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# Recycling in the U.S.

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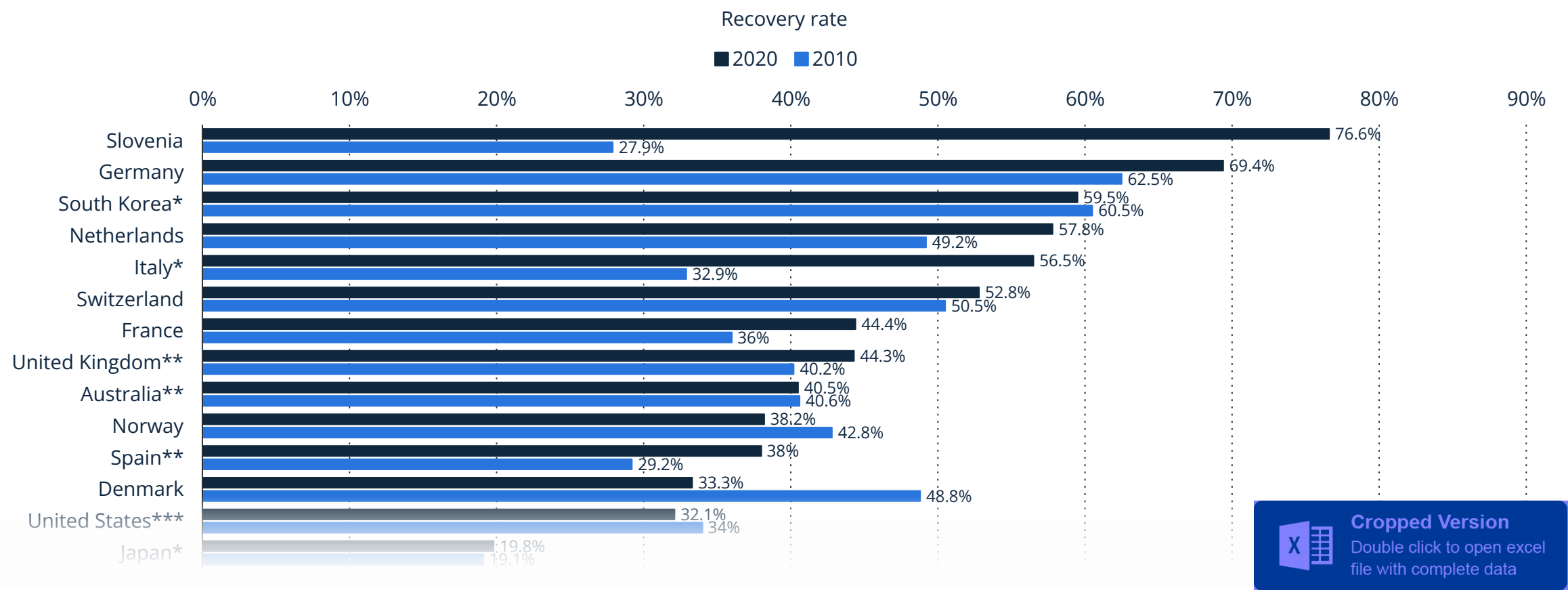
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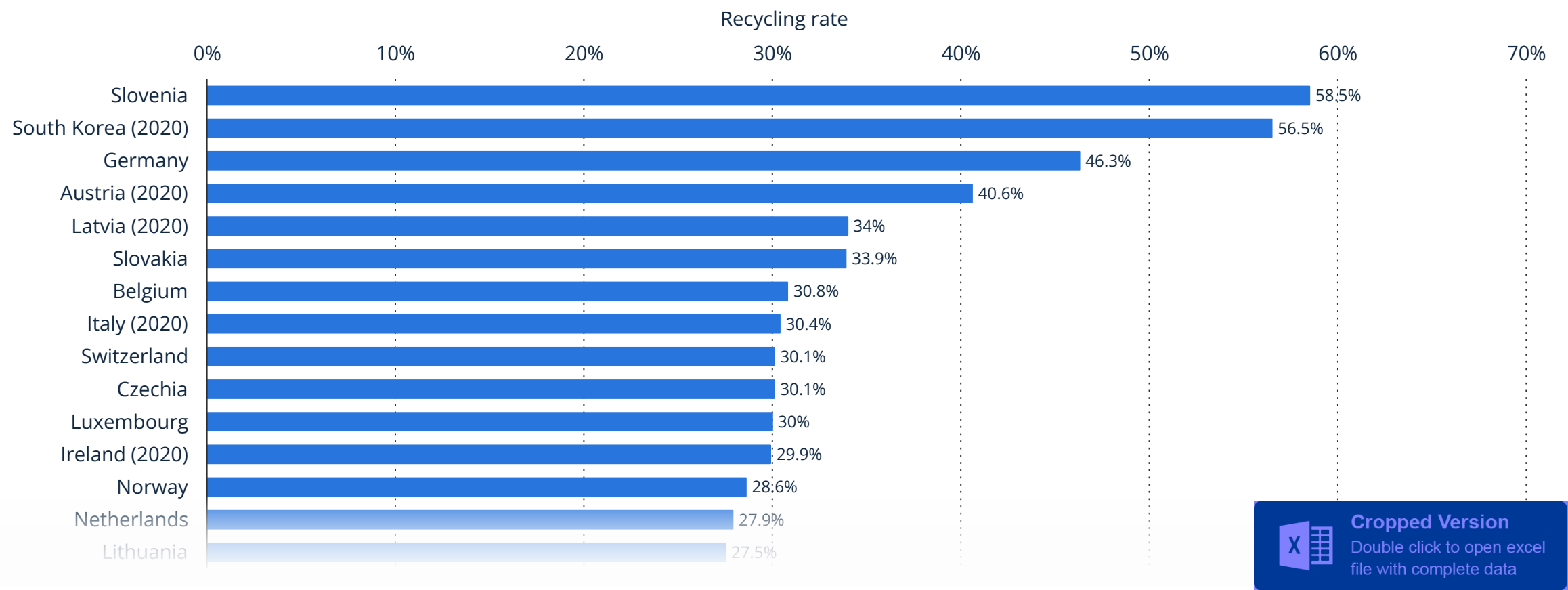
