

36032 Textiles Waste and Recycling

Please could you send me the newest available data in your area on:

The total amount of textile waste produced in the city each year (kg/tonnes).

The total amount of non-commercial textile waste produced in the city each year (kg/tonnes).

What percentage of total textile waste each year is non-commercial textiles waste?

What percentage of the total amount of textiles waste is recycled each year?

What percentage of the total amount of textiles waste is incinerated each year?

What percentage of the total amount of textiles waste ends up in a landfill each year?

What is the total amount of CO² produced through textile waste management each year within the city?

The information requested is not a local authority function. We do not hold data on waste for which we are not responsible. Much of the non-commercial textile disposal, reuse and recycling takes place through charity shops, collection banks under contract to charities and/or retailers and in-store collection points in clothes shops. This information is not reported to us.

We do however hold the following data:

Tonnes of textiles collected for reuse or recycling at local authority household waste recycling centres, Council-run recycling points, etc. over the last three full years. Please note that the final year is 2020/21 during which time the operators of textile recycling services were significantly disrupted as a result of the Covid pandemic.

2018/19: 88.29 tonnes

2019/20: 67.91 tonnes

2020/21: 17.26 tonnes

Waste Analysis 2014/15:

Textiles formed 5% of Household Grey Bin waste (sent to energy recovery)

Textiles formed 4% of Communal Household Bin waste (sent to energy recovery)

It should be noted that the majority of the pollution, including climate change emissions, associated with textiles, takes place at the manufacturing and distribution stages, i.e. before the textiles become waste.