



America's chemical industry is composed of more than a million people, with most of these employed by the 200 member companies of the Chemical Manufacturers Association. These firms account for 90 percent of the industry's production of basic industrial chemicals within the United States and Canada and for 90 percent of the industry's sales, which totaled \$148 billion in 1979.

The Chemical Manufacturers Association, founded in 1872 as the Manufacturing Chemists Association, is one of the oldest nonprofit trade associations in the Western Hemisphere. CMA brings together member company experts to help resolve industrywide technical and scientific problems; communicates with government and the public on vital issues involving the industry; and administers research, studies and tests on a wide range of chemical products and services.