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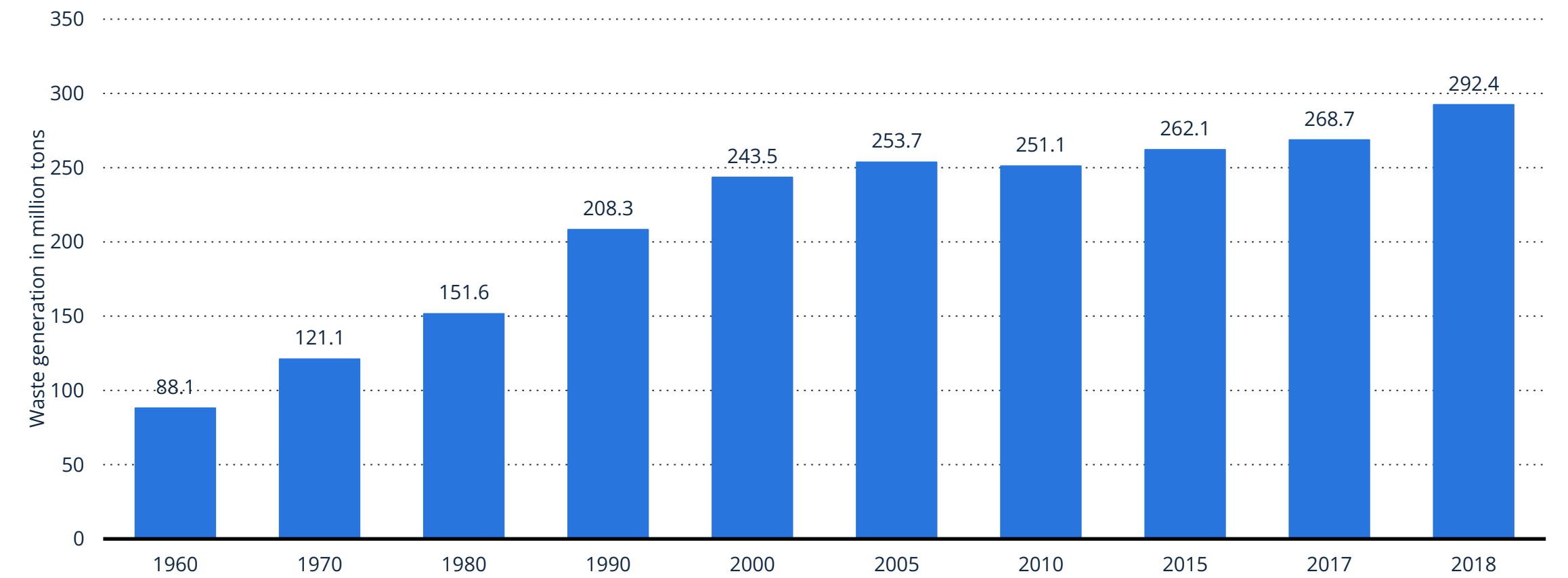
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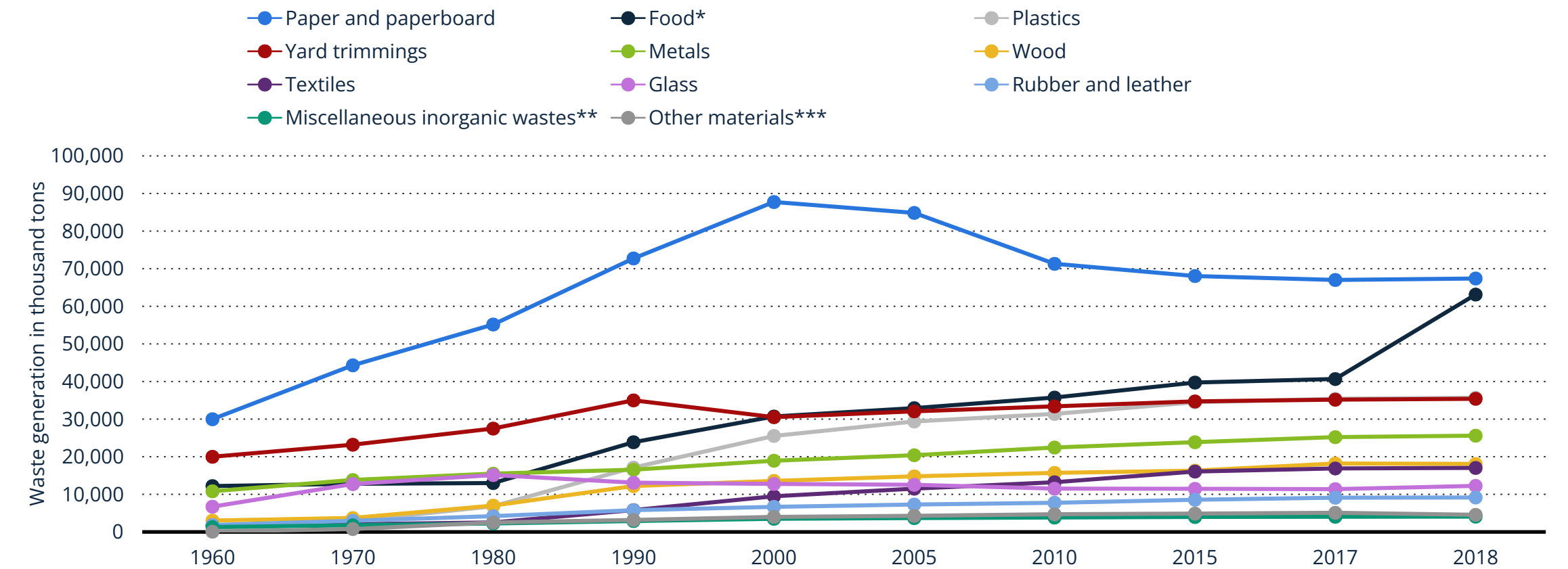
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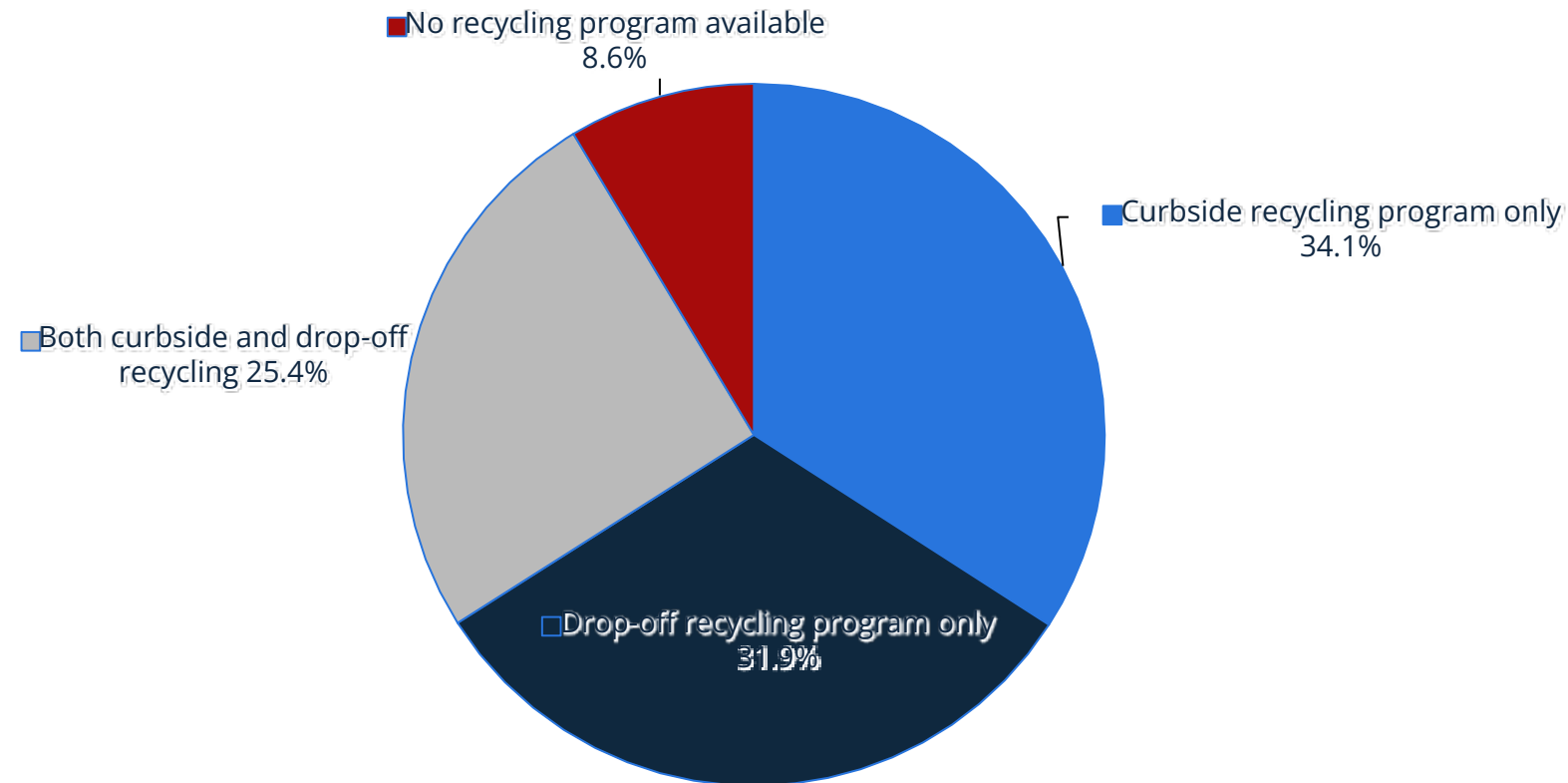
