

2024 Wisconsin Recycling Data

Council on Recycling – December 2025

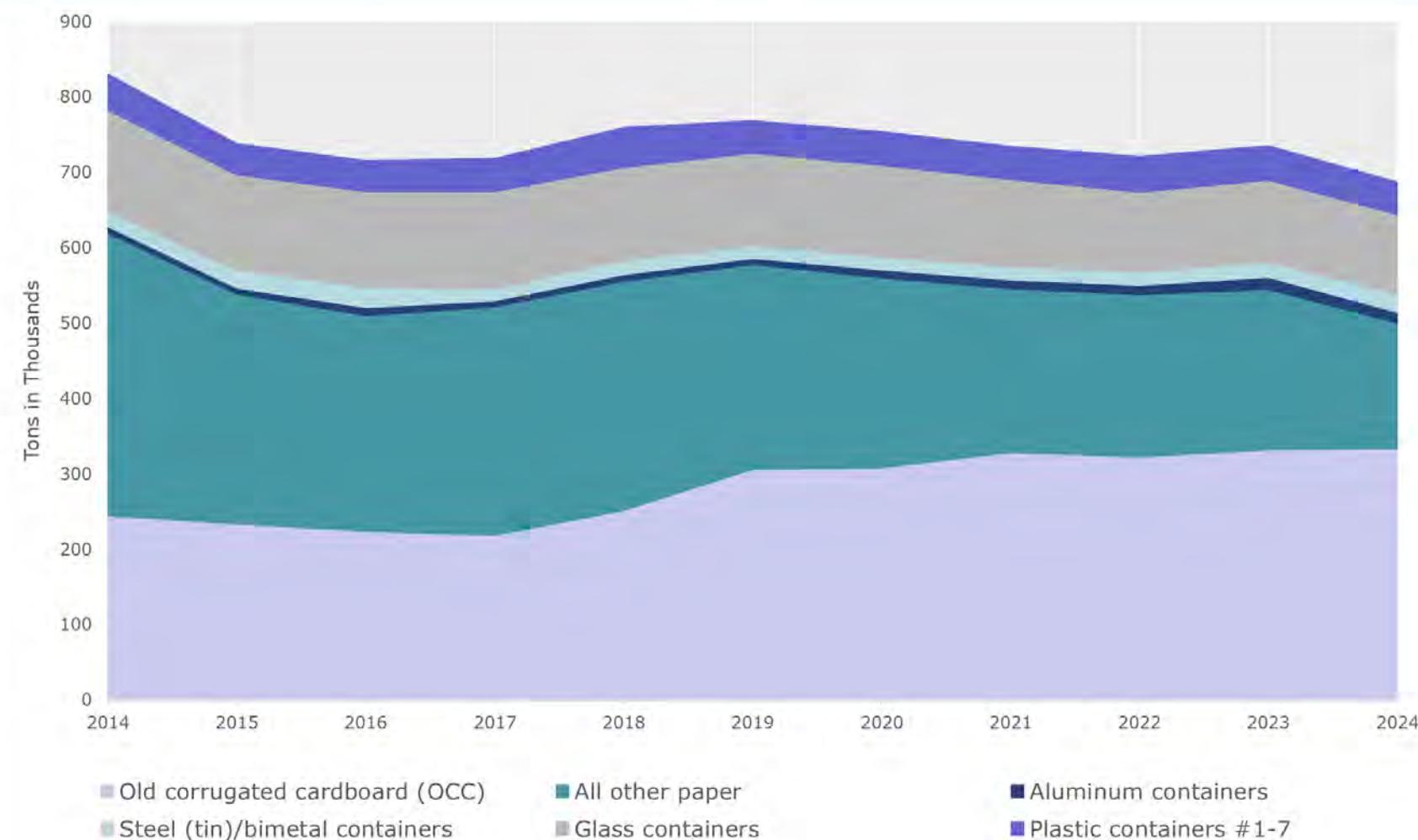
2023 Tonnage Correction

Recyclable Materials Sent to End Markets from Self-Certified MRFs (in tons)		
Mandatory Reporting - Banned	2023	% Change from original
Old corrugated cardboard (OCC)	332,309	 0%
All other paper	212,693 194,535	 -8.5%
Aluminum containers	15,855 14,904	 -6.0%
Steel (tin)/bimetal containers	20,402 19,451	 -4.7%
Glass containers	108,856 103,947	 -4.5%
Plastic containers #1-7	45,835 44,735	 -2.4%
Total Mandatory Reporting	735,950 709,881	 -3.5%

