
About the 2020 Report

The Reusable Packaging Association’s inaugural State of the Reusable Packaging Industry Report is the first comprehensive analysis of the reusable transport packaging (RTP) industry. The 36-page report is informed in part by anonymous insights from a broad audience of industry experts, including:

- **Users** of reusable packaging (retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, processors, growers, distribution and logistics providers, and government agencies)
- **Manufacturers and poolers** of reusable packaging (pallets, containers, crates, totes, IBCs, drums, tanks, dunnage, racks, carts, dollies, and cargo protection)
- **Suppliers / service providers** to reusable packaging systems (washing & sanitizing equipment and services, sort and return services, asset repair, technology equipment and services, raw materials, engineering & design, and transportation & logistics)

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The 2020 Reusable Transport Packaging: State of the Industry Report is now available on the RPA website, reusables.org

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2020 Reusable Packaging Industry Survey

The first State of the Reusable Packaging Industry Survey was conducted between February 10 and March 13, 2020 by the RPA. The survey’s intent was to gather insights into recent reusable transport packaging (RTP) industry performance as well as expert predictions for the future growth of the industry and the trends and market forces that will shape this growth.

Factors Impacting Demand for RTP

Survey respondents were asked how each of seven factors would impact demand for their company’s RTP or related services.

- Government regulation
- Public concern for the environment
- Automation
- Labor availability
- Economic drivers
- Raw material sourcing
- Transportation

Respondents’ Role in Their Organization

Respondents’ Role in the RTP Industry

RTP User 17%
Manufacturer of RTP 32%
Pooler of RTP 28%
Industry Supplier 23%

Respondents’ Role in Their Organization

Manager 35%
Director 15%
VP 15%
President/CEO 18%
Other 17%

RTP Global Market Size & Segmentation

In 2020, the global packaging market reached an estimated $950 billion in value. Approximately $200 billion of this is considered “transport” or “transit” packaging, of which roughly half meet the Reusable Packaging Association’s criteria for “reusable” packaging. Together, these products comprise the $100 billion RTP market.

For detailed sizing, segmentation, and sources, see the full report.