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# Share of population with access to recycling programs in the United States in 2021, by type

Share of residents with access to recycling services in the U.S. 2021, by type

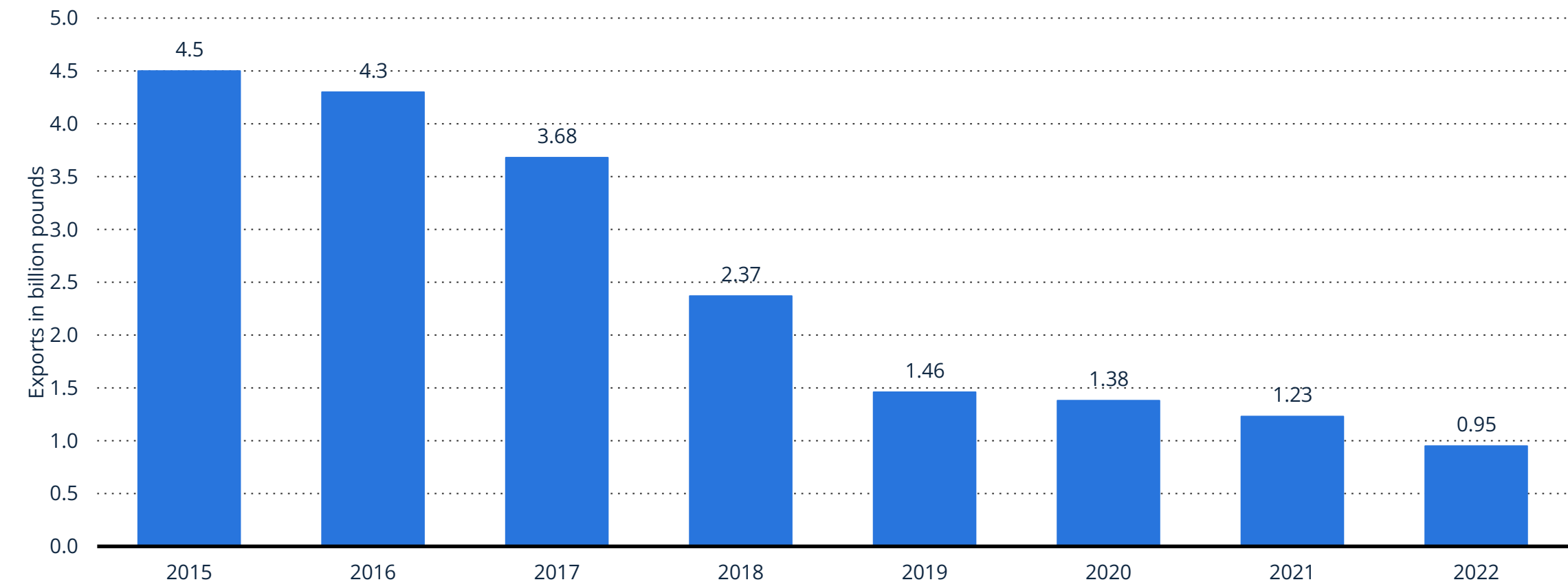


