UK Biopharmaceutical Sector
Bioscience and Health technology
Sector Statistics 2019

Headlines

2,240 Businesses
£55.1bn Turnover
124,300 Employees
2,560 Sites

Sector Characteristics

36% life science industry businesses
68% life science industry turnover
49% life science industry employment
55% of employment in sector excluding services and supply chain

Global TOP 25

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

Largest Segments by Employment

1. Small Molecules
2. Antibodies
3. Therapeutic Proteins

Top 3 segments account for 90% of all employment in the core Biopharmaceutical sector

Largest Segments by Turnover

1. Small Molecules
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3. Therapeutic Proteins

Top 3 segments account for 94% of all turnover in the core Biopharmaceutical sector

Year-On-Year Growth - 2010 to 2019

-8% Employment
-20% Turnover

The Core Biopharma sector decreased employment by 5,400, and turnover decreased by £9.3bn.

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

For More Information