

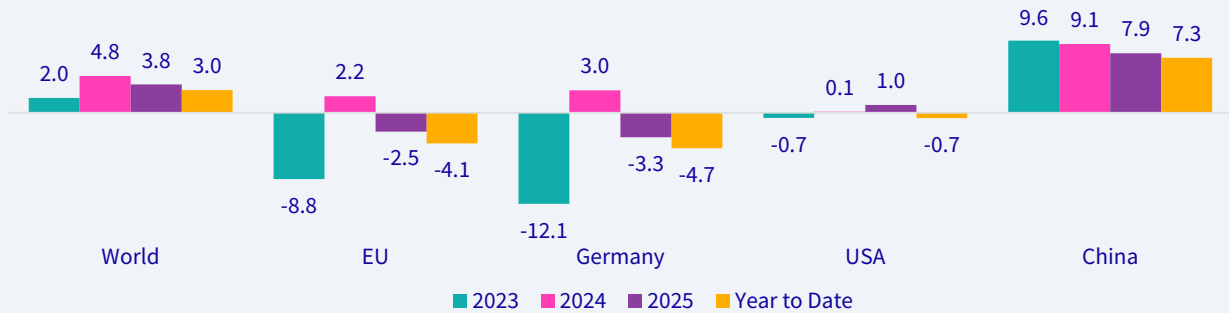
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# WORLD CHEMISTRY REPORT

FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTION IN THE GLOBAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

## DEVELOPMENT OF CHEMICAL PRODUCTION IN MAJOR COUNTRIES AND REGIONS

Percentage change against previous year



sources: Unido, Eurostat, VCI (Year to Date: see table production, last value)

## PRODUCTION OF CHEMICALS percentage change against previous year

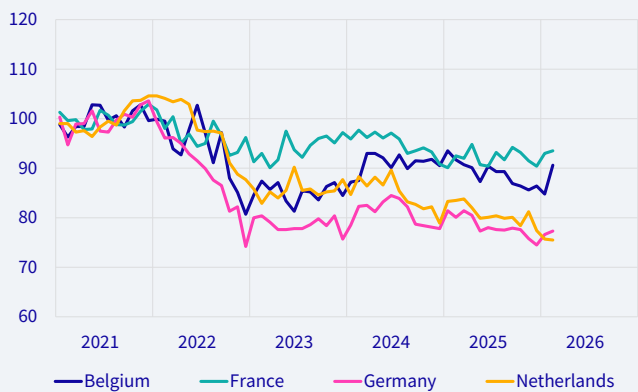
countries and regions	2023	2024	2025	Year to Date	Last value
<b>World</b>	<b>+ 2.0</b>	<b>+ 4.8</b>	<b>+ 3.8</b>	<b>+ 3.0</b>	<b>Feb'26</b>
<b>European Union (EU27)</b>	<b>- 8.8</b>	<b>+ 2.2</b>	<b>- 2.5</b>	<b>- 4.1</b>	<b>Feb'26</b>
Germany	- 12.1	+ 3.0	- 3.3	- 4.7	Feb'26
France	- 2.6	+ 1.1	- 3.2	+ 2.1	Feb'26
Italy	- 6.7	- 0.5	- 3.2	- 6.9	Feb'26
Netherlands	- 12.6	- 1.0	- 4.7	- 9.4	Feb'26
Spain	- 2.2	+ 3.5	+ 0.7	- 3.6	Feb'26
Belgium	- 9.2	+ 6.8	- 2.1	- 5.3	Feb'26
Poland	- 11.9	+ 7.0	- 2.4	- 5.7	Feb'26
