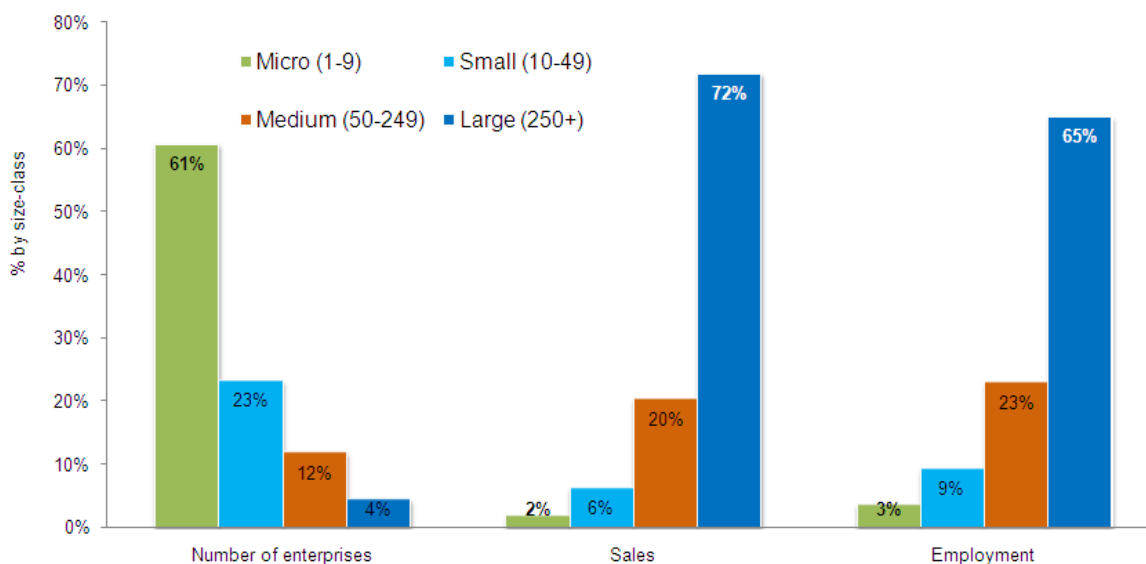




## Chemical Industry Profile

### EU chemical industry: number of enterprises, sales and employment by size-class



Source: Eurostat, data 2005

The EU chemical industry comprises 29 000 enterprises (data covering firms with no employees are excluded), 96 per cent of which have less than 250 employees and are considered as small and medium sized enterprises. These account for 28 per cent of sales and 35 per cent of employment. Only 4 per cent of the EU enterprises employ more than 249 employees, generating 72 per cent of total chemicals sales.