

# **CHEMICAL SECTOR PROFILE**



The U.S. Chemical Sector converts raw materials into more than 70,000 diverse products essential to modern life and distributes those products to more than 750,000 end users throughout the Nation. Several hundred thousand U.S. chemical facilities-ranging from petrochemical manufacturers to chemical distributors-use. manufacture, store, transport, or deliver chemicals along a complex, global supply chain. End users include critical infrastructure sectors, making the uninterrupted production and transportation of chemicals essential for national and economic security.

#### Impact on U.S. Economy

The U.S. chemical industry is responsible for more than a quarter of the U.S. GDP, supports the production of almost all commercial and household goods, and is essential to economic growth.

25 percent

The U.S. chemical industry is a

86 billion

more than

of total U.S. GDP



of U.S. goods are manufactured using Chemical Sector products

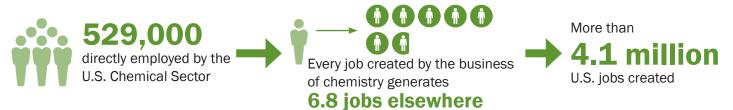
enterprise that supports more than





### **Generation of U.S. Employment**

From research and development to manufacturing, the U.S. chemical industry employs 529,000 people, while creating jobs in the many other industries it touches.



### **Contribution to U.S. Exports**

The business of chemistry is America's largest exporting sector, accounting for more than 9 percent of U.S. exports.



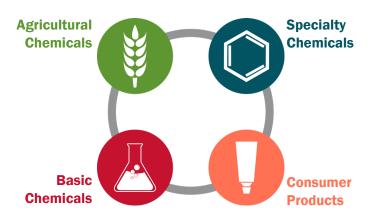
Total value of U.S. chemical exports in 2020: \$125.3 billion Chemicals and related products make up

**10 cents of every** \$1 of U.S. exports



#### **Components of the Chemical Sector**

The U.S. Chemical Sector is made up of four distinct components: agricultural chemicals, basic chemicals, specialty chemicals, and consumer products. Each component supports a specific and integral part of America's chemical needs.



#### **Functional Areas of the Chemical Sector**

Manufacturing Plants			Transportation Systems
Convert raw	. L.,		Transport
materials into			chemicals to/from
intermediate and			manufacturing
end products		pl	ants, warehouses,
Warehousing/			and end users
Storage		<b>O</b>	End Users
Provide			Typically
downsized repackaging		consume the	
and bulk storage		chemical purchased	
Chemical distribut	ors delive	r more tha	n <b>31 million tons</b>

Chemical distributors deliver more than **31 million tons** of Chemical Sector products **every 6 seconds** 



### 11,128

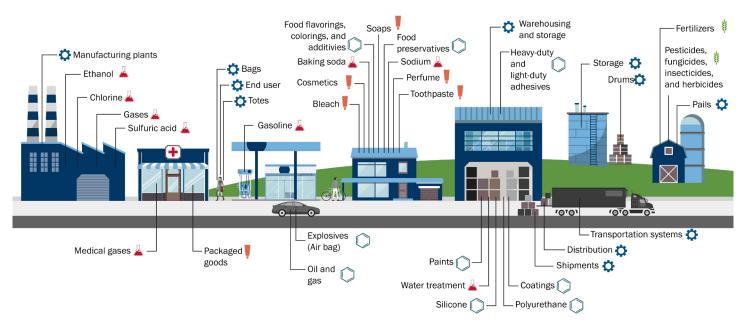
U.S. chemical manufacturing facilities

States with the greatest concentration of facilities: California, Texas, Ohio, Illinois, and Pennsylvania

Texas is the top exporter of chemicals in the U.S. accounting for 30% of all chemical exports. of chemical manufacturing facilities are owned and operated by small and medium enterprises (employ <500 people)

### The Chemical Sector: Integral to Everyday Life

**Nearly all goods in use every day in the United States are manufactured using Chemical Sector products.** These goods are found in homes, offices, drug stores, and farms across the Nation.



# **AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS**

**Detergents** 

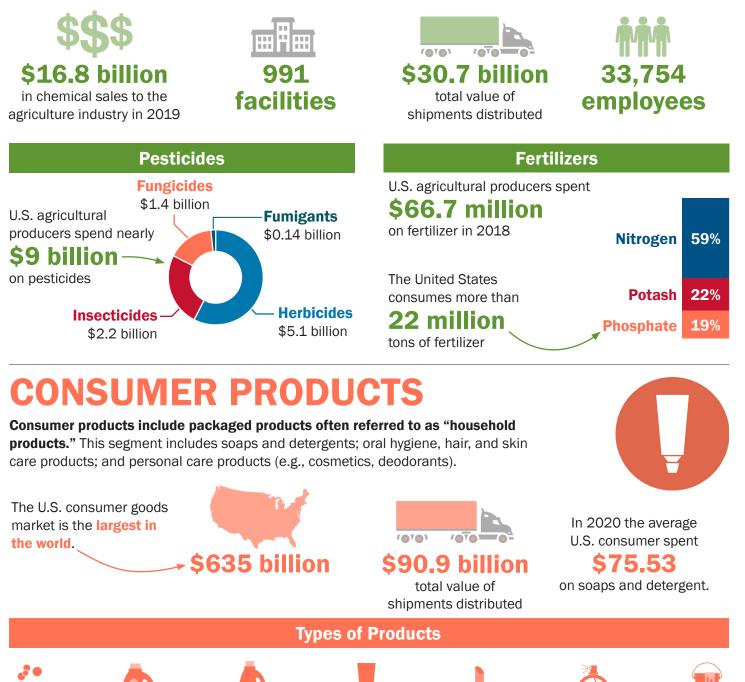
Soaps

**Bleaches** 

2,356 facilities

The agricultural chemical industry supplies farmers and home gardeners with fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and other agricultural chemicals. The segment includes companies involved in the formulation and preparation of agricultural and household pest control chemicals, as well as companies responsible for manufacturing and storage.