Austria	- 3.8	- 4.9	+ 5.6	- 1.8	Feb'26
<b>Other Europe</b>					
Russia	+ 5.3	+ 4.5	- 0.8	- 1.4	Feb'26
Switzerland	- 3.3	- 12.9	- 1.7	- 1.7	Dec'25
United Kingdom	- 11.0	+ 0.5	- 6.4	- 10.3	Jan'26
Turkey	- 7.0	+ 2.0	+ 2.3	+ 0.1	Feb'26
<b>North America</b>					
USA	- 0.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.0	- 0.7	Mar'26
Mexiko	- 2.8	+ 7.7	- 2.4	- 3.8	Feb'26
Canada	- 1.1	- 0.7	- 5.3	+ 0.7	Jan'26
<b>South America</b>					
Brazil	- 6.0	+ 3.0	+ 0.9	- 3.7	Feb'26
Argentina	- 3.3	- 5.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.8	Feb'26
Chile	- 1.7	+ 5.0	+ 0.3	- 0.1	Feb'26
Colombia	- 17.6	- 2.3	- 0.9	- 9.3	Jan'26
<b>Asia</b>					
China	+ 9.6	+ 9.1	+ 7.9	+ 7.3	Feb'26
Japan	- 6.6	- 3.5	- 0.9	- 1.0	Feb'26
South Korea	- 9.3	+ 2.0	- 1.1	+ 1.5	Feb'26
India	- 0.5	+ 1.3	- 0.5	+ 1.8	Feb'26
Taiwan	- 6.2	+ 4.3	+ 1.7	+ 8.7	Jan'26
Singapore	- 8.5	+ 4.1	- 1.3	- 3.1	Feb'26
Thailand	- 1.5	+ 4.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.8	Feb'26
Israel	- 10.1	+ 8.3	- 11.4	+ 1.4	Jan'26
<b>Africa</b>					
South Africa	- 4.4	+ 1.5	+ 1.2	- 0.7	Feb'26

