Reuse: Capture rate by material

By accounting for the total discarded amount of a *specific material*, capture rates inherently set a target for how much additional material is available to capture for recycling. In the current system, it's unrealistic to achieve a *recycling rate* of 100 percent as not all of the material Minnesotans discard can be easily recycled. In an ideal scenario, it would be feasible to reach a 100% *capture rate* for some traditionally recycled materials (like aluminum). As the chart below shows, some materials already have relatively high capture rates statewide, like mixed paper and steel. This means of all the discarded mixed paper, Minnesota captured about 67.7..



* includes boxboard and cardboard



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