

# **L-Cysteine & Derivatives Market Size, Share & Trend Analysis Report By Product, By Source, By Application (Food & Beverage, Supplements), By Region (North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America, MEA), And Segment Forecasts, 2025 - 2030**

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## **Abstracts**

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### **L-Cysteine & Derivatives Market Growth & Trends**

The global L-cysteine & derivatives market size is anticipated to reach USD 212.70 million by 2030 and is projected to grow at a CAGR of 6.6% from 2025 to 2030, according to a new report by Grand View Research, Inc. The L-Cysteine market is driven by rising demand in the healthcare and nutraceutical sectors due to its role in protein synthesis, detoxification, and metabolic support. In addition, increasing consumer preference for clean-label and vegan-friendly ingredients is encouraging the adoption of fermentation-based production methods, further supporting market growth.

The L-Cysteine segment dominated the market with the largest revenue share of 29.0% in 2024. This growth is due to its wide use in food processing, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics due to its antioxidant and protein-building properties. Its demand is increasing with the shift toward biotechnology-based production and growing applications in dietary supplements, medical treatments, and personal care products.

The natural segment dominated the market with the largest revenue share of 64.2% in 2024. This growth is driven by the growing preference for plant- and microbial-based fermentation methods as sustainable alternatives to animal-derived sources. This shift is fueled by increasing demand for clean-label, non-GMO, and vegan-friendly products in

food, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics.

The pharmaceuticals & healthcare segment dominated the market with the largest revenue share of 29.0% in 2024. This growth is driven by its use in respiratory treatments, antioxidant therapies, and drug formulations. It is widely utilized in acetylcysteine-based medications for conditions like COPD and liver detoxification, as well as in dietary supplements for metabolic and immune support.

The Asia Pacific market is driven by the growing demand from the pharmaceutical, food & beverage, supplements, and beauty & personal care industries. The region benefits from emerging countries such as China, India, and Japan's strong industrial infrastructure and high consumer spending on personal care products further propel market growth.

Some of the prominent players in the L-cysteine & derivative industry include Shine Star (Hubei) Biological Engineering Co., Ltd., Evonik Industries AG, Zhejiang NHU Co., Ltd., CJ CHEILJEDANG CORP., Fengchen Group Co., Ltd, NIPPON RIKKA CO., LTDs, Ajinomoto Co. Inc., Merck KGaA, Wacker Chemie AG, and Glentham Life Sciences Limited.

### L-Cysteine & Derivatives Market Report Highlights

The L-Cystine segment is expected to grow at the fastest CAGR of 7.0% during the forecast period. This growth is widely used in pharmaceuticals, dietary supplements, and personal care products due to its role in protein synthesis and tissue repair. Its applications in wound healing, immune support, and hair care formulations further drive its demand across multiple industries.

Based on source, the natural segment is expected to grow at the fastest CAGR of 6.7% during the forecast period. This growth is driven by the increasing use of plant-based and microbial fermentation methods as alternatives to traditional animal-derived sources. This shift is fueled by rising consumer demand for clean-label, sustainable, and vegan-friendly ingredients in food, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics.

Based on application, the personal care & healthcare segment led the market with the largest revenue share of 25.3% in 2024. The growth is

driven by its use in hair care, skin care, and pharmaceutical applications due to its role in keratin production and antioxidant properties. It is widely utilized in shampoos, anti-aging formulations, and medical supplements for skin and hair health, supporting its growing demand.

Asia Pacific dominates the market with the largest revenue share of 50.7% in 2024. The Asia Pacific market is driven by rising demand from the pharmaceutical, supplements, food & beverages, and beauty & personal care industries. Strong industrial infrastructure, growing consumer preference for personal care products, and advancements in chemical synthesis further support market growth.

In June 2022, Evonik launched cQrex AC, a highly pure and soluble cystine peptide, to enhance cell culture media used in biopharmaceutical production. This new addition to the company's cQrex portfolio addresses the challenge of delivering enough cysteine, an essential amino acid, to cells. cQrex AC is non-animal-derived, chemically defined, and has over 20 times greater solubility than L-cystine at a neutral pH. The cQrex AC is very similar to cQrex KC launched in 2023 but it is lower in solubility than cQrex.

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