

# Home Waste Audit

**Become a waste expert, at home!**



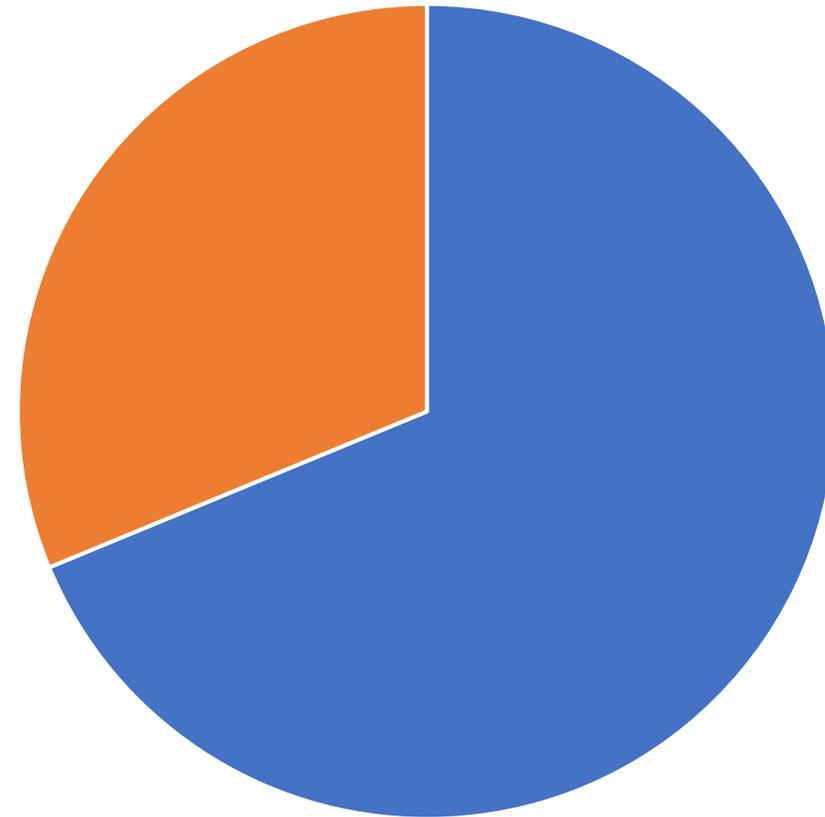
## Objectives:

1. Learn about the waste streams in your municipality. i.e., learn what bins you have (e.g., recycling, landfill, organics) and what goes in each of them.
2. Decrease your waste footprint and divert waste away from landfills by procuring and using products that you can reuse/recycle.



# Did you learn something new?

**69%**  
**LEARNED**  
**SOMETHING**  
**NEW**



■ Yes ■ No

# Learning something new



I don't have to flatten milk and juice cartons.

Cling wrap, coffee cups and lids, straws and plastic cutlery can go in the recycling stream

Black plastic is now accepted for recycling.

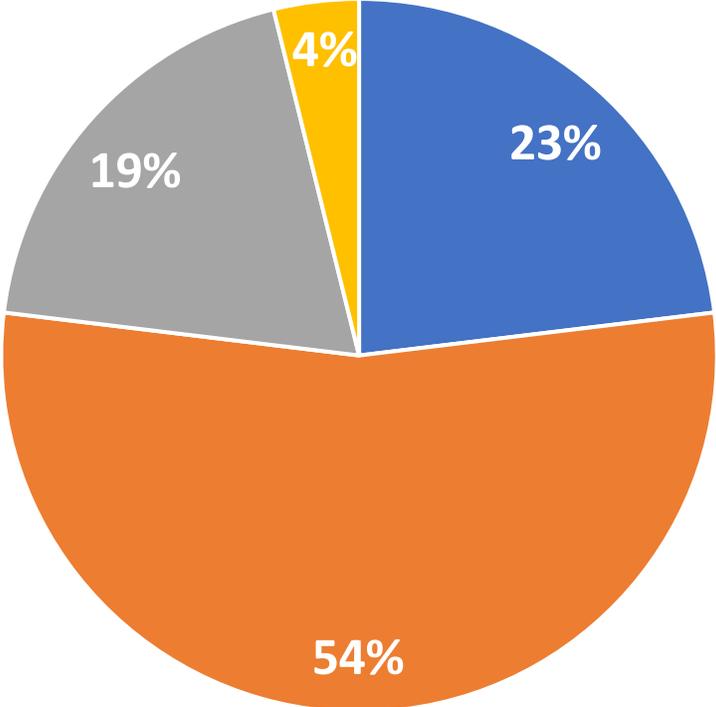
I learned that used disposable diapers go in organic waste.

