638,423	274,521	134,069
1999	277	693,902	319,860	152,658
2000	227	563,250	259,995	184,237
2001	181	480,964	222,714	163,388
2002	149	529,282	275,506	253,362
2003	262	648,776	244,974	194,684
2004	177	237,346	95,023	55,000
2005	300	481,168	268,107	221,872
2006	226	168,652	95,741	70,493
2007	350	352,302	127,500	151,960
2008	256	266,449	126,776	96,226
2009	245	188,853	97,158	79,730
2010	226	181,305	50,350	50,290
2011	448	183,675	49,449	43,696
2012	435	169,808	58,428	41,813
2013	354	77,476	30,993	21,943
2014	222	56,635	24,138	11,105
2015	231	90,819	28,335	14,032
2016	260	72,341	29,826	18,225
2017	312	64,779	23,277	7,876
2018	32	622	0	0
2019	175	422,180	10,937	4,012
2020	34	12,978	4,874	1,248
2021	66	31,600	2,035	1,275
2022	46	11,763	4,312	1,085
2023	39	6,344	4,312	923
2024	26	4,551	91	0
2025	0	0	0	0
Total	**N/A**	**8,459,022**	**3,226,994**	**2,343,398**

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