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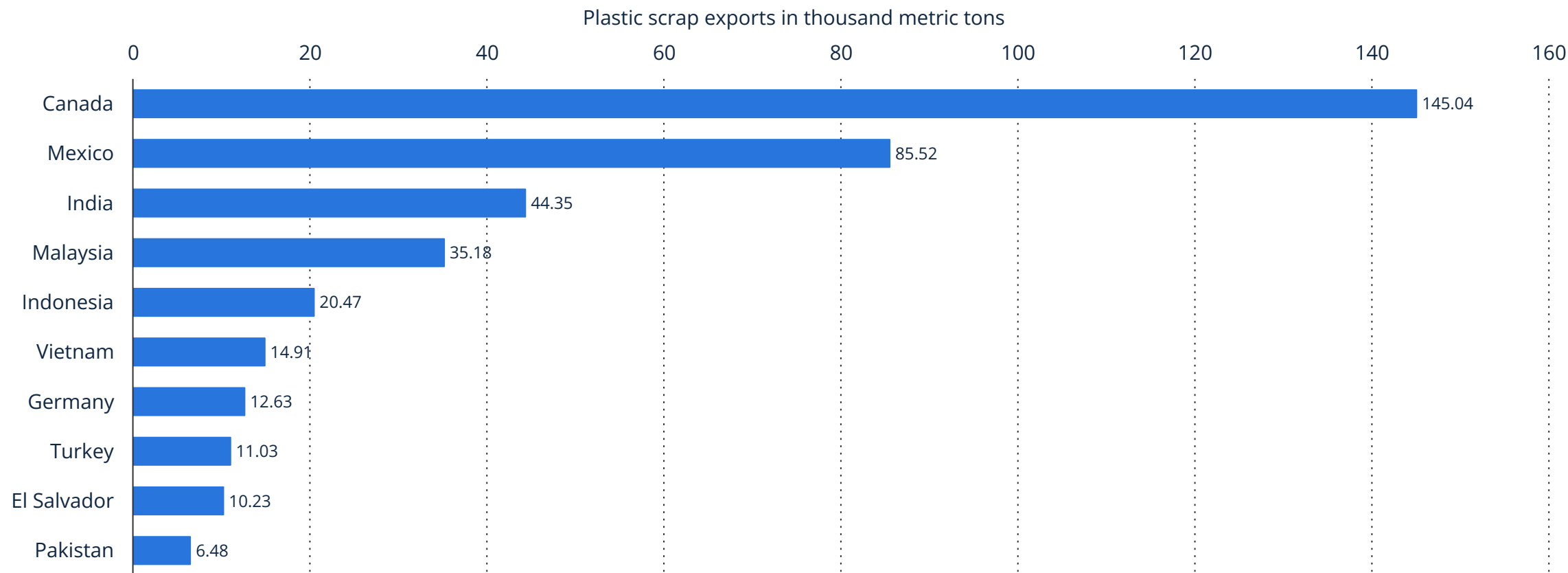
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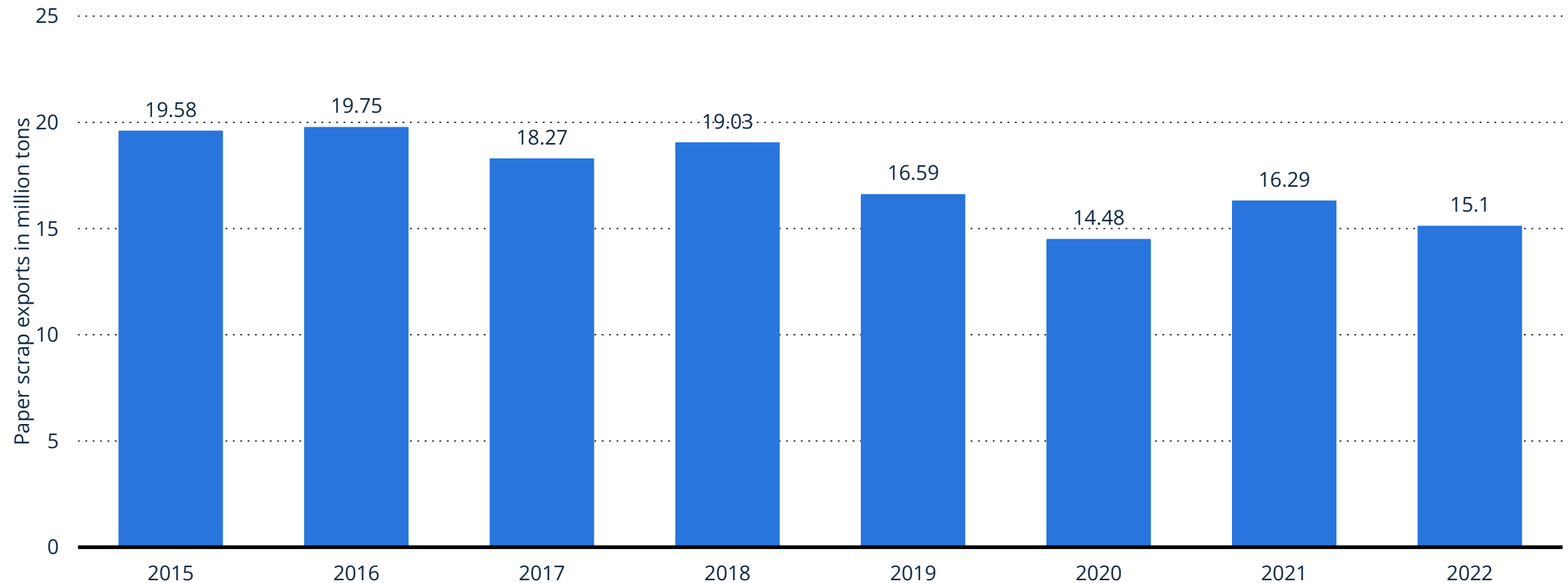
Plastic waste exports from the U.S. 2022, by destination



10 **Description:** The leading destination