## 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.

The U.S. chemical industry is a
more than
\$486 billion
enterprise that supports more than

25 percent
of total U.S. GDP

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

The U.S. chemical industry is the world's
second-largest chemical producer 13\%
of the world's chemicals come from the United States

## 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.


directly employed by the U.S. Chemical Sector

Every job created by the business of chemistry generates 6.8 jobs elsewhere

## 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
Chemicals and related products make up exports in 2020:

10 cents of every
\$125.3 billion

## 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



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

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.

## 4pad di <br> $\$ 16.8$ billion <br> in chemical sales to the agriculture industry in 2019 <br>  <br> 991 <br> facilities



## $\$ 30.7$ billion <br> total value of shipments distributed


U.S. agricultural producers spent
\$66.7 million
on fertilizer in 2018

The United States
consumes more than
tons of fertilizer

## CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Consumer products include packaged products often referred to as "household products." This segment includes soaps and detergents; oral hygiene, hair, and skin care products; and personal care products (e.g., cosmetics, deodorants).

The U.S. consumer goods market is the largest in the world.


$\$ 90.9$ billion
total value of

In 2020 the average U.S. consumer spent
\$75.53
on soaps and detergent.
shipments distributed


Soap, Cleaning Compounds, and Toilet Preparation

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).


\$288.4 billion
total value of shipments distributed in 2020

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.


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


## Chlorine

10 million tons
$\underset{2 \text { million tons }}{\substack{\text { of liquid chlorine }}}=\underset{\text { of chlorine produced annually }}{\mathbf{1 2}}$ of chlorine gas

## 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 | 2\% Hydrofluoric acid |
| :--- | :--- |
| fertilizers | 2\% Paints, pigments |
| 10\% Metal | 1\% Pulp, paper |
| processing | $24 \%$ Others |
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## Industrial Gases

The global industrial gas market is worth \$96.8 billion
 accounted for by North America


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

## 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



Labels on bottles that stay on in ice water and are recyclable


Animal glue
Binding of abrasives in sandpaper and other grinding materials

Polyurethane
Bonding soles to the bodies of shoes; food packaging


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


Polyvinyl acetate
Book bindings and labels


Self-adhesives
(e.g., envelopes)


## Paints

Vehicle paint, traffic marking paint, food paints


Silicone
Bathtub and shower sealants, car applications


Starch Corrugated cardboard bonding

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.


## Flavors and Fragrances

## $\$ 40$ billion

in annual sales

## Explosives

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


## 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

## Transportation Security Administration



Rail Transportation Security Final Rule
46 key urban areas covered by secure chain-of-custody inspections
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


## Department of Transportation

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration


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

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

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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