



IV Group Collection of Steel Cans

1. How Many Municipalities Practice Group Collection?

About 80% of Municipalities Practice Group Collection Programs

The rate of municipalities involvement in group collection, all forms included, is 79.7%. This would probably be higher if resource collections performed privately were included. By population, cities with population more than 500,000 have the highest implementation rate (100.0%). By regions, group collection was practiced in more than 70% of municipalities except Shikoku, Kyushu and Okinawa regions.



People are sorting steel cans and aluminum cans.

The Rate of Practicing Group Collection

79.7% of municipalities are practicing group collection, and about 80% of them

	FY2010		FY2009		FY2008	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Practice	561	79.7	578	81.4	593	80.7
Not practice	113	16.1	109	15.4	111	15.1
Unknown	30	4.3	22	3.1	27	3.7
Others	0	0.0	1	0.1	4	0.5
Total	704	100.0	710	100.0	735	100.0

Note. [Unknown] includes wards and cities that have no information because group collection is performed privately.

The Rate of Practicing Group Collection According to Scale of Population in FY2010

In large cities where more than 500,000 people reside, the ratio of practicing group collection (=participation of municipalities) is 100%, however, the trend indicates that ration gets lesser in smaller cities.

	Practice		Not practice		Unknown		Total	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Less than 30,000	30	51.7	22	37.9	6	10.3	58	100.0
30,000 ~ 50,000	107	69.5	36	23.4	11	7.1	154	100.0
50,000 ~ 100,000	180	81.8	33	15.0	7	3.2	220	100.0
100,000 ~ 200,000	132	87.4	15	9.9	4	2.6	151	100.0
200,000 ~ 300,000	38	90.5	3	7.1	1	2.4	42	100.0
300,000 ~ 500,000	42	89.4	4	8.5	1	2.1	47	100.0
More than 500,000	32	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	32	100.0

Target Items for Group Collection (multiple answers)

The ratio of the municipalities that designate steel cans for group collection is 58.5%. The ratio of other items remains the same. Also, as the questionnaire asked about the cartons from this time, more than half of the municipalities designated it.

	FY2010		FY2009		FY2008	
	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)	Wards and cities	rate (%)
Waste paper	557	99.3	573	99.1	586	98.8
Fabric	437	77.9	437	75.6	459	77.4
Aluminum cans	440	78.4	457	79.1	475	80.1
Steel cans	328	58.5	327	56.6	329	55.5
Iron scrap	174	31.0	172	29.8	174	29.3
Returnable bottles	357	63.6	372	64.4	373	62.9
PET bottles	114	20.3	114	19.7	100	16.9
Trays	24	4.3	26	4.5	20	3.4
Cartons	282	50.3	219	37.9	—	—
Others	87	15.5	73	12.6	158	26.6
Unknown	0	0.0	1	0.2	2	0.3
Total	561	100.0	578	100.0	593	100.0

Note. [Other] indicates cartons, Prastic container for beer, mixed paper, plastic items, etc.

Note2. [Cartons] is added since FY2009, including milk cartons only.

