China’s Annual Paper Products Production

In 2025, China is projected to produce over 130 million tonnes of paper and paperboard — roughly one in four sheets of paper worldwide faxiangongchang.com.

Latest figures

- **2025 projection:** >130 million tonnes of paper and paperboard, about **28% of global output**. faxiangongchang.com.
- **2024 actual:** 121.05 million tonnes, up 7.5% year-on-year. faxiangongchang.com.
- **FAO/Statista dataset (2025):** 88 million tonnes of *paper* (excluding some paperboard categories), 36.7% of global paper output chinadata.live.
- **2024 machine-made paper & paperboard:** 158.47 million tonnes, an 8.6% increase from 2023 thepulpandpapertimes.com.

These numbers differ because:

- **FAO/Statista** figures focus on *paper* (newsprint, office paper, etc.) and exclude much of the packaging and specialty paperboard.
- **Industry reports** (e.g., Tianxia Gongchang, Pulp & Paper Times) include *all* paper and paperboard products — packaging, cultural, tissue, specialty — which raises totals into the 130–158 million tonne range.

Global context

- China is now the **largest paper-producing nation**, surpassing the combined output of other major producers faxiangongchang.com.
- In 2025, China’s share of global paper output is **about one-third** if measured by paper only chinadata.live, and **over a quarter** if measured by total paper and paperboard faxiangongchang.com.
- Growth is driven by packaging demand (especially e-commerce corrugated boxes) and specialty paper, while cultural paper is declining due to digitalization faxiangongchang.com.

Summary table

Year	Scope	China production	Global total	Share
2024	Paper only (FAO/Statista)	88 Mt	240 Mt	36.7% chinadata.live
2024	Paper & paperboard (industry)	158.47 Mt	~460 Mt	~34% thepulpandpapertimes.com
2025	Paper & paperboard (projected)	>130 Mt	~460 Mt	~28% faxiangongchang.com

In short: Depending on the definition, China produces **88–158 million tonnes of paper products annually**, with the higher figure including all paperboard and packaging types. This makes China the dominant global producer, accounting for roughly **one-third of global paper** and **over a quarter of total paper and paperboard**.