

Key figures

The European market research and statistics working group in *PlasticsEurope* collects and collates European manufacturers' production and demand data for low density polyethylene (PE-LD), linear low density polyethylene (PE-LLD), high density polyethylene (PE-HD), polypropylene (PP), polystyrene (PS), polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and polyethylene terephthalate (PET).

The figures represent well over 95% of total production capacity in Europe for these plastics. The figures cover the EU + Norway + Switzerland unless indicated differently. The graphs show the consolidated results for 2003, 2004 and the best industry estimates for 2005. The terms used are defined as follows:

PE-LLD

covers co-polymer grades marketed as linear low density. Coverage: EU-15 + Norway + Switzerland + Malta + Cyprus.

PE-LD

covers grades of polyethylene having a density of 0.940 g/cm³ or less, excluding linear low density polyethylene. Coverage: EU-15 + Norway + Switzerland + Malta + Cyprus.

PE-HD

covers grades of polyethylene having densities in excess of 0.940 g/cm³. Coverage: EU-15 + Norway + Switzerland + Malta + Cyprus.

PS

does not include EPS. Coverage: EU-25

PVC

Coverage: EU-25

PET

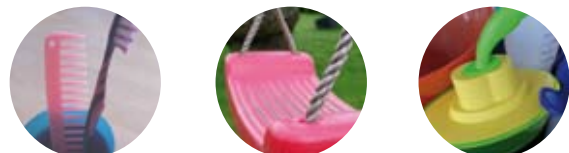
does not include fibre grades. Coverage: EU-15 + Norway + Switzerland + Malta + Cyprus.

PRODUCTION

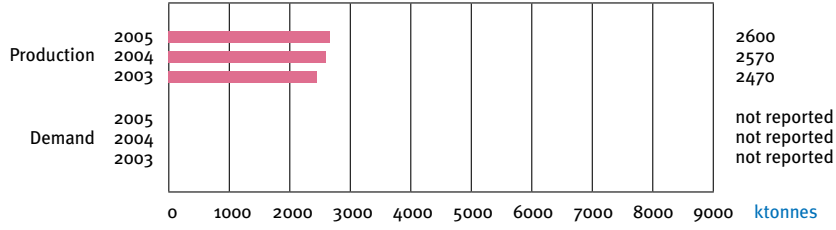
means resins produced in Europe.

DEMAND

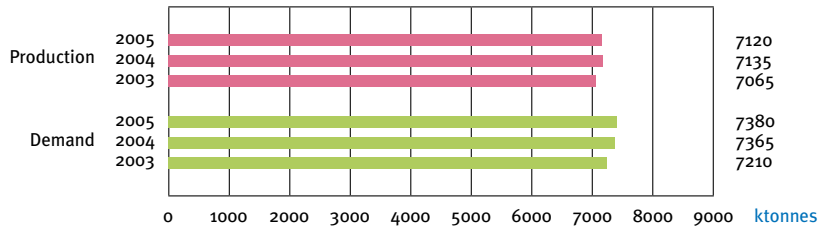
means all 'virgin' resin used by converters in Europe including imports (reported as "sales" in 2004).



