

UK Life Sciences

Bioscience and Health Technology

Sector Statistics 2020



Office for
Life Sciences

Headlines



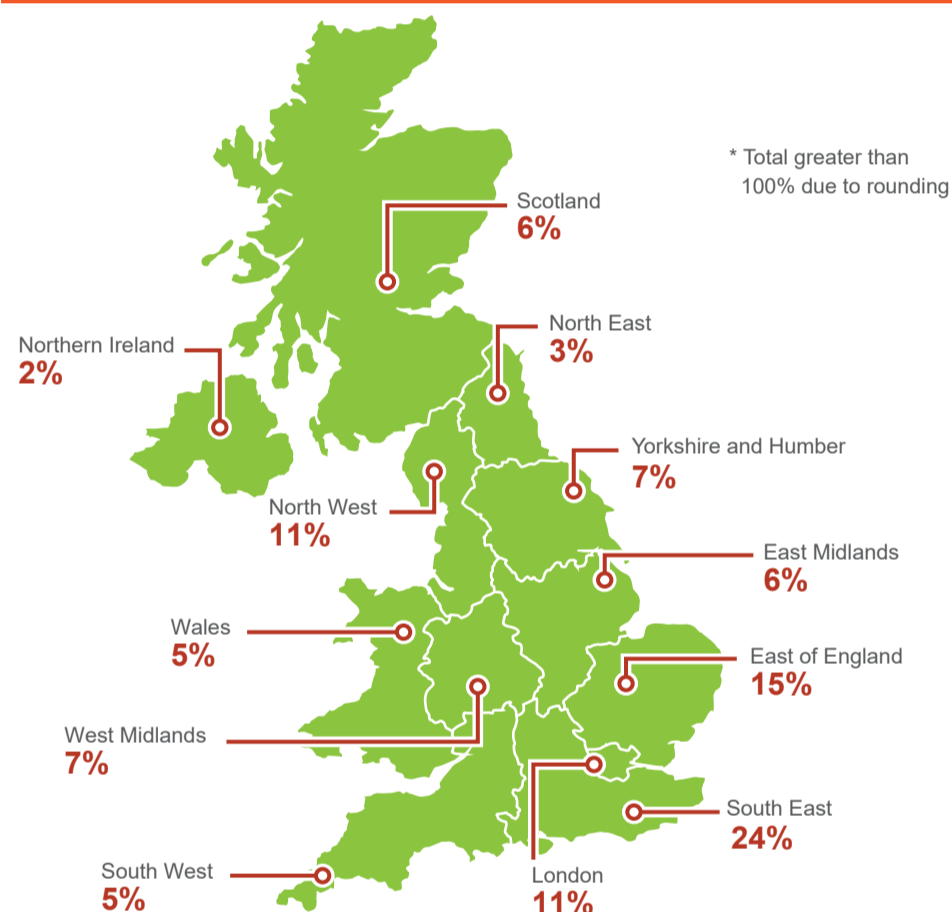
Industry characteristics



What is the Life Sciences industry?

Businesses involved in developing and/or producing pharmaceutical or med tech products, including digital health, for human health purposes. Includes supply chain and specialist service

Distribution of employment across UK

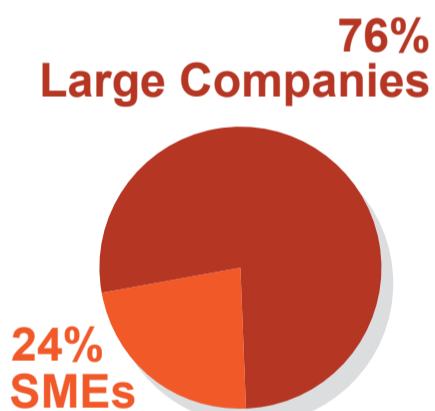


Companies in the

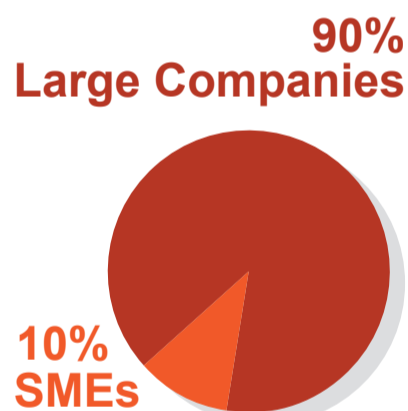


that operate in the UK account for **22%** of industry employment and for **36%** of turnover

Industry employment

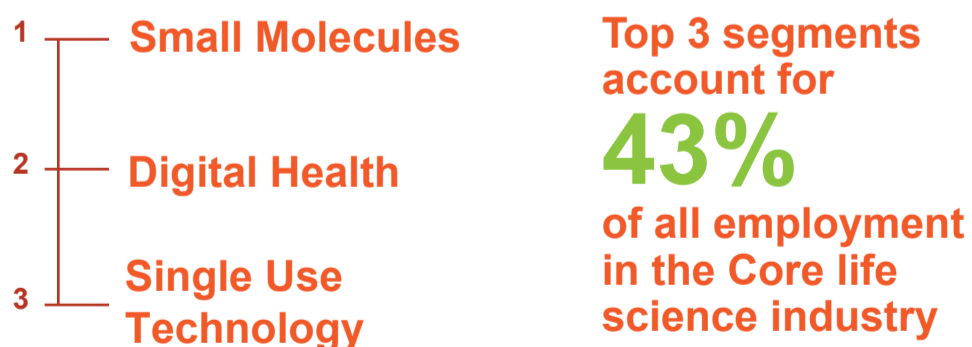


Industry turnover

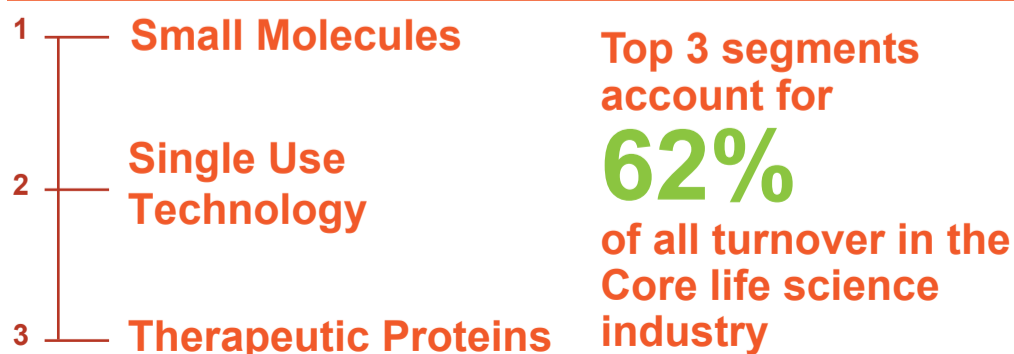


*For a small number of records (<1% of employment and turnover for the Life Science industry) it is not possible to classify businesses as SMEs or non-SMEs. These 'unclassified' businesses are excluded from both the SME and non-SME totals.

Largest core segments by employment



Largest core segments by turnover



Employment and turnover 2011 to 2020

+13% Employment
+1% Turnover

Overall the life science industry employment increased by **31,500** and turnover increased by **£1.1bn**

Service and supply chain

An essential cluster of specialist suppliers supports the Life Science industry in the UK. Does not include non-life science businesses.

2,780 businesses

95,500 employees

£26.2bn turnover

36% of industry employment

29% of industry turnover

For more information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/bioscience-and-health-technology-database-annual-reports>