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## PET By The Numbers

- 3.1 million** Tons of PET produced annually in North America. *(Source: GBI Research)*
- 1973** Year the first PET bottle was patented.
- 29%** U.S. recycling rate for PET, reported in 2010.
- 26,000** BTUs of energy saved by recycling 1 pound of PET bottles. *(Source: EPA)*
- 12.7** Average gram weight in 2008 of a 0.5 liter PET water bottle. *(Source: IBWA)*
- 1%** U.S. municipal solid waste attributed to PET bottles and jars. *(Source: EPA)*
- 45** Pounds of PET containers used each year per U.S. household.
- 500** Melting point of PET in degrees Fahrenheit.
- 1** Resin identification code for *polyethylene terephthalate* (PET).
- 99** Percent of North American PET resin producers belonging to PETRA.
- ½ of 1%** World oil production that goes into making PET. *(Source: PlasticsEurope)*
- 41** Number of recycled 2-liter PET bottles to make one square yard of carpet.
- 1.5 billion** Pounds of used PET containers collected in the U.S. in 2010 for recycling. *(Source: NAPCOR, APR)*

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