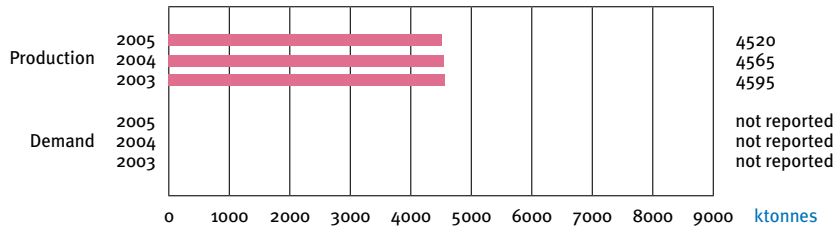
PE-LLD



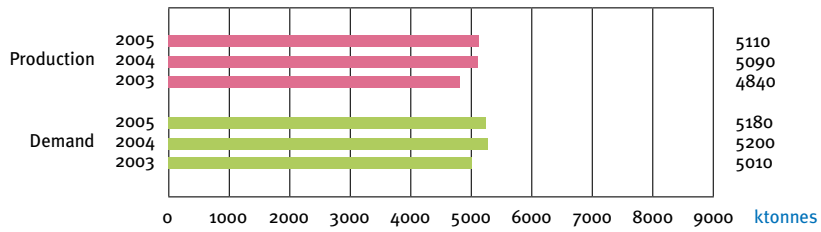
PE-LD + PE-LLD



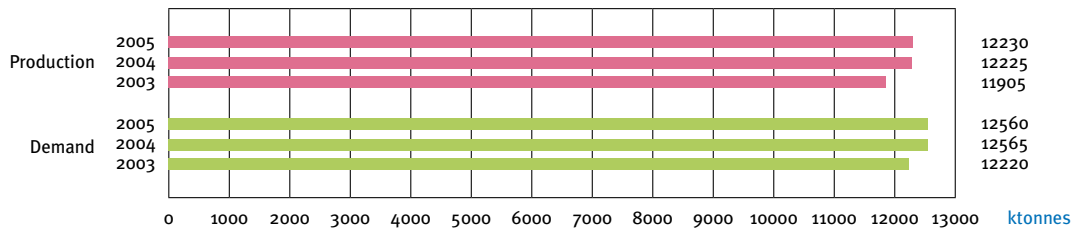
PE-LD

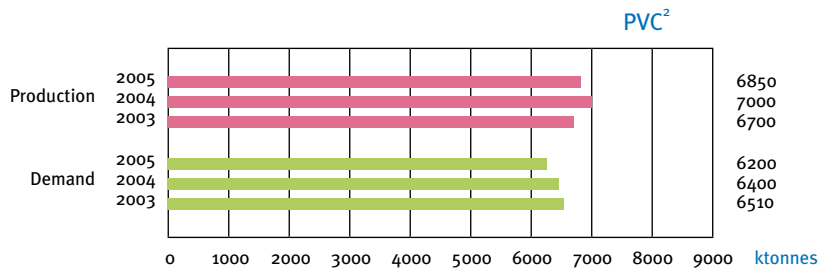
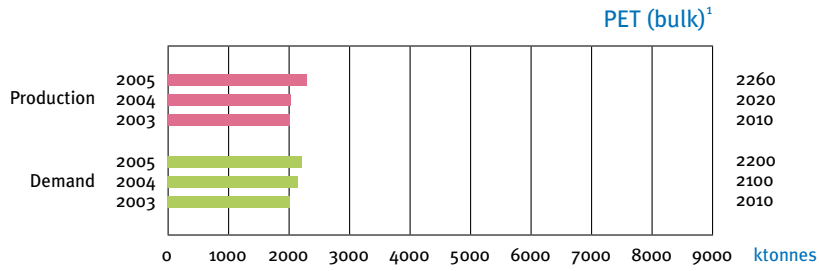
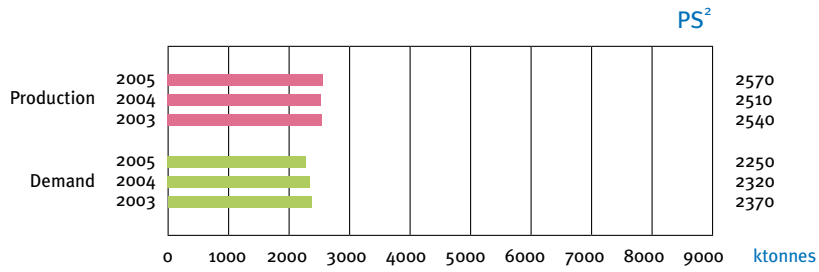
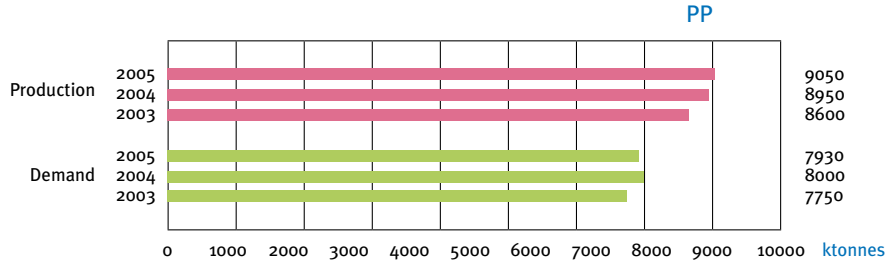


PE-HD



PE





¹ EU-15 + Norway + Switzerland + Malta + Cyprus

² EU-25