

South Korea Textile Recycling Market Report by Product Type (Cotton Recycling, Wool Recycling, Polyester and Polyester Fiber Recycling, Nylon and Nylon Fiber Recycling, and Others), Textile Waste (Pre-consumer Textile, Post-consumer Textile), Distribution Channel (Online Channel, Retail and Departmental Store), End User (Apparel, Industrial, Home Furnishings, Non-Woven, and Others), and Region 2026-2034

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Abstracts

South Korea textile recycling market size reached USD 107.6 Million in 2025. Looking forward, IMARC Group expects the market to reach USD 157.2 Million by 2034, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 4.30 % during 2026-2034 . The rising awareness among the masses in South Korea about growing environmental issues, continuous innovations in textile recycling technologies, and the integration of technology, such as IoT-enabled clothing tracking and smart textiles, represent some of the key factors driving the market.

Textile recycling refers to the collection and processing of used textiles, including clothing, fabrics, and other textile products, for repurposing them into new materials or products. It involves mechanical processes like shredding or cutting textiles into smaller pieces or chemical processes to break down fibers and remove contaminants. It encompasses a wide range of materials, such as cotton, polyester, wool, and blends. It helps minimize textile waste in landfills and contributes to environmental conservation by reducing the need for virgin textile production, which consumes vast amounts of water and energy while emitting greenhouse gases (GHGs). Besides this, it reduces the

demand for new textile production and conserves water resources, helping to alleviate water scarcity issues in certain regions. Moreover, as it can eliminate the need for chemicals used in textile production, such as pesticides and dyes, the demand for textile recycling is increasing across South Korea.

SOUTH KOREA TEXTILE RECYCLING MARKET TRENDS:

The rising awareness among the masses in South Korea about growing environmental issues, such as textile waste and resource depletion, represents one of the primary factors catalyzing the demand for sustainable practices like textile recycling. Additionally, the increasing consciousness among individuals about the environmental impact of their clothing choices is driving the demand for sustainable and recycled textiles. Along with this, the rising shift toward a circular economy is driving investment in recycling infrastructure, including textile recycling, to keep materials in use for longer. Furthermore, several South Korean companies and municipalities are setting targets to reduce textile waste, encouraging recycling efforts. Moreover, the governing authorities of the country are introducing numerous regulations and policies to promote recycling and waste reduction, creating a favorable environment for textile recycling initiatives. Besides this, many South Korean fashion brands are embracing sustainability and incorporating recycled textiles into their collections to meet consumer demand. In addition, initiatives like clothing donation bins and take-back programs in retail stores are increasing the availability of textiles for recycling. Furthermore, continuous innovations in textile recycling technologies are making the process more efficient and cost-effective. Moreover, the rising collaborations between textile manufacturers, recyclers, and fashion brands are fostering a more sustainable textile ecosystem. Along with this, the growing concerns among people in South Korea about resource scarcity, such as water and cotton, are encouraging the adoption of recycling. Additionally, rapid advancements in technology are enabling textile-to-textile recycling, which is reducing the need for virgin materials. The integration of technology, such as IoT-enabled clothing tracking and smart textiles, is creating opportunities for efficient and traceable recycling processes, enhancing the appeal of textile recycling as a high-tech and data-driven industry.

SOUTH KOREA TEXTILE RECYCLING MARKET SEGMENTATION:

IMARC Group provides an analysis of the key trends in each segment of the market, along with forecasts at the country level for 2026-2034. Our report has categorized the market based on product type, textile waste, distribution channel, and end user.

Product Type Insights:

Cotton Recycling

Wool Recycling

Polyester and Polyester Fiber Recycling

Nylon and Nylon Fiber Recycling

Others

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the product type. This includes cotton recycling, wool recycling, polyester and polyester fiber recycling, nylon and nylon fiber recycling, and others.

Textile Waste Insights:

Pre-consumer Textile

Post-consumer Textile

A detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the textile waste have also been provided in the report. This includes pre-consumer textile and post-consumer textile.

Distribution Channel Insights:

Online Channel

Retail and Departmental Store

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the distribution channel. This includes online channel and retail and departmental store.

End User Insights:

Apparel

Industrial

Home Furnishings

Non-Woven

Others

A detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the end user have also been provided in the report. This includes apparel, industrial, home furnishings, non-woven, and others.

Regional Insights:

Seoul Capital Area

Yeongnam (Southeastern Region)

Honam (Southwestern Region)

Hoseo (Central Region)

Others

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of all the major regional markets, which include Seoul Capital Area, Yeongnam (Southeastern Region), Honam (Southwestern Region), Hoseo (Central Region) and Others.

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE:

The market research report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of the competitive landscape. Competitive analysis such as market structure, key player positioning, top winning strategies, competitive dashboard, and company evaluation quadrant has been covered in the report. Also, detailed profiles of all major companies have been provided.

KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN THIS REPORT

How has the South Korea textile recycling market performed so far and how will it perform in the coming years?

What is the breakup of the South Korea textile recycling market on the basis of product type?

What is the breakup of the South Korea textile recycling market on the basis of textile waste?

What is the breakup of the South Korea textile recycling market on the basis of distribution channel?

What is the breakup of the South Korea textile recycling market on the basis of end user?

What are the various stages in the value chain of the South Korea textile recycling market?

What are the key driving factors and challenges in the South Korea textile recycling?

What is the structure of the South Korea textile recycling market and who are the key players?

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