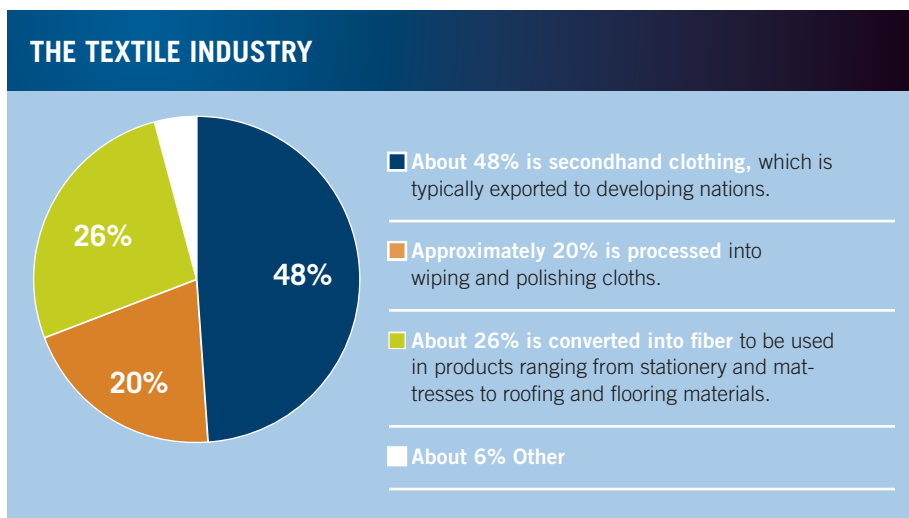


# The Scrap Recycling Industry: Scrap Textiles

The textile segment of the recycling industry processes billions of pounds of **cotton, wool, synthetic and synthetic-blend products** each year. These scrap materials come from a number of sources, ranging from apparel and home furnishing manufacturers to textile mills and consumers.

Each year, 1.1 million tons of textiles recovered from individuals (post-consumer) and manufacturers (pre consumer) are recycled as **new raw materials for the automotive, furniture, mattress, coarse yarn, home furnishings, paper and other industries**. This translates to about eight lbs. of textiles per person in the United States in 2010.



Used clothing collected from households is graded into a number of categories. Garments in good condition are exported for resale in parts of the world where new clothing is not affordable for many. **This trade provides employment** not only among the exporting nations, but also in the importing countries.

Sources: Council for Textile Recycling



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