

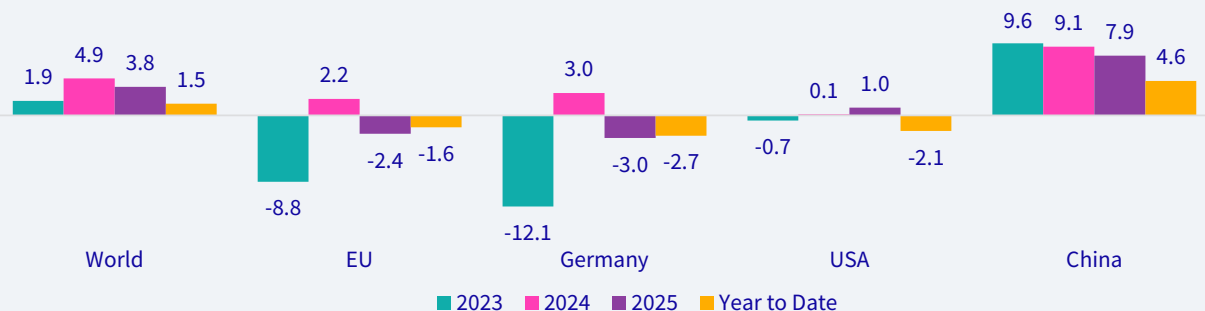
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WORLD CHEMISTRY REPORT

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

DEVELOPMENT OF CHEMICAL PRODUCTION IN MAYOR 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

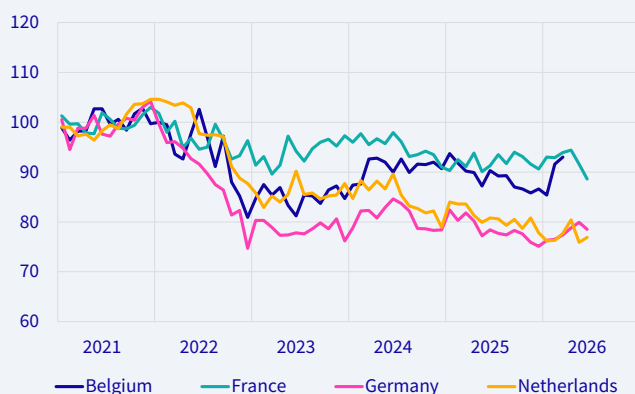
countries and regions	2023	2024	2025	Year to Date	Last value
World	+ 1.9	+ 4.9	+ 3.8	+ 1.5	Jun'26
European Union (EU27)	- 8.8	+ 2.2	- 2.4	- 1.6	Jun'26
Germany	- 12.1	+ 3.0	- 3.0	- 2.7	Jun'26
France	- 2.6	+ 1.1	- 3.3	+ 1.0	Jun'26
Italy	- 6.7	- 0.5	- 3.2	- 3.3	Jun'26
Netherlands	- 12.6	- 1.0	- 4.6	- 6.0	Jun'26
Spain	- 2.2	+ 3.5	+ 0.7	+ 3.3	Jun'26
Belgium	- 9.2	+ 6.8	- 2.1	- 2.1	Mar'26
Poland	- 11.9	+ 7.0	- 2.4	+ 0.1	Jun'26
Austria	- 3.8	- 4.9	+ 5.5	- 4.7	Jun'26
Other Europe					
Russia	+ 5.3	+ 4.5	- 0.8	- 1.3	Jun'26
Switzerland	- 3.3	- 12.9	- 1.4	+ 0.7	Mar'26
United Kingdom	- 11.0	- 0.4	- 3.8	- 4.9	May'26
Turkey	- 7.0	+ 2.0	+ 2.3	+ 3.5	Jun'26
North America					
USA	- 0.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.0	- 2.1	Jul'26
Mexiko	- 2.8	+ 0.1	- 1.7	- 0.9	May'26
Canada	- 1.1	- 0.7	- 4.1	- 5.6	May'26
South America					
Brazil	- 6.0	+ 3.0	+ 1.1	- 2.2	Jun'26
Argentina	- 3.3	- 5.1	+ 0.7	+ 5.8	Jun'26
Chile	- 1.7	+ 5.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.1	Jun'26
Colombia	- 17.6	- 2.3	- 0.9	- 10.7	Mar'26
Asia					
China	+ 9.6	+ 9.1	+ 7.9	+ 4.6	Jun'26
Japan	- 6.6	- 3.5	- 0.9	- 4.2	Jun'26
South Korea	- 9.3	+ 2.0	- 1.1	- 0.2	Jun'26
India	- 1.7	+ 3.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.6	Jun'26
Taiwan	- 6.2	+ 4.3	+ 1.7	+ 3.6	Mar'26
Singapore	- 8.5	+ 4.2	- 1.3	- 8.4	Jun'26
Thailand	- 1.5	+ 4.1	+ 0.7	- 1.0	Jun'26
Israel	- 10.1	+ 8.6	- 11.6	+ 5.8	May'26
Africa					
South Africa	- 4.4	+ 1.5	+ 1.1	+ 2.0	May'26

