

Spain for **Chemical Industry**

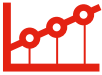
The image features a central glass flask containing a yellow liquid. Inside the flask, a small globe of the Earth is visible. The background is a warm, orange-toned gradient with faint, white chemical structures overlaid. One prominent structure is a five-membered ring containing two nitrogen atoms and a carbonyl group, resembling a cyclic urea or imidazole derivative. Other structures include a benzene ring and a chain of atoms with oxygen and nitrogen. The overall aesthetic is scientific and professional.

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Why Spain for the *Chemical Industry?*

- ✓ Broad industrial base and diversified production. The Spanish chemical industry comprises 3,112 companies with a turnover of €85.5 billion in 2024.
- ✓ Skilled and competitive human resources. 240,100 direct jobs with one of the highest added values per employee among the industries.
- ✓ **Second** largest exporter of the Spanish economy. €59.2 billion export value in 2024. Privileged access to European, Mediterranean, North Africa and Latin American markets.
- ✓ Investment locations for new projects in Chemical hubs, offering services, transport infrastructures and logistics direct to market for new projects.



Facts & Figures



Strategic industry for the Spanish economy

The chemical industry generates 11.6% of Spain's gross industrial output and **one million direct, indirect and induced jobs**.

With a cumulative growth of 61% in turnover between 2010-2024, the industry supplies products and solutions to 98% of productive industries.

The chemical sector contributes 24% of the total industrial investment in R&D&I.



Internationalized sector

In 2024 **69.2%** of chemical production was exported worldwide, reaching a total export value of €59.2billion.

The chemical industry ranks as the 2nd larger exporter of the Spanish economy, accounting for 17.1% of the country's total goods exports.

Increasing exports to non-EU markets, significant growth of markets as China, USA, Mexico Brazil, Morocco.



Sustainable chemistry

The **chemical industry offers solutions to global challenges** and helps achieve Sustainable development goals. The Spanish Technology Platform for Sustainable Chemistry (SusChem Spain), part of the European network of Technology Platforms aims to enhance cooperation among industry, universities and research centers, to promote sustainable innovation.



Investment and innovation

The chemical industry will remain the **fastest growing industrial sector in the world** through to 2030, at an estimated average of 4.5%/year to meet the new global demand.

This potential is attracting new investments and innovative projects of established multinationals and new players.

The industry in Spain invested over €4 billion in 2024, that represents 21.6% of the sector' gross added value.

Inhouse R&D&I investment and expenditure reached €2 billion.

56.4% of Spain's chemical companies are innovative companies.



Human capital and talent

The industry generates 240,100 highly qualified direct jobs, and over **one million direct, indirect and induced jobs**. It is one of the industries with lower rotation rates and highest productivity per employee.

Research staff working in chemical companies represent 21.7% of total industrial research recruitment.

Spain hosts more than 50 specialized universities, technical schools and vocational training centers focused on chemistry and chemical engineering. Technology and research centers of excellence around the main chemical hubs foster an ideal ecosystem for innovation.

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