Sources: Chemdata International (based on Unido, Eurostat, ACC), VCI

note: chemicals excluding pharma, within regions sorted by sales volume

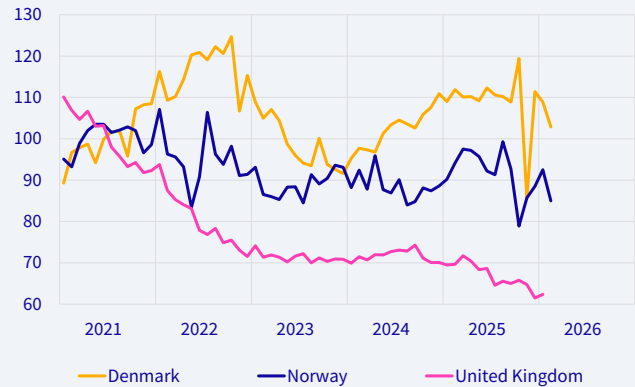
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seasonally adjusted, index 2021=100



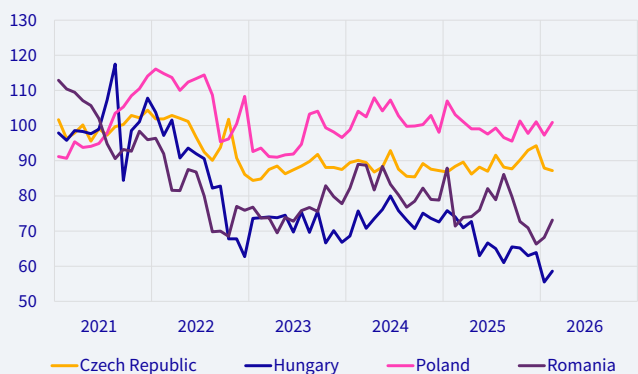
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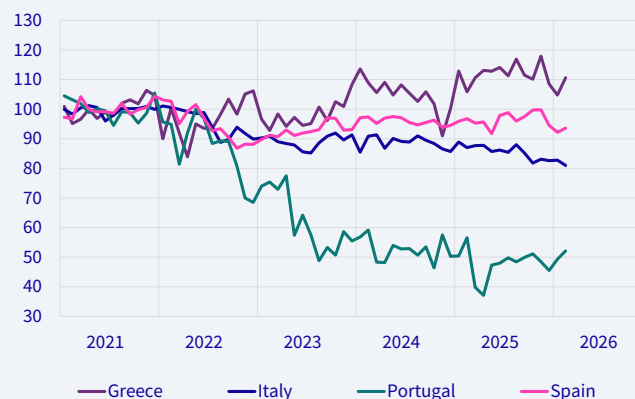
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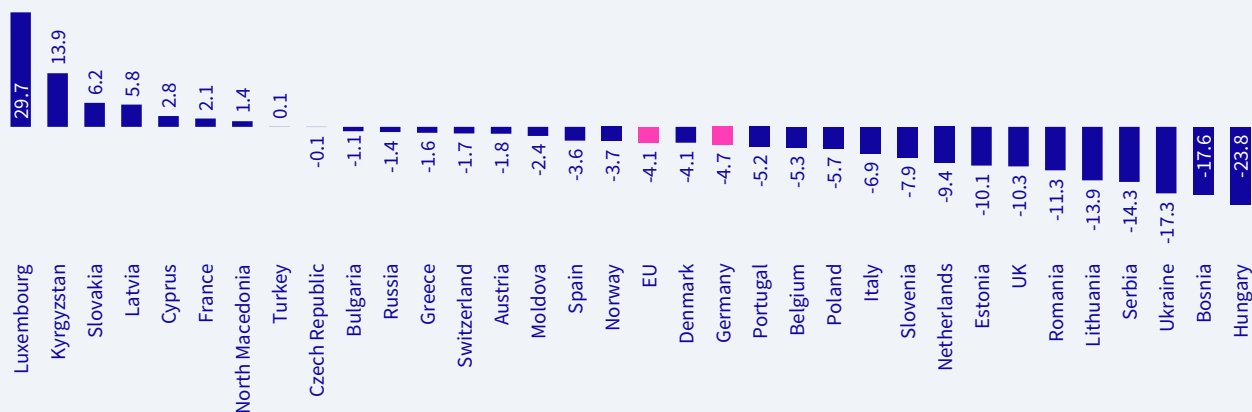
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### EUROPE CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

