

# UK Biopharmaceutical Sector

## Bioscience and Health Technology

### Sector Statistics 2020



Office for  
Life Sciences

#### Headlines



#### Sector characteristics

**36%** of life science industry businesses operate in the Biopharmaceutical sector

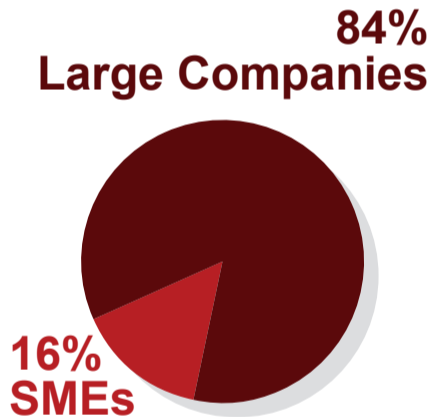
These businesses account for:

**48%** of life science industry employment

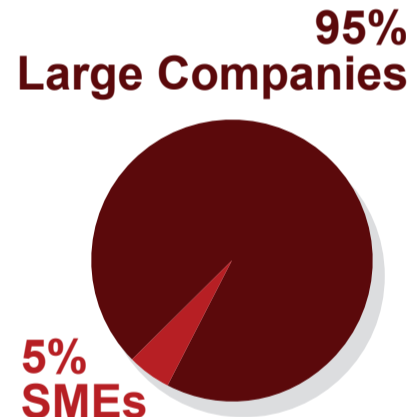
**69%** of life science industry turnover



#### Sector employment



#### Sector turnover

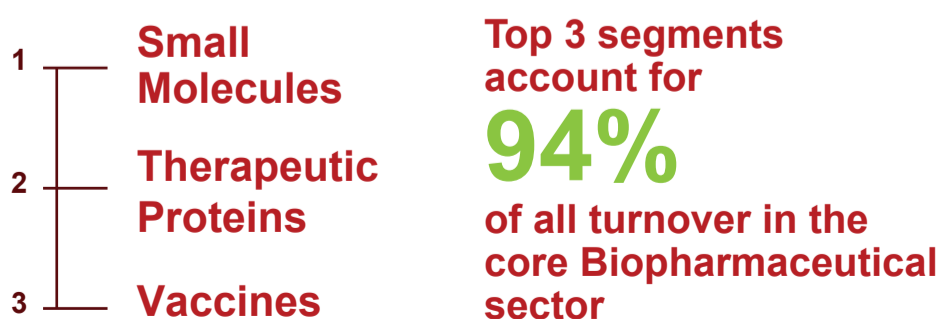


\*For a small number of records (<1% of employment and turnover for the Biopharmaceutical sector) it is not possible to classify businesses as SMEs or non-SMEs. These 'unclassified' businesses are excluded from both the SME and non-SME totals.

#### Largest core segments by employment



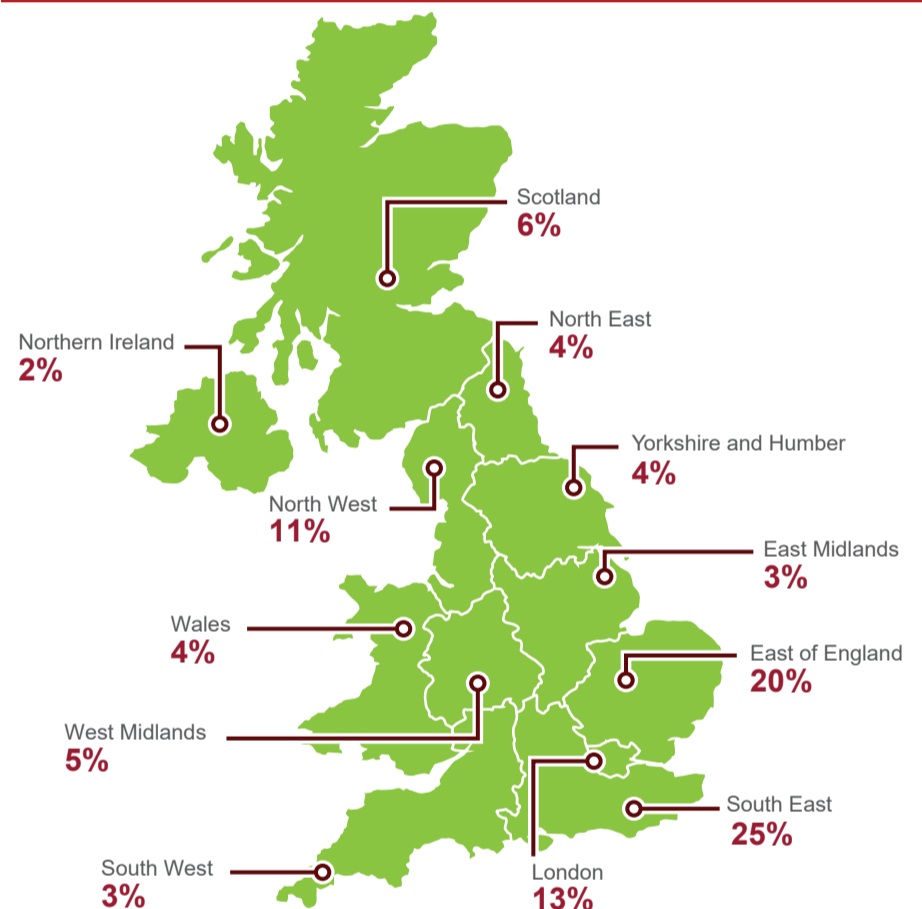
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#### What is the Biopharmaceutical sector?

Businesses involved in developing and/or producing pharmaceutical products, from small R&D-focused biotechs to multinational Big Pharma. Includes supply chain and specialist service sector.

#### Distribution of employment across UK



#### Employment and turnover 2011 to 2020

**-5%** Employment  
**-17%** Turnover

The Core Biopharma sector decreased employment by 3,500, and turnover decreased by £8.1bn.

#### Service and supply chain

An essential cluster of specialist suppliers supports the Biopharmaceutical sector in the UK. Does not include non-life science businesses.

**1,530** businesses

**63,900** employees

**£20.6bn** turnover

**49%** of sector employment

**34%** of sector turnover

For more information

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