

GDP SHARES BY BRANCH, 1994

PERCENT OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES GDP

Branch	%
Dyes, tints and pigments	3.3
Industrial gases	4.6
Basic chemical products	10.9
Synthetic resins	12.2
Synthetic and cellulose fibres	12.3
Soap, detergents, and related products	11.6
Perfumes, cosmetics and related products	17.4
Insecticides and pesticides	2.4
Paints, varnishes and lacquers	7.2
Waterproofing and related products	5.2
Inks and polishes	2.1
Other chemical products	10.8
Total	100.0

Source: Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática (INEGI), National Institute for Statistics, Geography and Informatics.

PETROCHEMICALS

The chemical and petrochemical industries are closely related because of the influence of *Petróleos Mexicanos (Pemex)*, the national oil company. The availability of feedstocks supports a large petrochemical industry accounting for some 2.4 percent of GDP. *Pemex* has a monopoly over "basic" petrochemicals, but the number of products included has gradually been reduced. In 1992, the company was divided into four semi-autonomous operating divisions:

- exploration and production
- refining
- gas and basic petrochemicals
- secondary petrochemicals