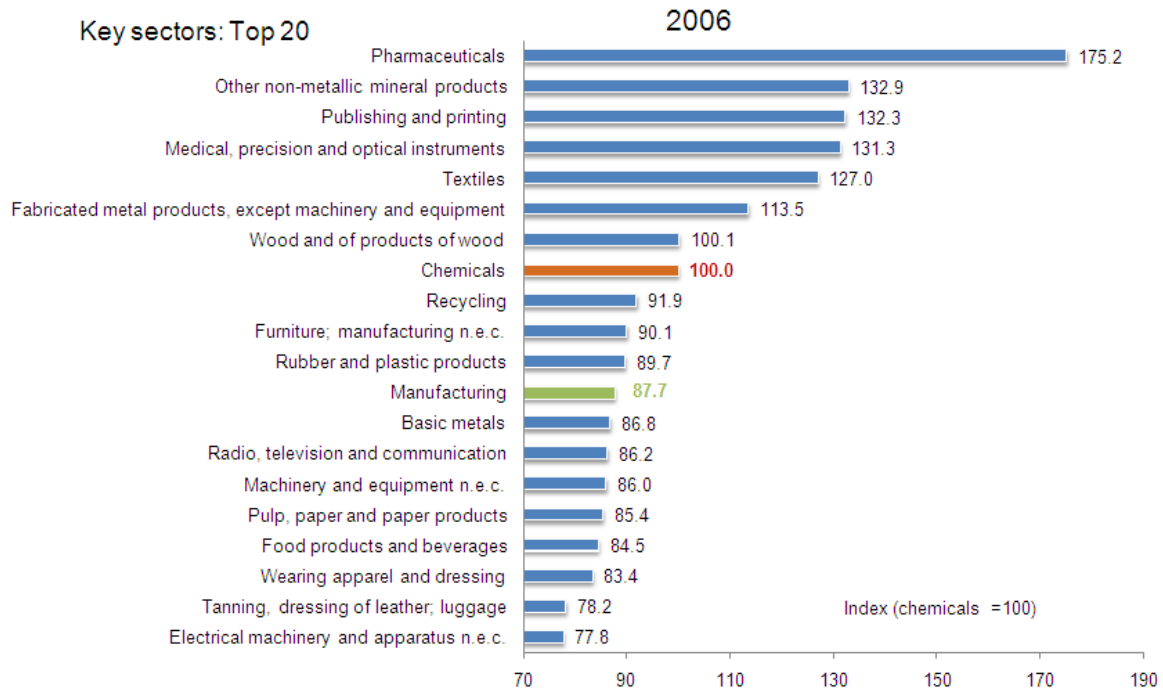




Chemical Industry Profile

EU manufacturing industry: gross operating surplus / turnover



Source: Eurostat and Cefic Chemdata International

With regard to its gross operating profit, chemicals compares favourably to other manufacturing sectors as well. The ratio of gross operating profits to sales is the 8th highest in industry and is well above the manufacturing average.