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

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

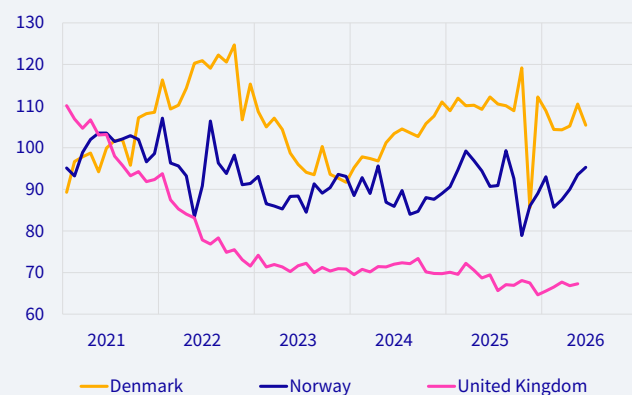
WESTERN EUROPE CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

seasonally adjusted, index 2021 = 100



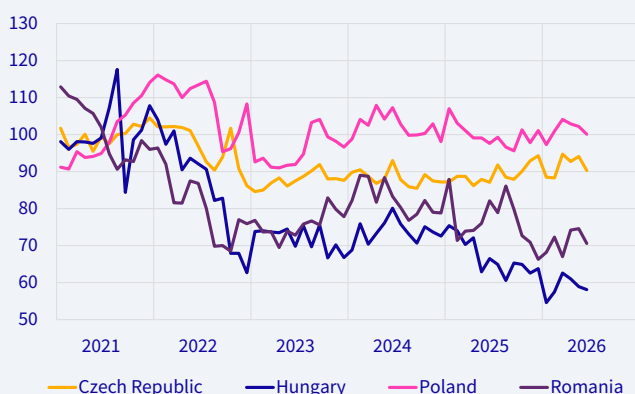
NORTHERN EUROPE CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

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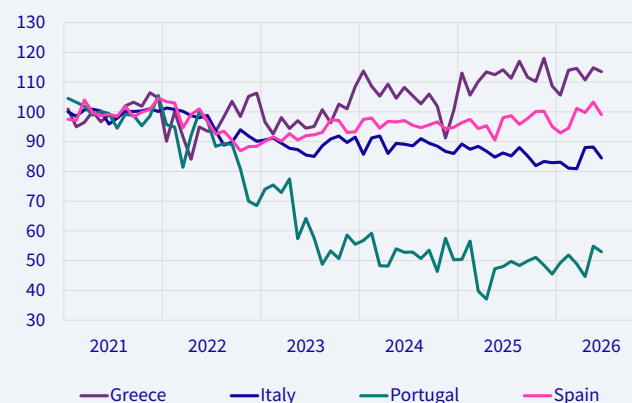
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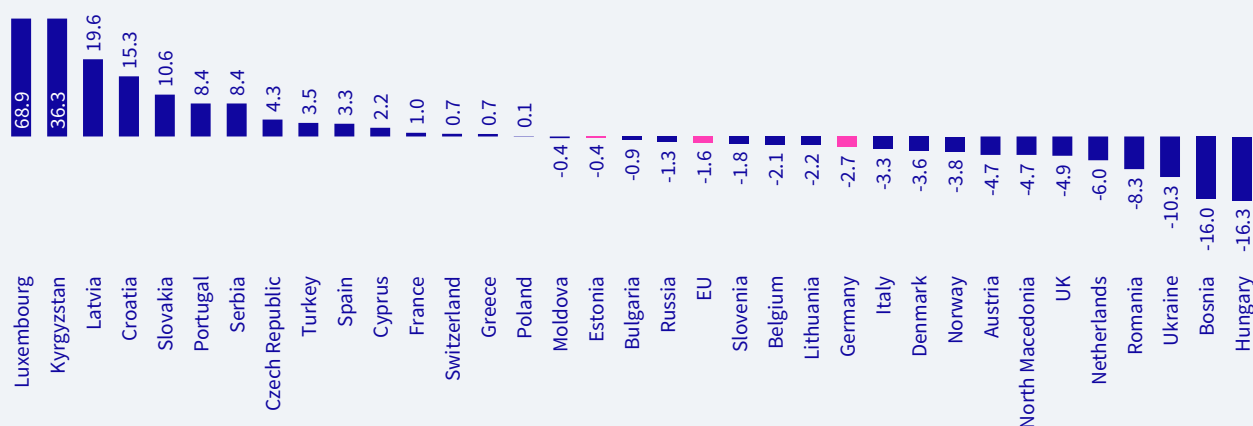
SOUTHERN EUROPE CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

