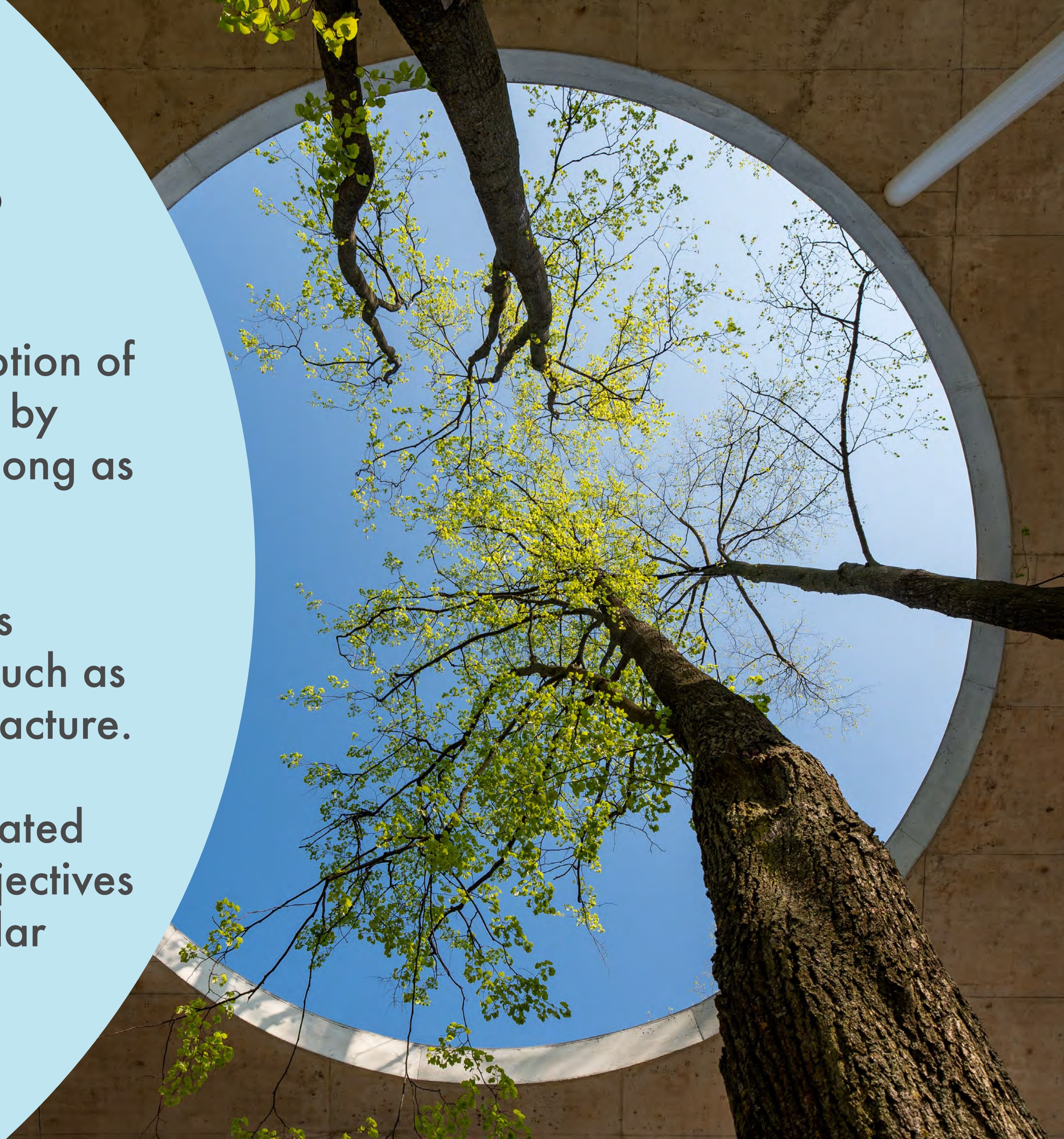


What are circular jobs?

In a circular economy we reduce the consumption of resources and design out waste and pollution by keeping products and materials in use for as long as possible.

