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VCI-Reporting for the first half of 2026

KEY BUSINESS FIGURES

Indicators for the chemical-pharmaceutical industry

1. half of 2026, changes compared to previous year in percent

Indicator	Change in %	1. half 2026
Production	-3.0	-
Producer prices	+2.0	-
Sales	-1.0	106 bn. Euro
Domestic sales	+2.0	40 bn. Euro
Foreign sales	-2.5	66 bn. Euro
Employment	-1.0	471,500

Source: VCI

Indicators for chemicals and for pharmaceuticals

1. half of 2026, changes compared to previous year in percent

Indicator	Chemistry & Pharma	Chemistry	Pharma
Production	-3.0	-3.0	-1.5
Producer Prices	+2.0	+2.0	+1.0
Sales	-1.0	-1.0	-0.5
Domestic sales	+2.0	+1.0	+4.0
Foreign sales	-2.5	-2.5	-3.0

Source: VCI

VCI-Forecast for 2026

Changes compared to previous year in percent

Indicator	Chemistry & Pharma	Chemistry	Pharma
Production	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5

Source: VCI

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Production development by sectors in the first half of 2026

Changes compared to previous year in percent

Sector	Change compared to previous year in %
Inorganic basic chemicals	-0.5
Petrochemicals and derivatives	-5.5
Polymers	-4.0
Fine and specialty chemicals	-1.5
Detergents and personal care products, cosmetics	-3.5
Pharmaceuticals	-1.5

Source: VCI

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