I can recycle aluminum foil (balled up) and plastic deodorant and other cosmetic containers (after removing residue)

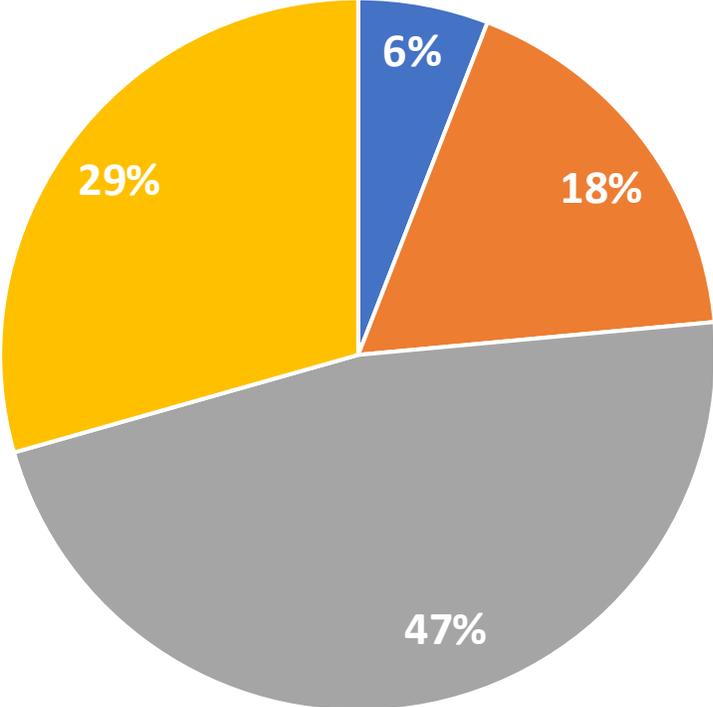
That foam containers can go into recycling

Wooden chopsticks and compostable plastic are not recyclable (go in trash bin)