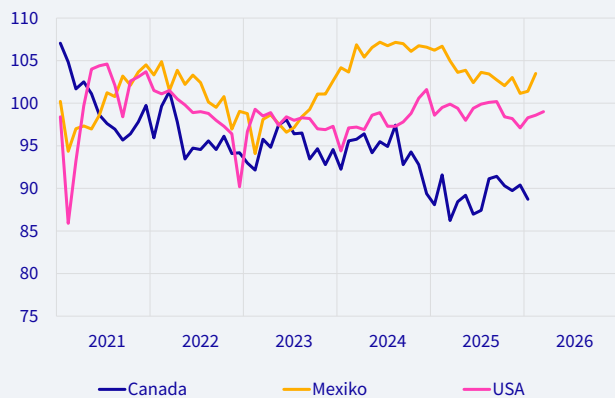
year to date growth rates in percent



Sources: Chemdata International (based on Unido, Eurostat, ACC), VCI

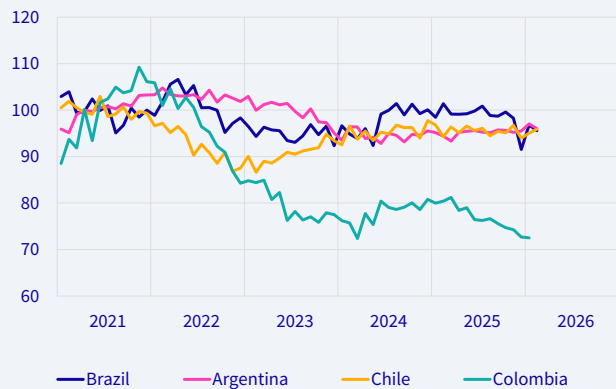
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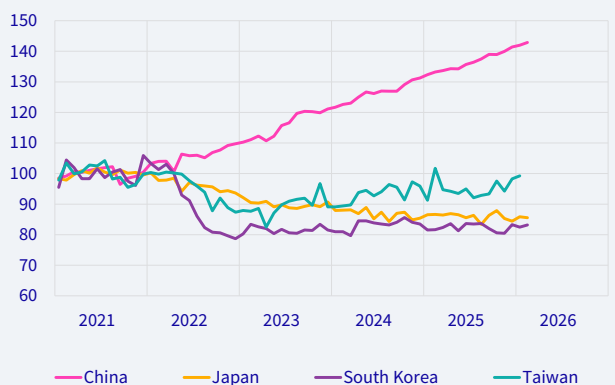
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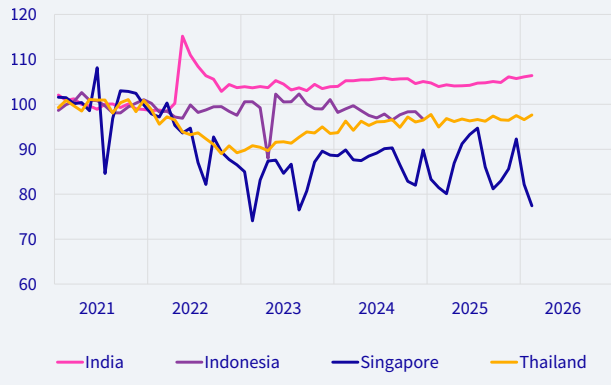
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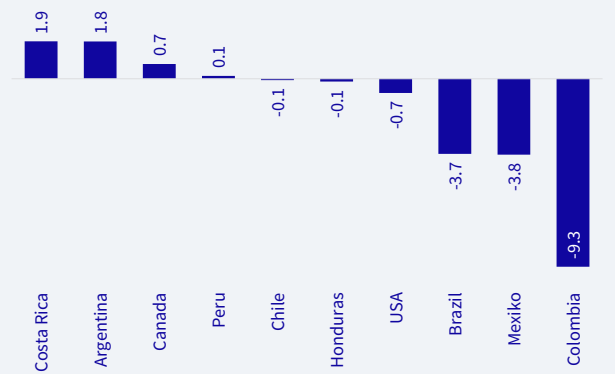
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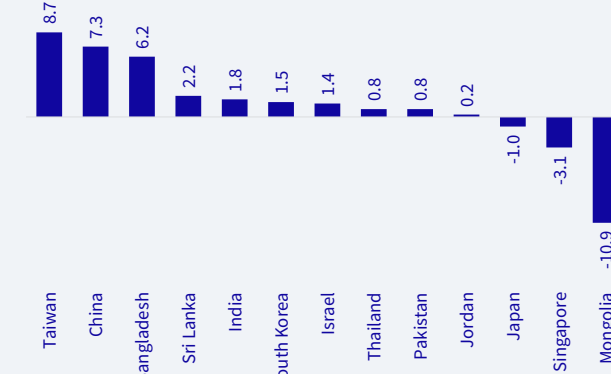
### AMERICA CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

year to date growth rates in percent  
(year to date: see table production, last value)



### ASIA CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

year to date growth rates in percent  
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## PRODUCTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS