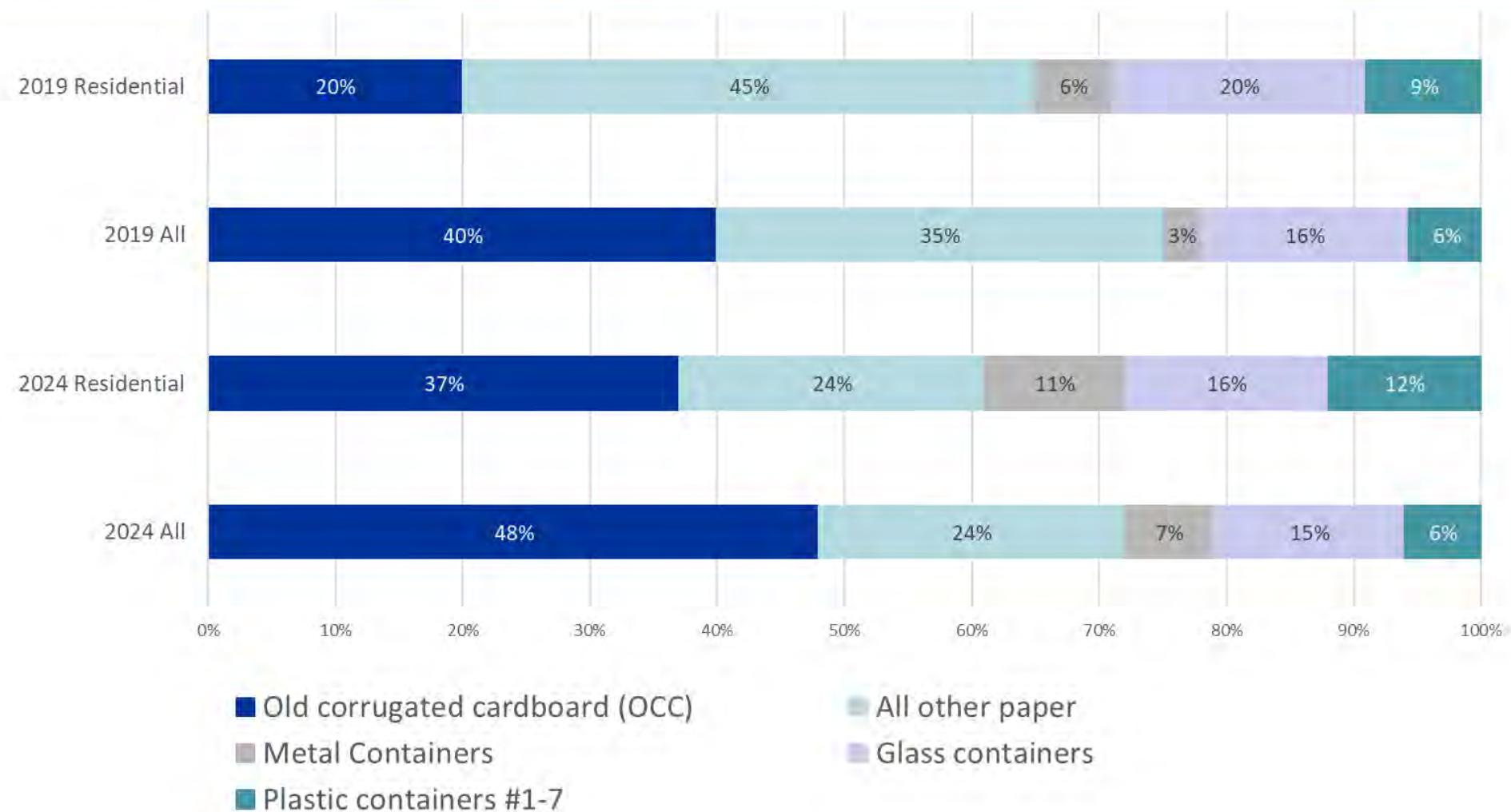
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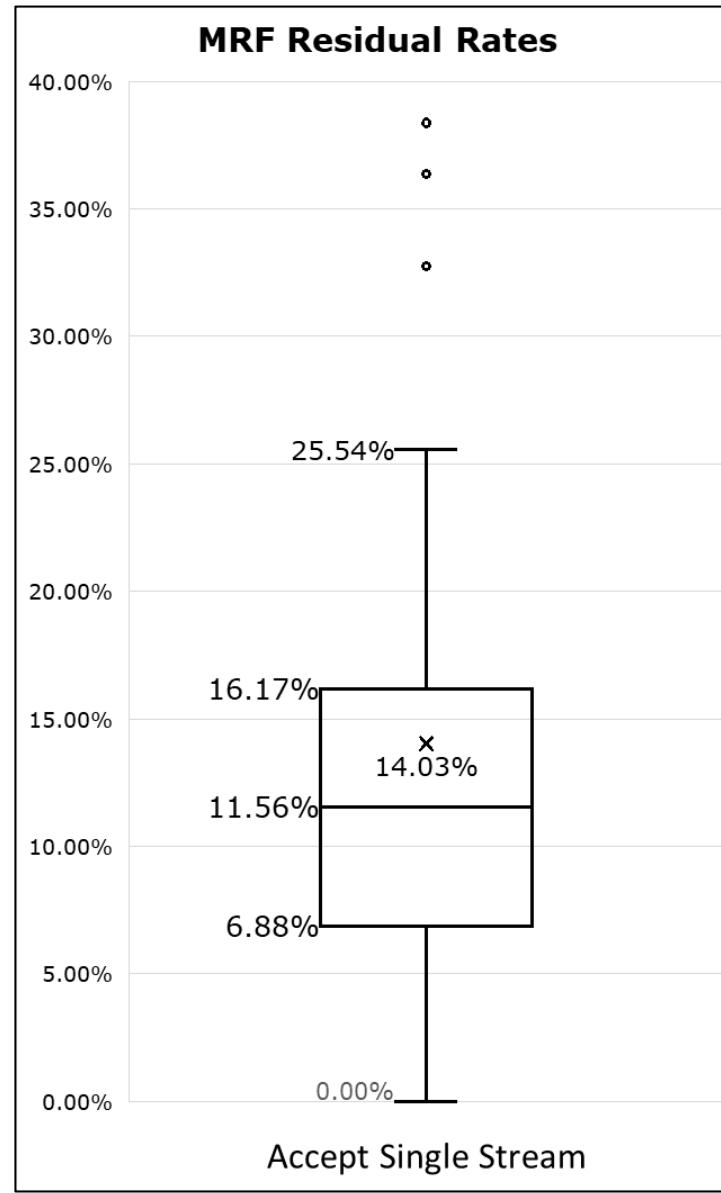
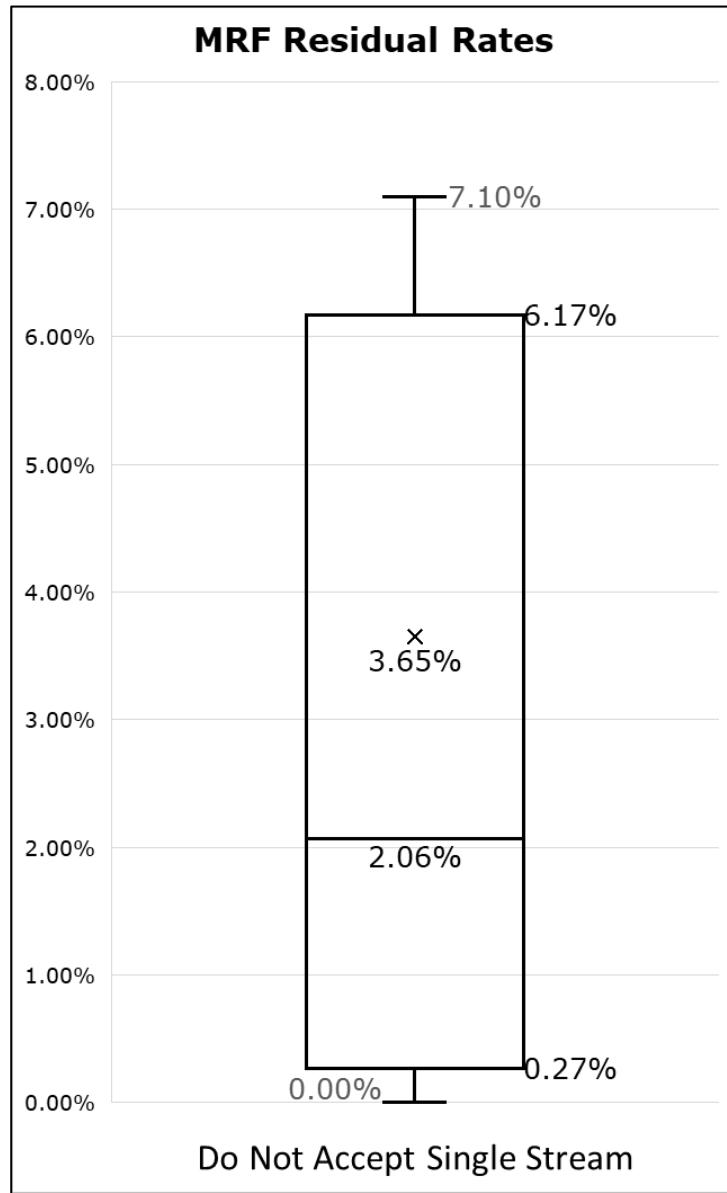
Mandatory Reporting - Banned	2024	2023
Old corrugated cardboard (OCC)	332,954	332,309
All other paper	167,542	194,535
Aluminum containers	14,224	14,904
Steel (tin)/bimetal containers	24,254	19,451
Glass containers	105,125	103,947
Plastic containers #1-7	43,463	44,736
Total Mandatory Reporting	687,561	709,881