for scrap plastic exports from the United States is Canada. In 2022, Canada imported over 145 thousand metric tons of this product. Mexico followed that year, with 85.5 thousand tons of plastic scraps imported. China was once the main export destination for much of the world's plastic scrap, but in 2018 it introduced a ban on the import of such materials. This meant countries such as the U.S. had to look elsewhere. Plastic scrap from developed nations is often [...] [Read more](#)  
**Note(s):** United States; 2022  
**Source(s):** Trade Map

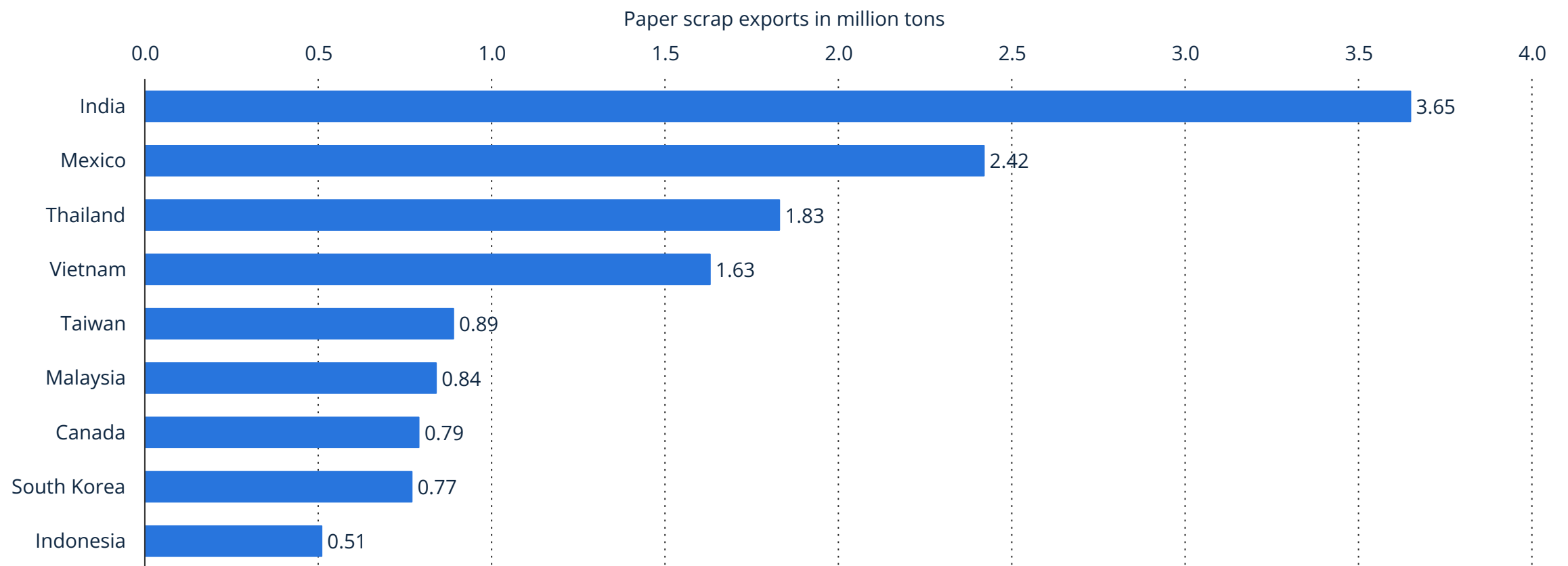