# How many items of trash did you **really** throw away in one week?



Survey Responses

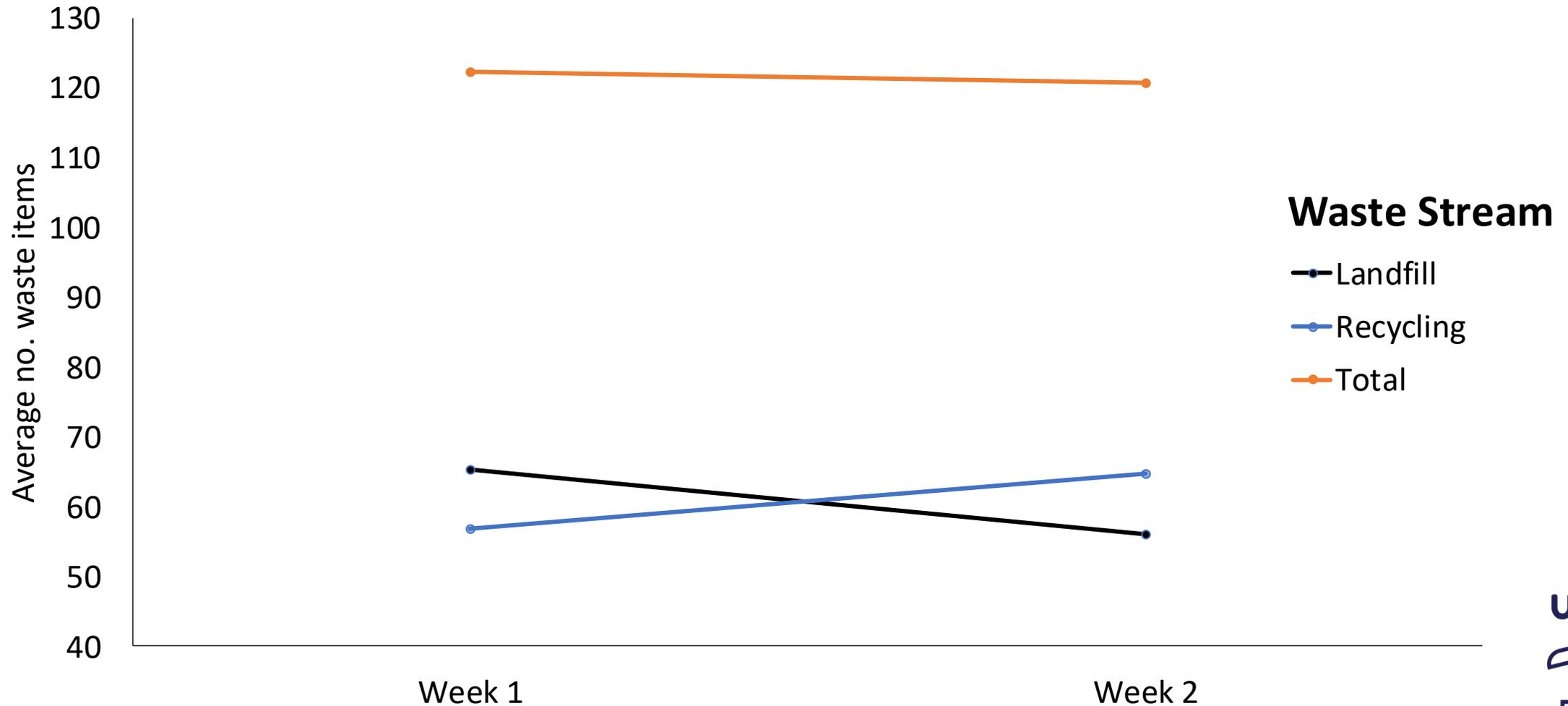


Waste Audit Data  
(17 households)

