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The numbers are recycling codes, which are frequently found on plastic packaging labels.

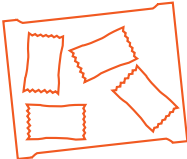
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accounts for around 20,000 different types of plastic, as well as additives.

The recycling codes do not actually mean that all of the plastic is recycled.

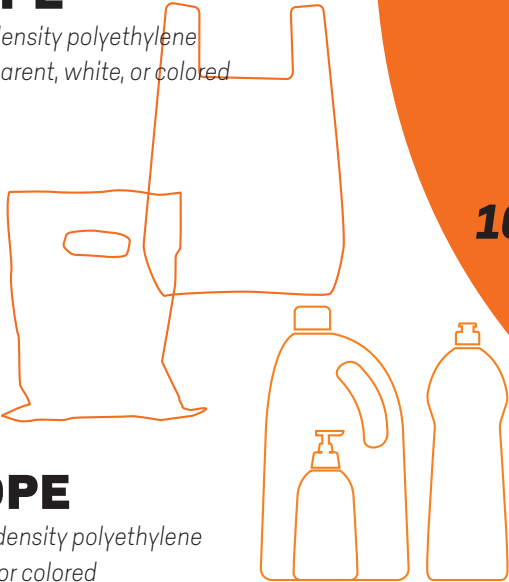
**PP**

Polypropylene  
hard but flexible



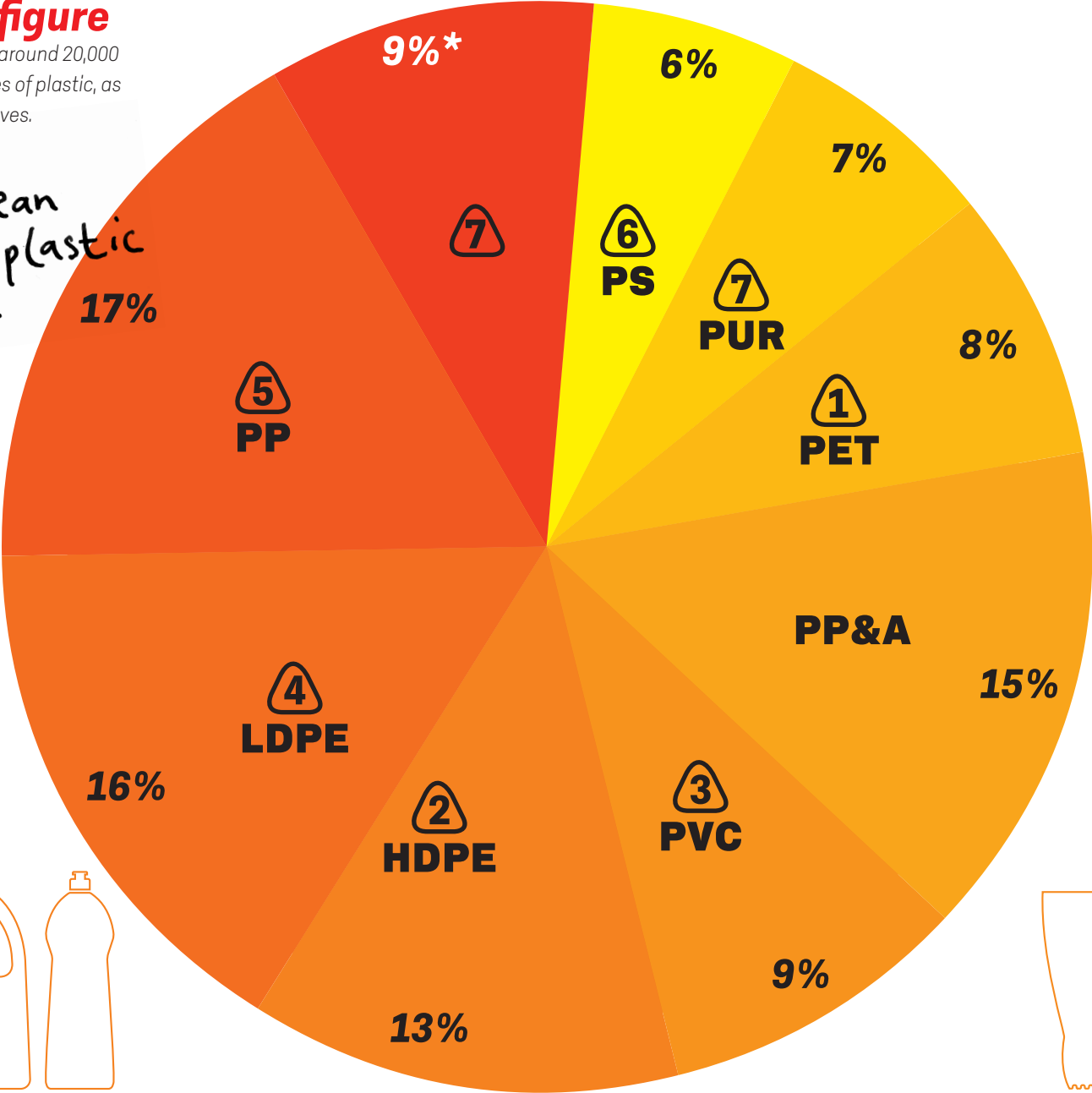
**LDPE**

Low-density polyethylene  
transparent, white, or colored



**HDPE**

High-density polyethylene  
white or colored



**PS**

Polystyrene  
hard, brittle, often foamed



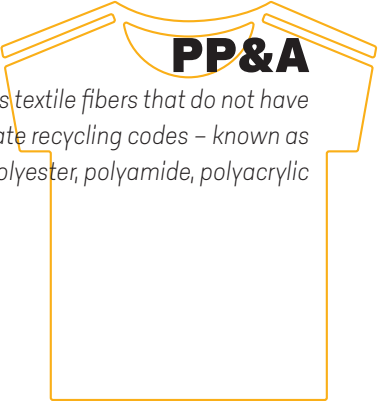
**PUR**

Polyurethane  
transparent or colored, often foamed



**PET**

Polyethylene terephthalate  
transparent or colored and translucent



**PP&A**

Various textile fibers that do not have separate recycling codes – known as polyester, polyamide, polyacrylic



**PVC**

Polyvinyl chloride  
durable, hard, or rubbery