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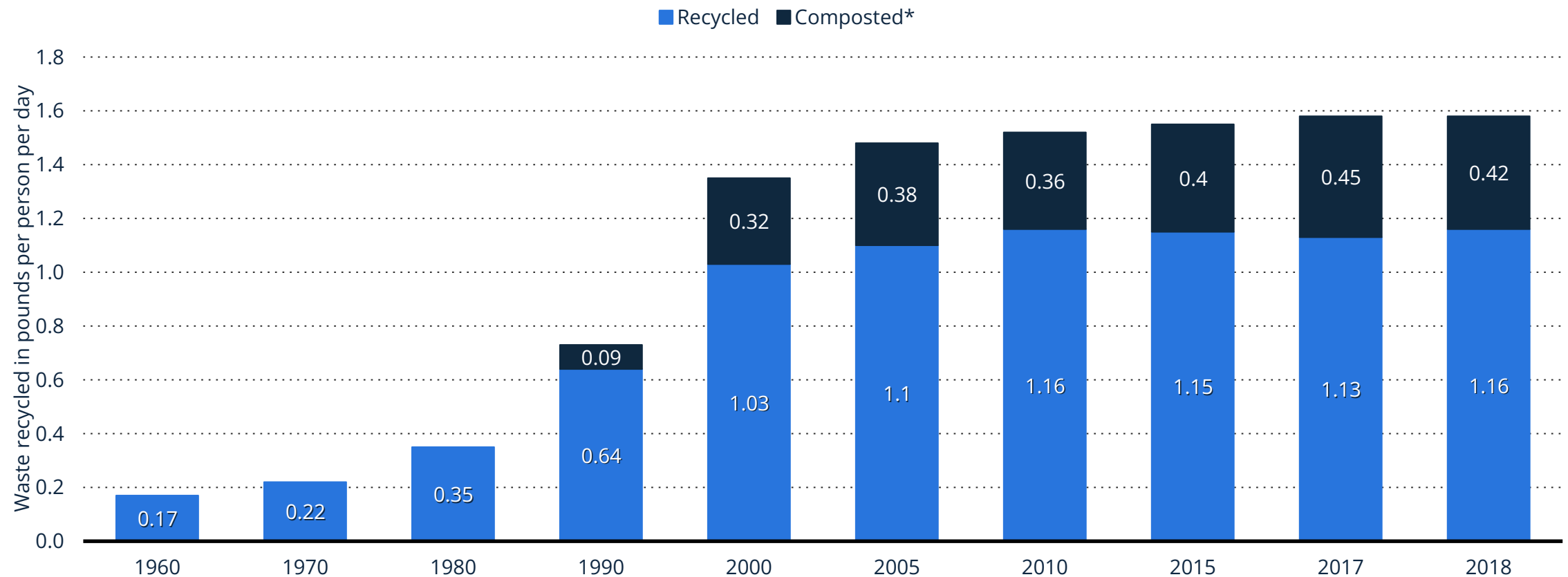


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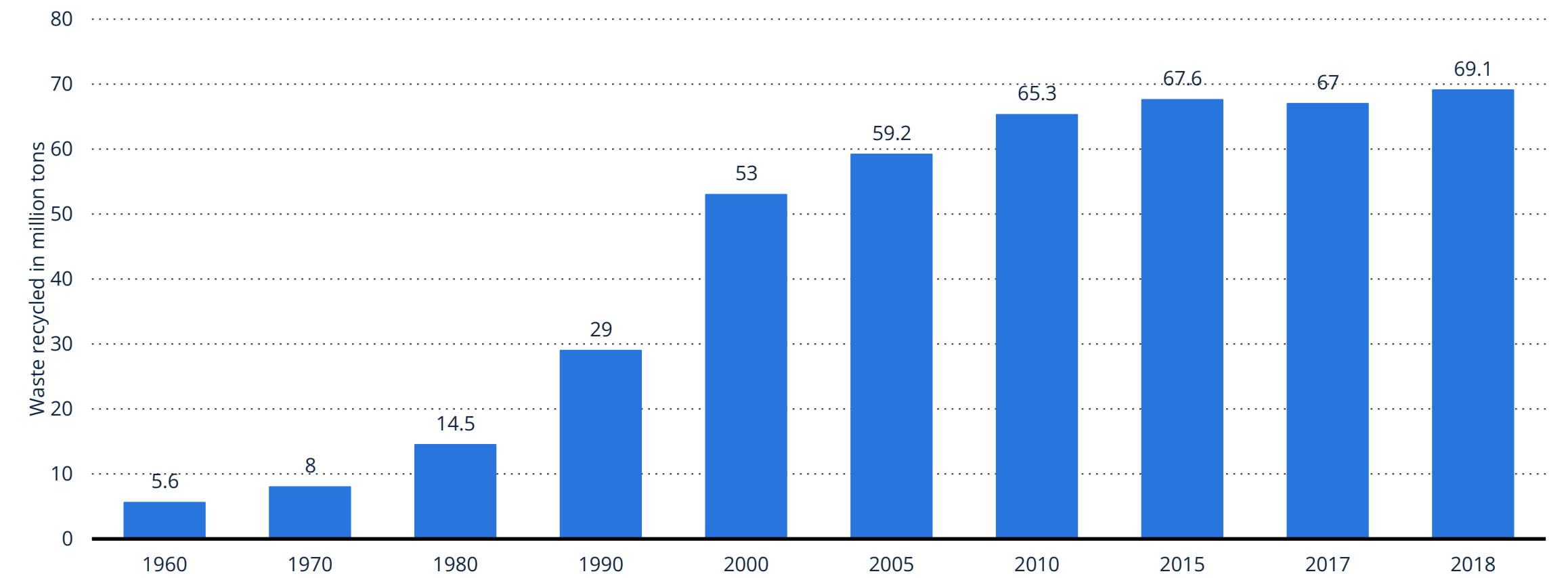
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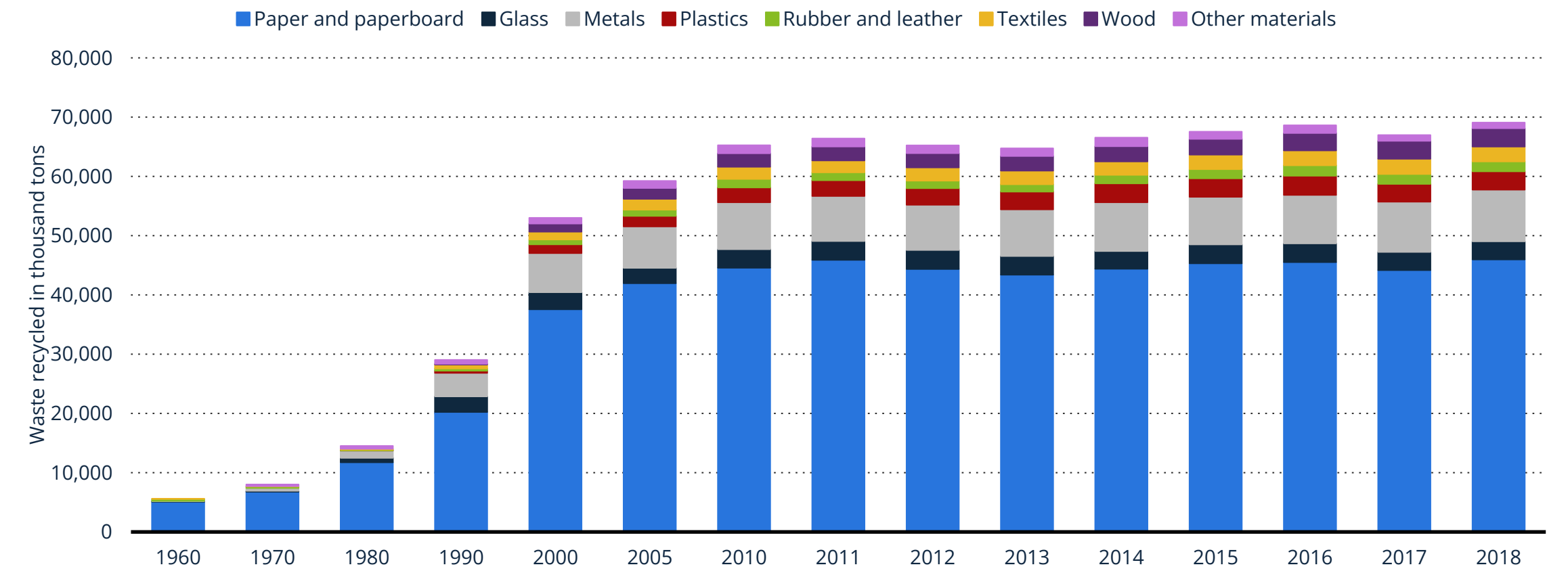