- 0-50 items
- 51-100 items
- 101-150 items
- Over 150 items



# Average waste per household

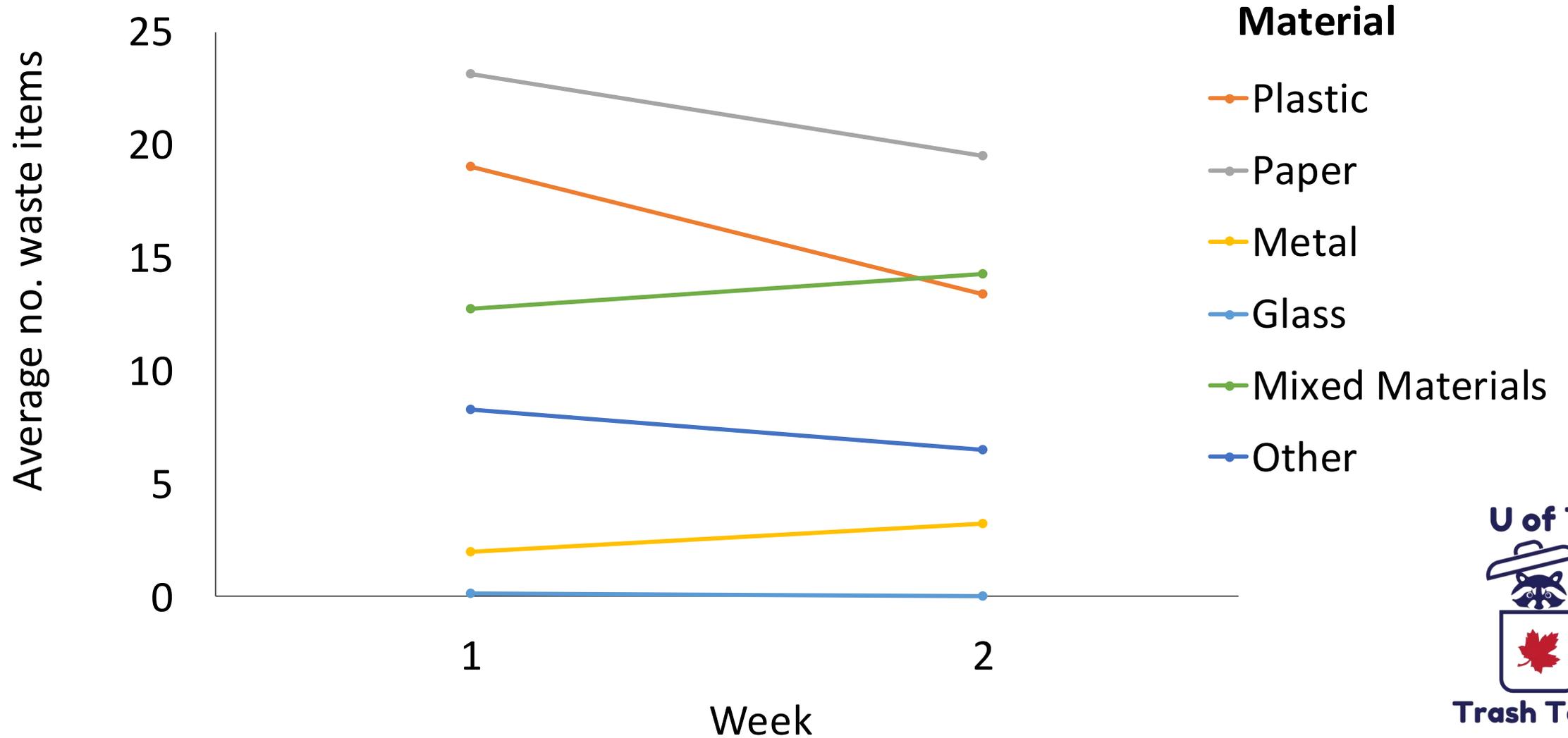


16 Participating  
Households

