UK Biopharmaceutical Sector
Strength & Opportunity 2017

Headlines

Sector Characteristics

- 36% life science industry businesses
- 49% life science industry employment
- 68% life science industry turnover

Global TOP 25

59% of employment in sector excluding services and supply chain

Sector Employment

- 85% Large Companies
- 15% SMEs

Sector Turnover

- 95% Large Companies
- 5% SMEs

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1. Small Molecules
2. Antibodies
3. Therapeutic Proteins

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Largest Segments by Turnover

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What is the Biopharmaceutical Sector?

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

Distribution of Employment Across UK

- London 12%
- South East 25%
- East of England 21%
- East Midlands 4%
- West Midlands 4%
- South West 3%
- Wales 4%
- Yorkshire and Humber 3%
- North West 11%
- North East 4%
- Scotland 6%
- Northern Ireland 4%

* Total greater than 100% due to rounding

Year-On-Year Growth - 2016 to 2017

-0.4% Employment
+11% Turnover

Overall the core Biopharma sector showed flat growth in employment, while turnover increased by £3.3bn and created 47 new businesses

Service and Supply Chain

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

- 1,393 businesses
- 54,900 employees
- £14.9bn turnover

46% of sector employment
31% of sector turnover

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