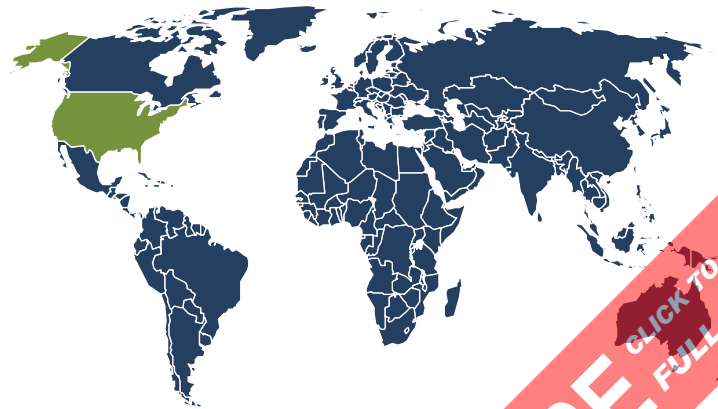




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ABOUT THIS REPORT

Scope & Method

This report forecasts US cast polymer demand in square meters to 2019. Total demand is segmented by product in terms of:

- solid surface
- gel-coated composites
- engineered stone.

Excluded from the scope of this report are cement-based stone composite materials that in certain areas of the world are sometimes considered “engineered stone”. For the purposes of this report, quantities of cast polymers are expressed in a standard slab thickness of 1.9 centimeters. Thus, one-tenth of a square meter of cast polymers is equal to approximately one-fiftieth of a cubic meter by volume. Since a portion of cast polymer demand is attributable to shaped products as opposed to slabs, demand for shaped products is converted to an equivalent volume expressed as square meters of a 1.9-centimeter slab.

Total demand is also segmented by application as follows:

- residential countertops
- nonresidential countertops
- sinks
- other building applications such as shower walls, flooring, and fireplaces
- other applications such as retail fixtures, tabletops, and shelving.

To illustrate historical trends, total demand is provided in an annual series from 2004 to 2014; the various segments are reported at five-year intervals for 2009 and 2014.

This report quantifies trends in various measures of growth. Growth (or decline) expressed as an average annual growth rate (AAGR) is the least squares growth rate, which takes into account all available datapoints over a period. Growth calculated as a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) employs, by definition, only the first and last datapoints over a period. The CAGR is used to describe forecast growth, defined as the expected trend beginning in the base year and ending in the forecast year. Readers are encouraged to consider historical volatility when assessing particular annual values along the forecast trend, including in the forecast year.

Key macroeconomic indicators are also provided at five-year intervals with CAGRs for the years corresponding to other reported figures. Other various topics, including profiles of pertinent leading suppliers, are covered in this report. A full outline of report

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Sources

Solid Surface & Other Cast Polymers: United States (FF60043) is based on [World Solid Surface & Other Cast Polymers](#), a comprehensive industry study published by The Freedonia Group in October 2015. Reported findings represent the synthesis and analysis of data from various primary, secondary, macroeconomic, and demographic sources including:

- firms participating in the industry, and their suppliers and customers
- government/public agencies
- national, regional, and international non-governmental organizations
- trade associations and their publications
- the business and trade press
- indicator forecasts by The Freedonia Group
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Industry Codes

The topic of this report is related to the following industry codes:

NAICS/SCIAN 2007		SIC	
North American Industry Classification System		Standard Industry Codes	
326199	All Other Plastics Product Mfg	3089	Plastic Products, NEC
327122	Ceramic Wall and Floor Tile Mfg	3253	Ceramic Wall and Floor Tile
327991	Cut Stone and Stone Product Mfg	3281	Cut Stone and Stone Products

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