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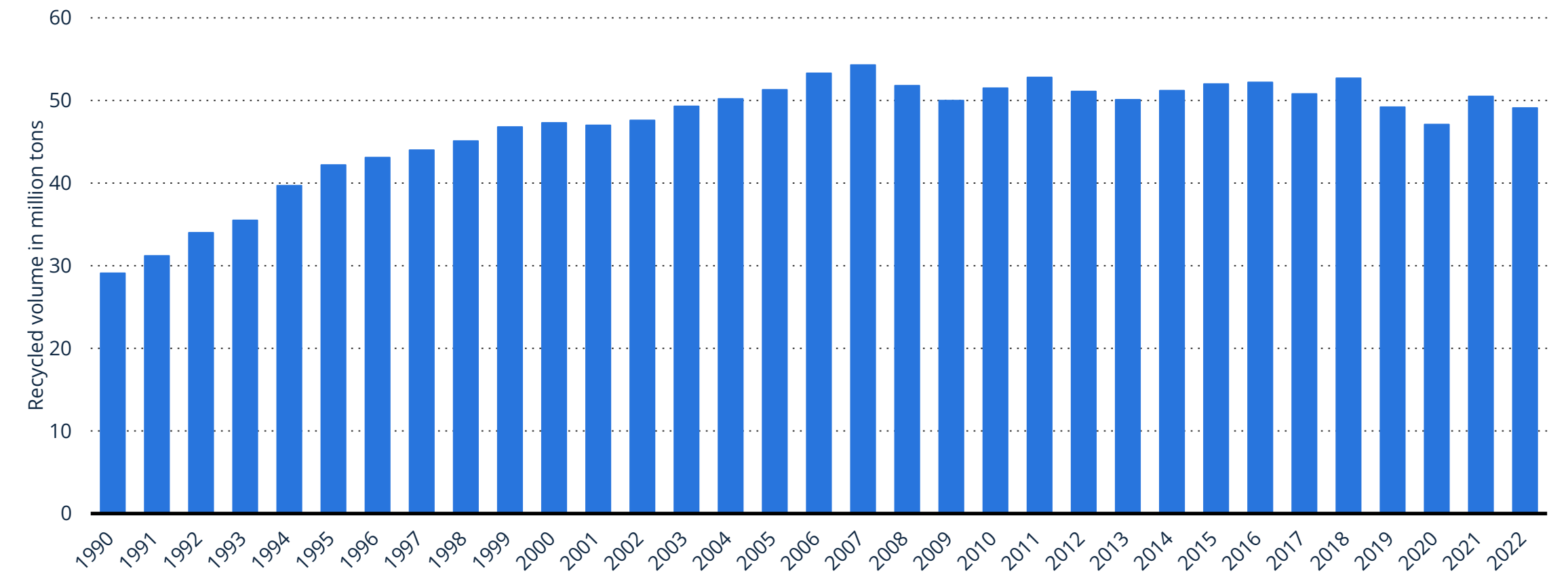
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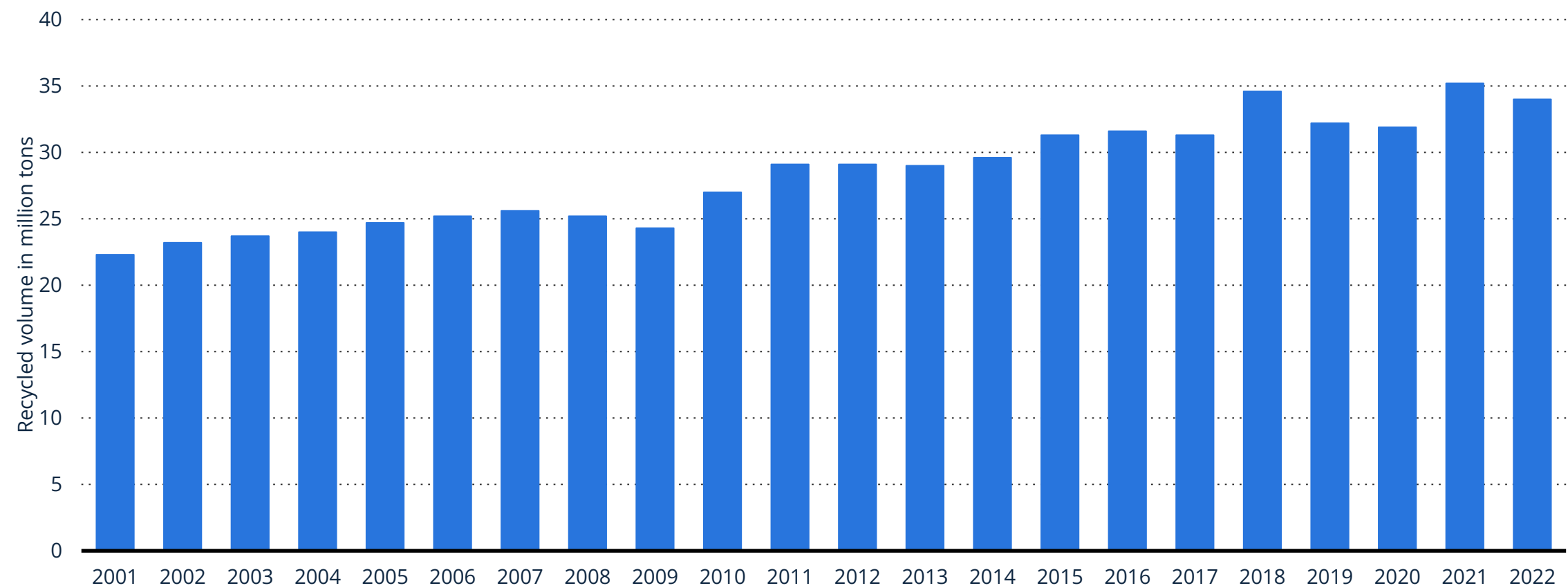
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