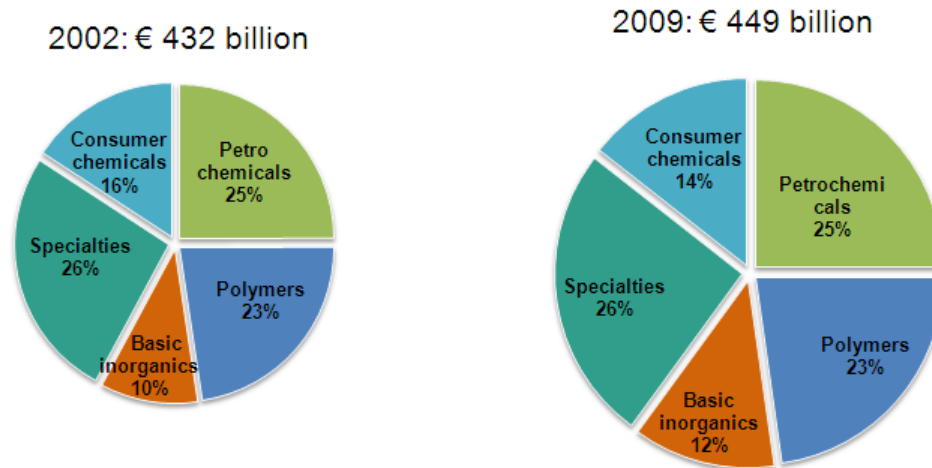




Chemical Industry Profile

EU chemicals industry sales by sectoral breakdown



Source: Cefic Chemdata International

Output from the EU chemicals industry covers three wide ranges of products: base chemicals, speciality chemicals, and consumer chemicals.

- Base chemicals cover petrochemicals and derivatives and basic inorganics. They are produced in large volumes, and are sold within the chemical industry itself or to other industries. In 2002, they represented 58 per cent of total EU chemicals sales, increasing in 2009 to 60 per cent.
- Specialty chemicals cover the auxiliaries for industry, paints & inks, crop protection, and dyes and pigments. Specialty chemicals are produced in small volumes but nevertheless represented 26 per cent of total EU chemicals sales in 2009.
- Finally, consumer chemicals are sold to final consumers: soaps and detergents, perfumes and cosmetics. Together, they represented 14 per cent of total EU chemicals sales in 2009.