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EUROPE CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

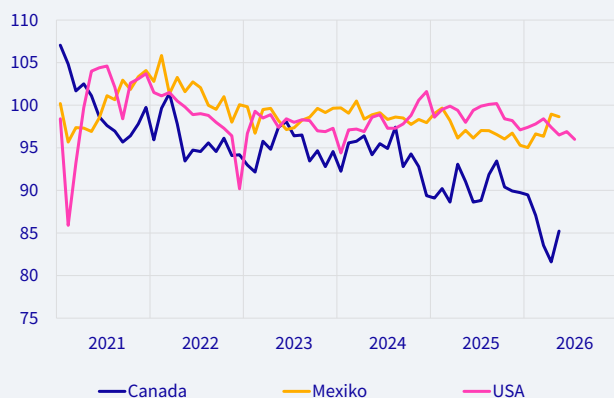
year to date growth rates in percent



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

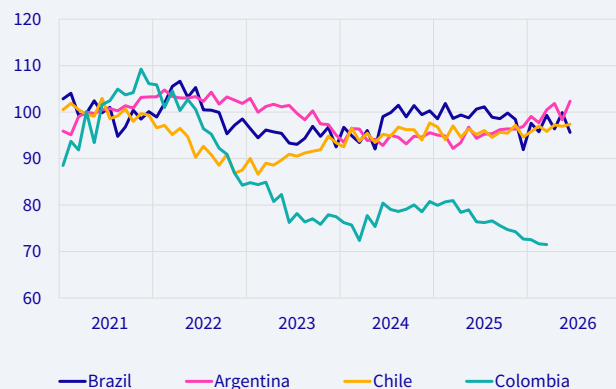
NORTH AMERICA CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

seasonally adjusted, index 2021 = 100



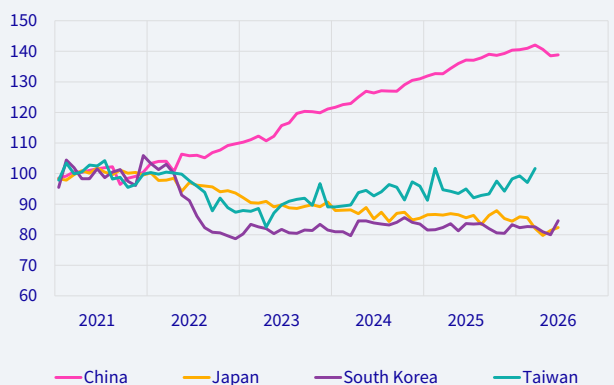
SOUTH AMERICA CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

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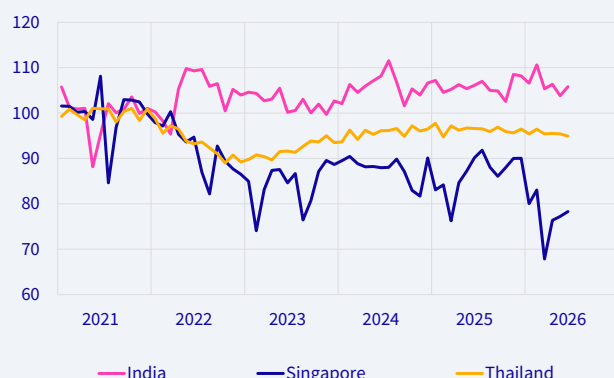
EAST ASIA CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

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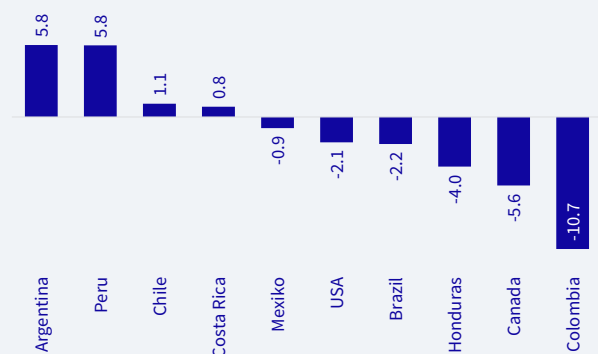
SOUTH EAST ASIA CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

