

# U.S. CHEMICALS TRADE BY THE NUMBERS



The shale gas revolution has elevated the U.S. chemicals industry to one of the world's leading, low-cost suppliers of chemicals. Duty-free trade and access to key export markets are critical to helping our industry capitalize on its competitive advantage and maximize growth.

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TOTAL U.S. CHEMICALS EXPORTS WERE  
**\$136 BILLION IN 2019**  
ACCOUNTING FOR 10 PERCENT  
OF ALL U.S. GOODS EXPORTS AND 10 PERCENT  
OF ALL GLOBAL CHEMICALS EXPORTS



**OF THE 544,000**  
AMERICANS EMPLOYED BY CHEMISTRY,  
**30 PERCENT ARE IN**  
EXPORT-DEPENDENT JOBS

**39 PERCENT** OF ALL  
U.S. CHEMICALS EXPORTS  
AND MORE THAN HALF OF ALL  
U.S. CHEMICALS IMPORTS  
ARE BETWEEN COMPANIES AND  
THEIR SUBSIDIARIES



**MORE THAN 1/2 OF**  
OF ALL U.S. CHEMICAL EXPORTS  
ARE PETROCHEMICALS  
AND DERIVATIVES  
(INCLUDING PLASTIC RESINS)

AMERICAN SHALE GAS  
HAS ATTRACTED  
**\$203 BILLION**  
IN ANNOUNCED U.S.  
CHEMICAL INDUSTRY  
INVESTMENT, MUCH OF WHICH  
IS DIRECTED TOWARD U.S.  
EXPORT MARKETS

**TEXAS IS THE**  
TOP CHEMICALS  
EXPORTING STATE  
WITH 30% OF U.S.  
CHEMICAL EXPORTS  
COMING FROM TEXAS



THE U.S. HAD A TRADE SURPLUS  
**OF \$35 BILLION IN**  
INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS IN 2019

THE TWO LARGEST NATIONAL MARKETS FOR  
U.S. CHEMICAL EXPORTS IN 2019  
WERE MEXICO (**\$21 BILLION**)  
AND CANADA (**\$22 BILLION**)