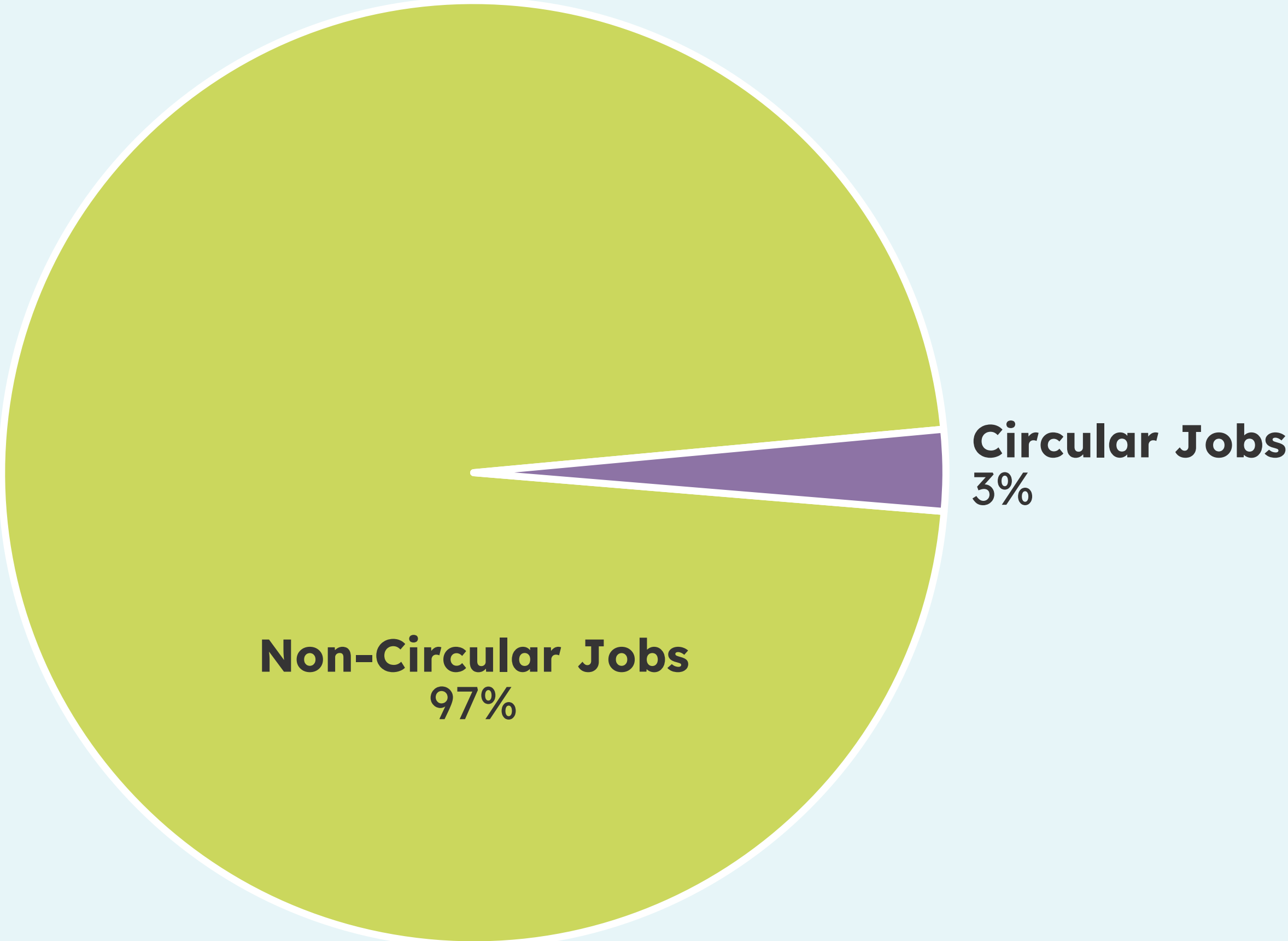
The circular economy can create new business opportunities and jobs, particularly in areas such as resource recovery, repair, reuse and remanufacture.

At the core of these jobs is the mindset associated with embedding climate and sustainability objectives which will accelerate the shift to a more circular Scotland.



Circular Jobs in Scotland 2019

3% of all jobs in Scotland are circular. This means 70,000 people are working in jobs in the circular economy associated with repair, reuse, resource recovery and recycling.



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Circular Jobs Breakdown

A circular job is a job that exists in:

Repair

The restoration of a product or material.