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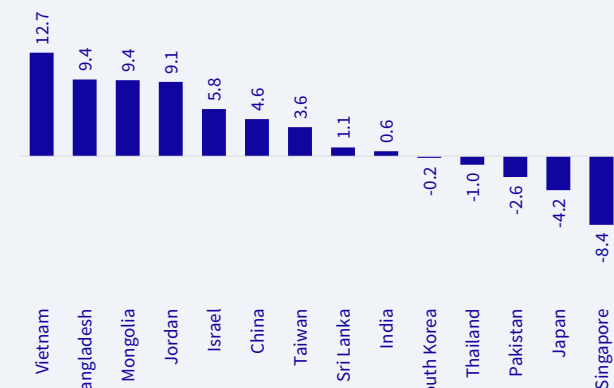
AMERICA CHEMICAL PRODUCTION

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

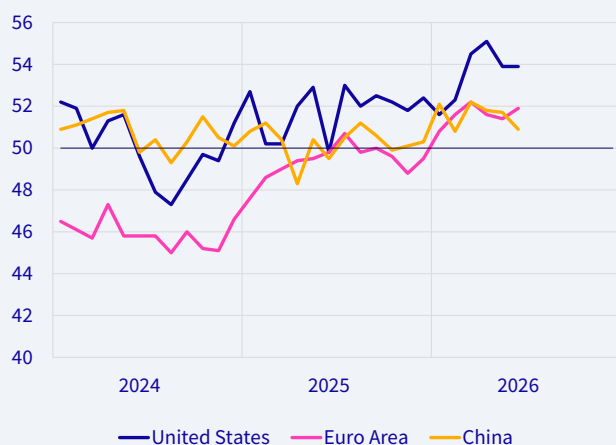
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European Union (EU27)	+ 7.4	+ 3.6	+ 15.2	- 10.4	Jun'26
Germany	- 3.1	- 2.4	+ 4.3	- 3.1	Jun'26
France	+ 0.4	+ 12.4	+ 0.3	- 3.0	Jun'26
Denmark	+ 58.2	+ 3.4	- 15.9	+ 14.2	Jun'26
Belgium	- 22.9	- 5.2	- 6.7	+ 19.0	Mar'26
Italy	+ 7.2	- 1.9	+ 4.5	+ 3.5	Jun'26
Spain	+ 2.2	+ 10.0	+ 2.1	+ 2.8	Jun'26
Netherlands	- 6.2	+ 3.8	+ 3.5	- 11.3	Jun'26
Austria	+ 18.2	+ 18.0	+ 25.8	- 6.8	Jun'26
Poland	+ 8.0	- 3.4	+ 2.2	- 1.8	Jun'26
Other Europe					
Switzerland	+ 6.1	+ 12.0	+ 10.7	- 18.5	Mar'26
United Kingdom	- 10.1	+ 0.7	+ 7.8	+ 4.0	May'26
Russia	+ 0.7	+ 17.9	+ 16.0	+ 14.2	Jun'26
Turkey	+ 3.1	- 7.6	+ 5.0	+ 13.4	Jun'26
North America					
USA	+ 4.2	+ 5.3	+ 6.2	+ 0.7	Jul'26
Canada	- 4.5	+ 17.2	- 4.9	- 1.2	May'26
South America					
Brazil	- 1.2	- 1.5	+ 1.7	+ 9.1	Jun'26
Argentina	+ 0.5	- 6.8	+ 8.2	+ 9.4	Jun'26
Colombia	- 0.9	- 1.7	+ 3.1	+ 6.7	Mar'26
Chile	- 5.0	+ 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.3	Jun'26
Asia					
China	- 5.4	+ 3.0	+ 2.3	+ 5.5	Jun'26
India	+ 4.2	+ 5.2	+ 1.7	- 2.2	Jun'26
Japan	- 0.4	+ 2.2	+ 0.8	+ 3.1	Jun'26
South Korea	+ 9.5	+ 19.0	+ 8.1	+ 2.3	Jun'26
Singapore	- 19.6	- 22.2	+ 23.9	- 30.9	Jun'26
Pakistan	- 10.8	+ 2.5	- 0.9	- 12.1	May'26
Taiwan	+ 5.6	- 7.9	+ 1.2	+ 3.6	Mar'26
Vietnam	+ 5.9	- 0.3	- 6.5	+ 6.9	Jun'26
Thailand	- 8.0	- 7.2	+ 3.7	- 1.4	Jun'26
Israel	+ 14.1	+ 10.5	- 6.7	- 29.1	May'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 – August 2026

PMI readings eased in August across the US, the Euro Area, and China, pointing to a moderation in manufacturing momentum. While all three regions remain in expansion territory, the US continues to outperform, with Euro Area activity recovering and China currently showing signs of a more muted expansion. The synchronized slowdown is broadly consistent with recent trends in chemical production, and it suggests that firms remain cautious amid persistent geopolitical, trade, and supply chain uncertainties.

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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