Trends In Recycling: All Banned Materials Sent to End Markets from Self-Certified MRFs



Breakdown of Materials Sent to End Markets by WI Self-Certified MRFs- 2019 vs 2024





MRF Residual Rates

Does Not Accept Single Stream

Lower Quartile: 0.27%
Upper Quartile: 6.17%
Average: 3.65%

Does Accept Single Stream

Lower Quartile: 6.88%
Upper Quartile: 16.17%
Average: 14.03%

Residual Rate Trends Based on % Received for All Self-Certified MRFs Located in WI through 2024

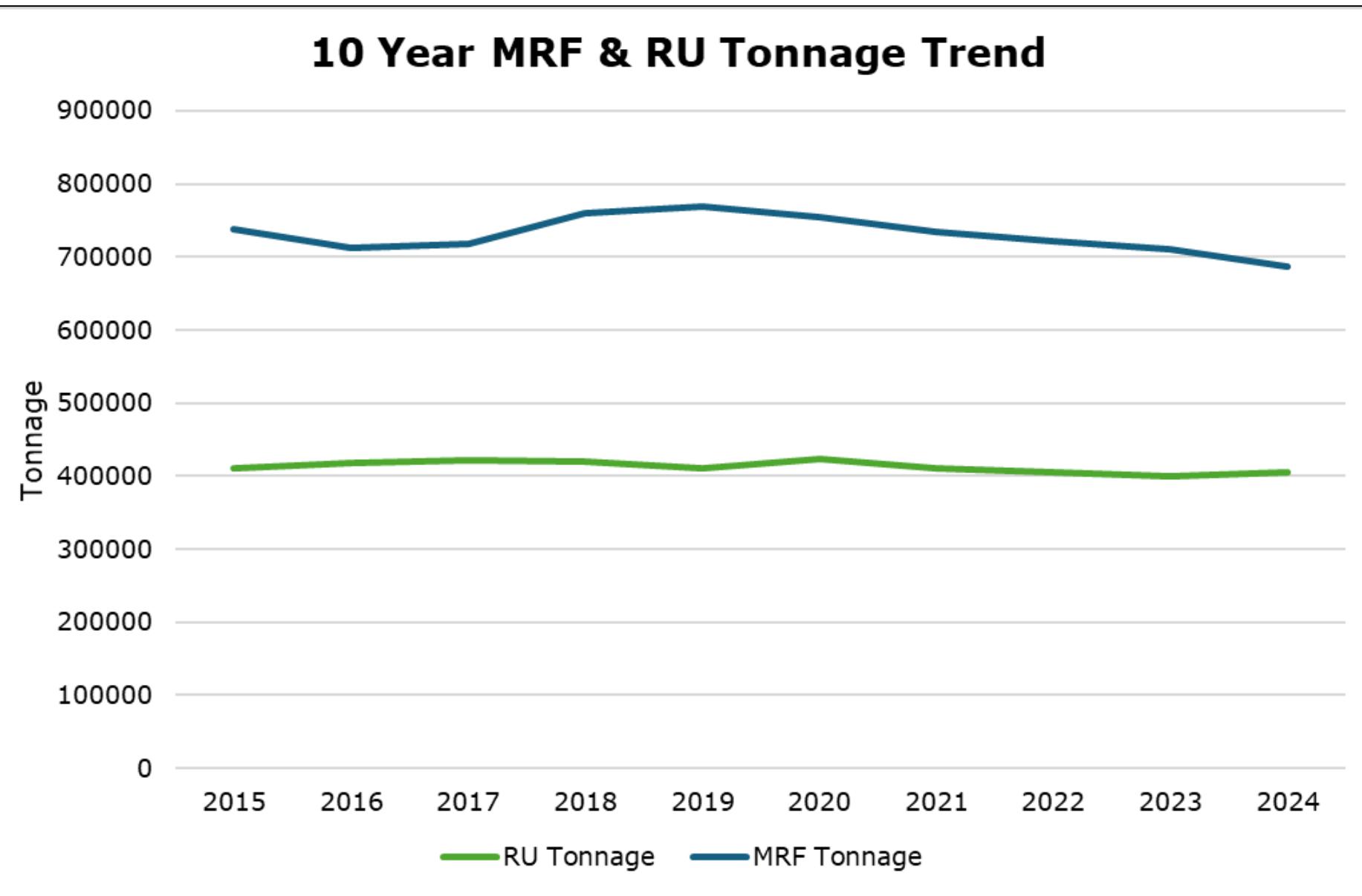


Recyclable Materials Collected by Wisconsin Responsible Units (in tons)

Reporting Year	Tonnage	% Change from previous year
2018	419,690	 -0.4%
2019	411,154	 -2.0%
2020	423,191	 2.9%
2021	410,011	 -3.1%
2022	405,953	 -1.0%
2023	400,114	 -1.4%
2024	405,255	 1.3%
WI Population	6,028,656	 0.6%
2024 Per capita mandatory reporting (lbs)	134	 0.7%