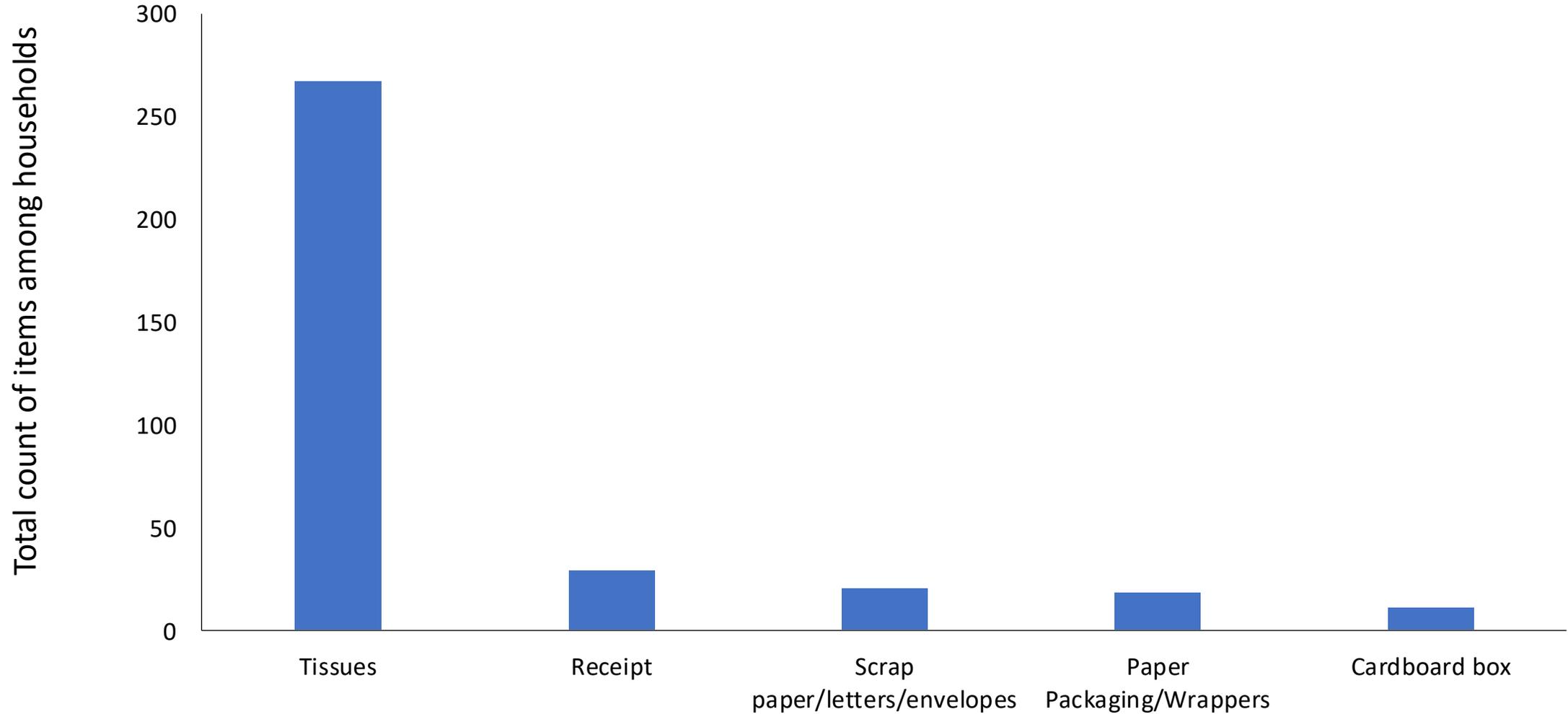
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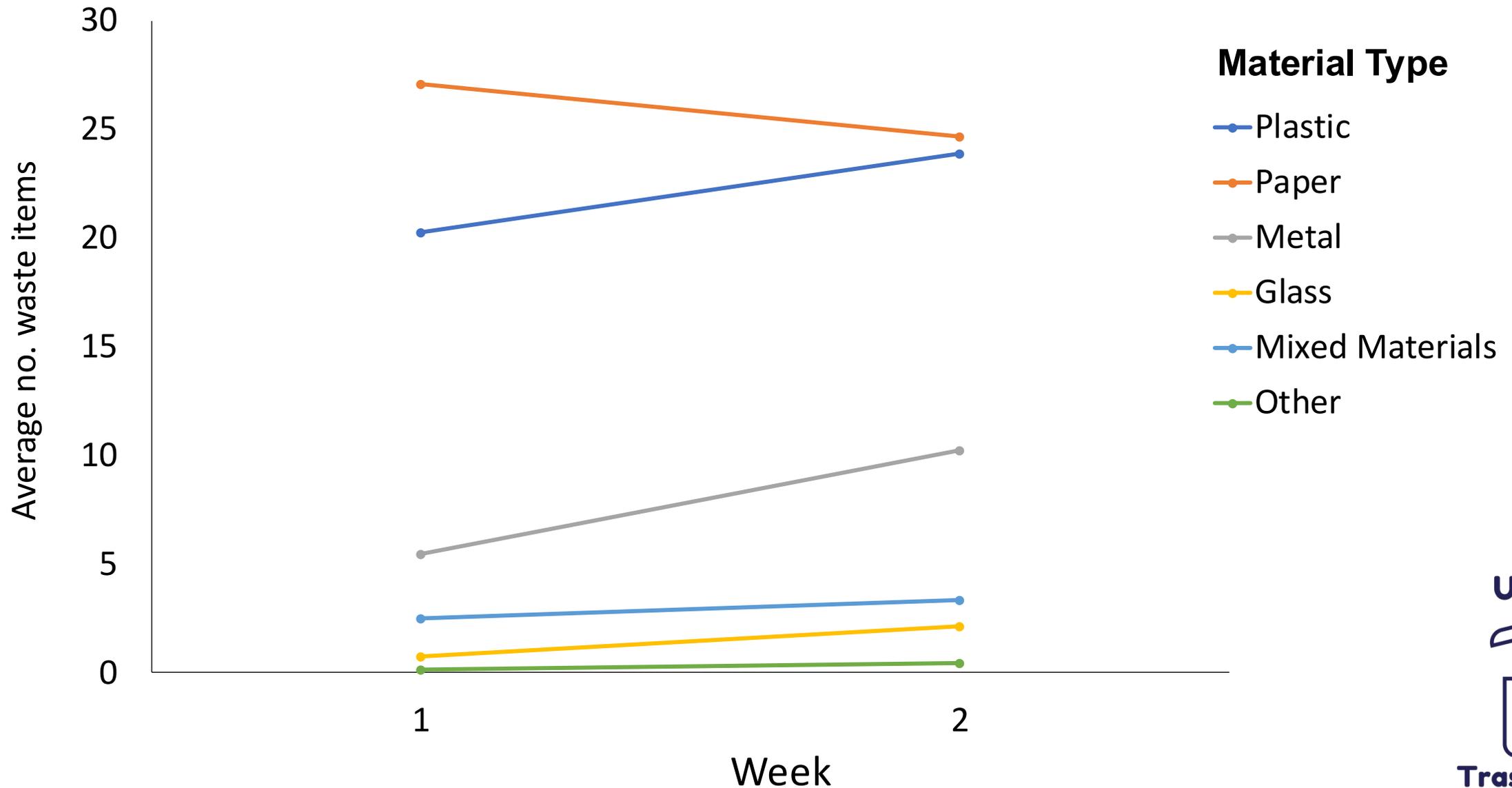
# Landfill waste by material type