**Toothpaste** 

Soap, Cleaning Compounds, and Toilet Preparation

**Cosmetics** 

Paints

Perfume

**104,691** employees

# **BASIC CHEMICALS**

The basic chemicals segment produces both inorganic and organic chemicals. Organic chemicals are used in the production of other chemicals and to make products such as dyes, plastics, and petrochemical products. Inorganic chemicals usually are used to make solid and liquid chemicals and industrial gases; sodium, sulfuric acid, and chlorine are some of the most common. Inorganic chemicals also serve as catalysts in the manufacture of chemicals (used to speed up or aid a reaction).



2,446

155,488 facilities employees





**Bulk Petrochemicals** & Intermediates \$148.8 billion **Plastic Resins** \$81.2 billion **Inorganic Chemicals** \$47 billion Synthetic Rubber \$6.1 billion Manufactured Fibers \$5.3 billion

### Petrochemical

There are 459 refineries and petrochemical facilities across 39 states.



The U.S. refining industry processes a total of 18.8 million barrels per day of crude oil, accounting for almost 20 percent of total global capacity.

Petrochemical plants produce resins that are used in a wide variety of products:

Car parts



Medical devices



### Chlorine

10 million tons of liquid chlorine

÷ 2 million tons

of chlorine gas







### **Uses of Chlorine**

**30% PVC** 24% Solvents **13% Organics 13% Inorganics** 

12 million tons

of chlorine produced annually

**5% Water sanitation** 5% Pulp and paper industry

10% Other

### Sulfuric Acid

7.6 million tons of elemental sulfur is produced each year



of which is consumed in the form of sulfuric acid.

Used to make hundreds of compounds needed by almost every industry; uses of sulfuric acid include:

- **50% Phosphate** fertilizers 10% Metal processing **6% Phosphates 5% Fibers**
- 2% Hydrofluoric acid 2% Paints, pigments 1% Pulp, paper 24% Others

### Industrial Gases

The global industrial gas market is worth S96.8 billion



accounted for by North America



Each job generates 2.1 more jobs elsewhere in the economy, contributing \$24.3 billion to the U.S. economy

Industrial gases are used in a wide variety o
applications, including:



# **SPECIALTY CHEMICALS**

Specialty chemicals are individual molecules or mixtures of molecules (i.e., formulations) that are manufactured on the basis of a unique performance or function. Many other sectors rely on specialty chemicals for their products, including automotive, aerospace, agriculture, cosmetics, and food, among others.



The **market share** for specialty chemicals in North America is **significantly higher** than the global average.



Adhesives and Sealants



total value of shipments distributed



Acrylates/anaerobic adhesives Adhesive used to keep nuts tight on bolts



**Casein** Labels on bottles that stay on

in ice water and are recyclable

Natural rubber Self-adhesives (e.g., envelopes)

Amino resins Bonding of layers in plywood and of particles in particle board



Polyolefin/ethylene copolymer Hot melts



**Paints** Vehicle paint, traffic marking paint, food paints



Animal glue Binding of abrasives in sandpaper and other grinding materials



**Polyurethane** Bonding soles to the bodies of shoes; food packaging

Silicone Bathtub and shower sealants, car applications



Butyl rubber/isobutylene Additive for hot-melt and pressure-sensitive adhesives and window sealants



Polyvinyl acetate Book bindings and labels



Starch Corrugated cardboard bonding

64,423 employees

### **Flavors and Fragrances**

\$\$ \$40 billion in annual sales

### Explosives

## 4.5 billion

tons of explosives used in the United States

- Fragmenting rock formations for oil and gas extraction
- Blasting during mining and quarry processes
- Inflation devices such as vehicle airbags

## Paint, coating, and adhesive manufacturing

### **Food Additives**

The Food and Drug Administration currently lists nearly

### 1,500 food additives

approved for food use in the United States.



**Flavorings** (e.g., fruit flavors, sweeteners, butter flavors)

Processed food additives (e.g., potassium sorbate, propylene)

# REGULATORY

As the majority of Chemical Sector assets are privately owned and operated, effective security and resilience planning requires a shared commitment between the public and private sectors to implement the most effective risk management strategies throughout the Sector.

#### **Federal Agencies**

Federal agencies regulate the **manufacturing**, **storage**, **processing**, **transportation**, **and use of chemicals**\* through the following mechanisms:

#### **Department of Homeland Security**

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency



Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards **3,280 facilities regulated** 

#### **Department of Transportation**

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration



826,762 shippers covered by the security plan and training requirements

#### **Transportation Security Administration**



Rail Transportation Security Final Rule

**46** key urban areas covered by secure chain-of-custody inspections

#### **Department of Health and Human Services** Food and Drug Administration



\$1 trillion worth of products regulated per year including drugs, cosmetics, and medical and consumer products

#### **U.S. Coast Guard**



**21** possible shipboard emergency responses verified through annual inspections to ensure compliance with the safety management system (SMS)

#### **Environmental Protection Agency**



800,000 regulated facilities

#### **Department of Labor**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration** 



**423** enforcement inspections of chemical manufacturing facilities in 2020

#### **Department of Justice**

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives** 



9,403 active federal explosives licenses

\*The regulatory scope of these agencies/programs extends beyond the domain of the Chemical Sector.



In addition to federal regulations, **the chemical industry is subject to any regulations states might impose** on facilities doing business within their boundaries.

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