Reuse

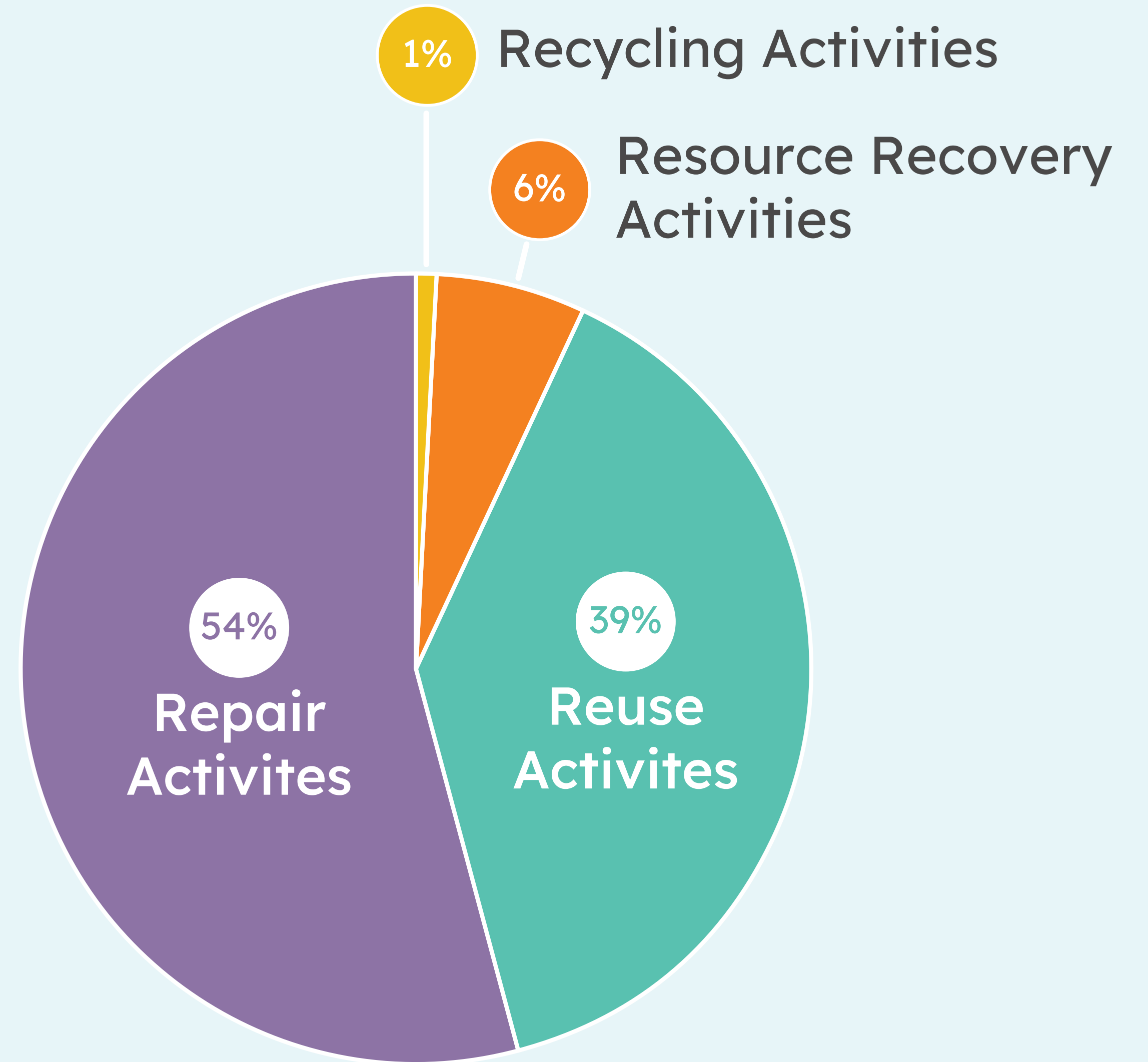
The use of materials multiple times without significantly breaking down or transforming the base materials.

Resource Recovery

This entails the collection of waste materials.

Recycling

The process of breaking down waste materials and reforming them into new products and materials.



Enabling Circular Jobs

It is important to recognise that many jobs can support and enable the circular economy in Scotland.

Many of these job roles already exist within the supply chain of the circular sectors, with new roles emerging across the whole economy that raise awareness and promote circular strategies.

At the centre of these exciting new and innovative roles are key circular skills applied with an understanding of the value and opportunities created by the transition to a circular economy.



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