

Chemicals

The Houston metro area has 409 chemical manufacturing establishments with employment exceeding 33,176.

MAJOR CHEMICAL OPERATIONS IN THE HOUSTON REGION	
Air Liquide USA LLC	Kaneka Texas Corporation
Ascend Performance Material	LyondellBasell Industries
BASF Corporation	OxyVinyls LP
Bayer MaterialScience	Rohm and Haas*
BP	Shell Chemical LP
Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, LP	Solvay North America Inc.
DuPont Powder Coatings USA, Inc.	The Dow Chemical Company
ExxonMobil Chemical Co.	The Lubrizol Corporation
Huntsman LLC	Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc.
INEOS	Union Carbide Corporation*
Note: Companies selected by employee count but listed alphabetically. * Subsidiaries of The Dow Chemical Company Source: Greater Houston Partnership Database, 2011	

- The Houston Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has 41.9 percent of the nation's base petrochemical capacity, according to SRI Consulting.
- Plants in the metro area include 30.6 percent of U.S. capacity for benzene (837 million gallons per year), 48.9 percent of U.S. capacity for butadiene (2.865 billion pounds per year), 45.2 percent of U.S. capacity for ethylene (26.397 billion pounds per year), 44.4 percent of U.S. capacity for polymer-grade propylene (19.584 billion pounds per year), 39.3 percent of the U.S. capacity for toluene (660 million gallons per year) and 38.9 percent of the U.S. capacity for xylenes (10.545 billion pounds per year), based on 2010 capacity estimates by SRI Consulting and volume-to-weight calculations for certain chemicals by the Greater Houston Partnership.
- SRI Consulting data show that metro Houston in 2010 had 42.7 percent of the nation's capacity for polyethylene resins, 55.5 percent of its capacity for polypropylene resins and 36.0 percent of its capacity for polyvinyl chloride resins.