Banned Materials

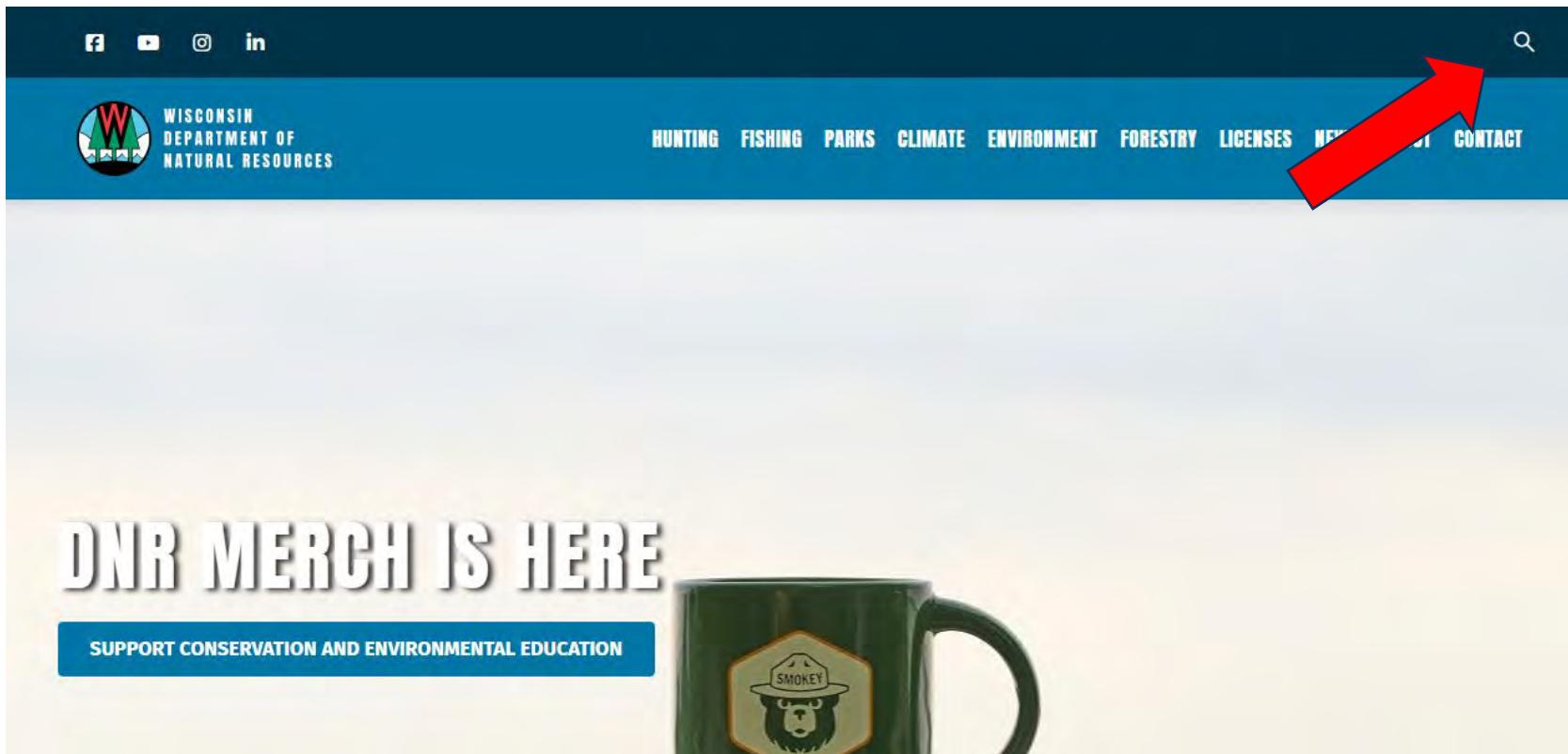
- Old corrugated cardboard (OCC)
- All other paper
- Aluminum containers
- Steel (tin)/bimetal containers
- Glass containers
- Plastic containers #1-7



Where to find the 2024 data

[Wisconsin Recycling and Solid Waste Studies and Reports | | Wisconsin DNR](#)

OR by searching ‘recycling studies’ on the DNR’s website



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