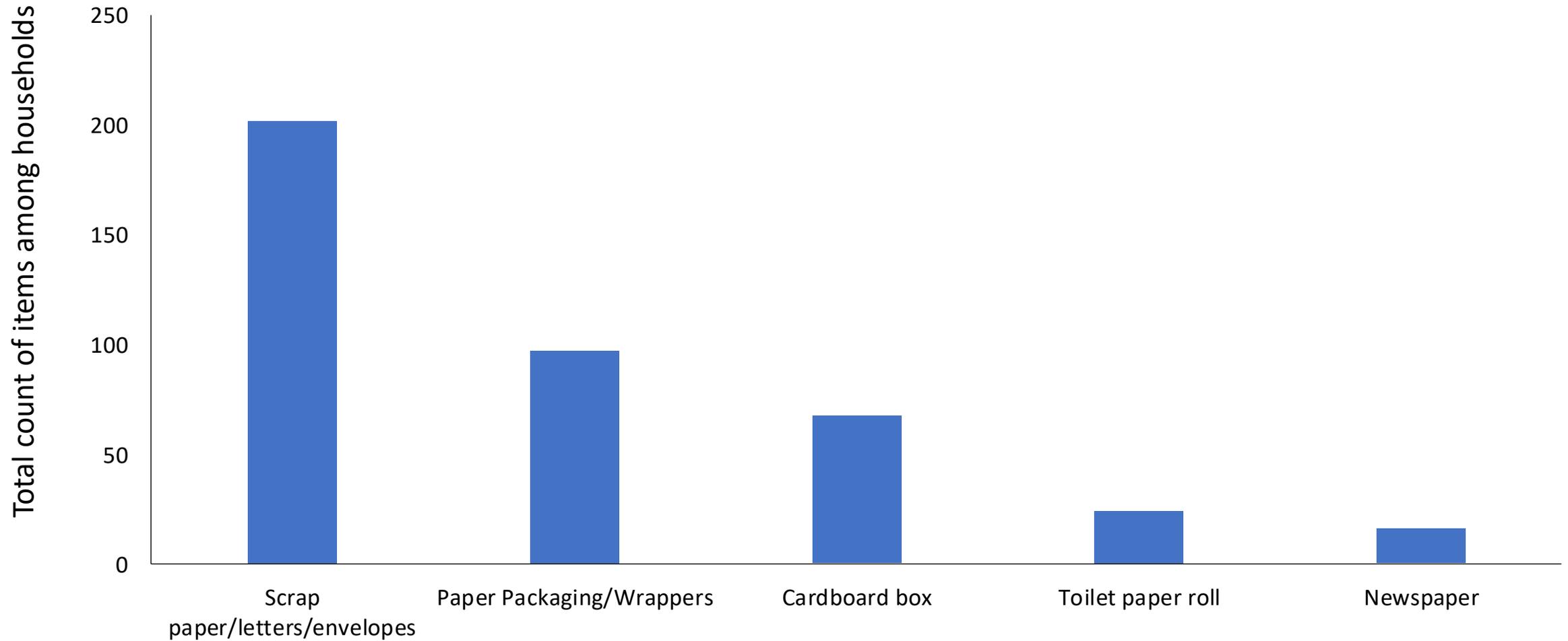
# Week 1: Most common paper items in Landfill Waste



# Recycling waste by material type



# Week 1: Most common paper items in Recycling Waste



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## In summary:

- Most people learned something new about waste management
- Most participants underestimated their weekly household waste
- Change takes time, but even in one week we reduced an average of 9 items, and if we keep this up our impact will be large!