percentage change against previous year

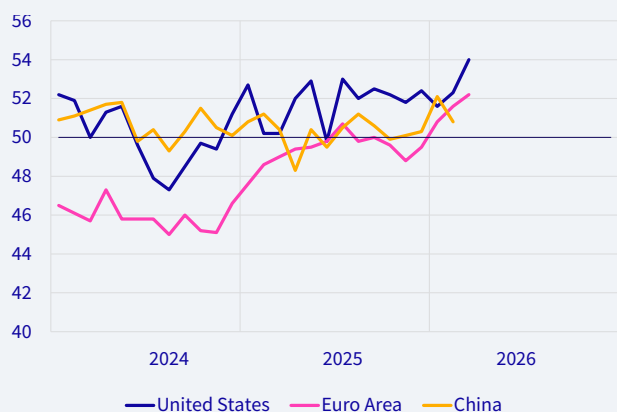
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<b>European Union (EU27)</b>	<b>+ 7.3</b>	<b>+ 3.7</b>	<b>+ 15.1</b>	<b>- 8.6</b>	<b>Feb'26</b>
Germany	- 3.1	- 2.5	+ 4.6	- 1.0	Feb'26
France	+ 0.4	+ 12.3	+ 0.2	- 3.3	Feb'26
Denmark	+ 58.2	+ 3.4	- 15.9	+ 11.7	Feb'26
Belgium	- 22.9	- 5.1	- 6.7	+ 36.7	Feb'26
Italy	+ 7.2	- 1.9	+ 4.5	+ 1.5	Feb'26
Spain	+ 2.2	+ 10.0	+ 2.1	+ 4.5	Feb'26
Netherlands	- 6.2	+ 3.8	+ 3.0	- 11.2	Feb'26
Austria	+ 18.1	+ 18.0	+ 25.8	- 0.2	Feb'26
Poland	+ 8.0	- 3.4	+ 2.2	- 7.3	Feb'26
<b>Other Europe</b>					
Switzerland	+ 6.1	+ 12.1	+ 10.4	+ 10.4	Dec'25
United Kingdom	- 10.1	+ 5.5	+ 9.6	+ 5.2	Jan'26
Russia	+ 0.7	+ 17.9	+ 15.2	+ 12.1	Feb'26
Turkey	+ 3.1	- 7.6	+ 5.0	+ 17.2	Feb'26
<b>North America</b>					
USA	+ 4.2	+ 5.3	+ 6.2	+ 1.8	Mar'26
Canada	- 4.5	+ 17.2	- 5.4	+ 21.8	Jan'26
<b>South America</b>					
Brazil	- 1.2	- 1.5	+ 1.8	+ 16.1	Feb'26
Argentina	+ 0.5	- 6.7	+ 8.5	+ 14.3	Feb'26
Colombia	- 0.9	- 1.8	+ 3.1	+ 5.9	Jan'26
Chile	- 5.0	+ 0.1	- 2.5	- 5.6	Feb'26
<b>Asia</b>					
China	- 5.4	+ 3.0	+ 2.3	+ 7.0	Feb'26
India	+ 10.7	- 1.1	- 0.1	- 3.1	Feb'26
Japan	- 0.4	+ 2.2	+ 0.8	+ 2.7	Feb'26
South Korea	+ 9.5	+ 19.0	+ 8.1	- 2.6	Feb'26
Singapore	- 19.6	- 22.2	+ 23.9	- 34.1	Feb'26
Pakistan	- 10.7	+ 2.5	- 0.9	- 1.8	Jan'26
Taiwan	+ 5.6	- 7.9	+ 1.2	+ 8.6	Jan'26
Vietnam	+ 3.5	- 0.6	- 6.2	- 6.0	Feb'26
Thailand	- 8.0	- 7.2	+ 3.7	+ 4.4	Feb'26
Israel	+ 13.9	+ 10.4	- 6.7	- 20.4	Jan'26

Sources: Chemdata International (based on Unido, Eurostat, ACC), VCI

note: within regions sorted by sales volume

### S&P GLOBAL BUSINESS SURVEYS FOR MANUFACTURING

Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)



sources: Macrobond, VCI

#### Global Manufacturing Pulse – April 2026

In April, the PMI for the Euro Area and the United States continues to gain ground, whereas China's PMI declines. It is unclear to what extent the high uncertainty stemming from the Iran war will affect the index by energy prices and value chains. This forecast suggests only a weak increase in demand for chemicals. Yet, it is unclear whether this increase is a stronger improvement, or rather a temporary uptick driven by short-term factors such as front-loading of production, inventory building, and inflationary pressures, which may mask weakness.

#### About the PMI

The PMI is widely used to anticipate changing economic and market trends and as a barometer for economic performance and business conditions. A number between 0 and 100 indicating the overall health of an economy. A PMI reading over 50 represents economic expansion, and below 50 represents contraction compared to the month prior.

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