

Central Indiana

Strategic Partnerships | Clinical Innovation | Global Impact

2024

#1 in Life Sciences and Pharmaceutical Exports

70,000+

Hoosiers Employed in Life Sciences

3,200+

Establishments

Overview

Central Indiana stands at the forefront of the life sciences industry, anchoring Indiana's position as a national leader in pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, and healthcare innovation. The region combines corporate strength with world-class research institutions, including the nation's largest medical school, and cutting-edge innovation districts that drive discovery, workforce development, and global impact.

Talent Pipelines that Fuels Industry Momentum

Central Indiana is home to tens of thousands of life sciences industry professionals with deep and broad experience across the entire industry value chain. Boasting IU School of Medicine, the nation's largest medical school, R1 universities IU Indianapolis and Purdue University, and Ivy Tech Community College.

Central Indiana is loaded with world-class producers of talent to drive the growth of Central Indiana's large life science cluster. Forthcoming assets, including Heartland BioWorks' biopharma manufacturing training center and IU Launch Accelerator for Bioscience (IU LAB), being built in the 16 Tech Innovation District will further bolster workforce development to accelerate the sector's expansion.

Leadership in Exports

Indiana ranks #1 in life sciences exports, and Central Indiana is a major driver of that global footprint.

Product Categories

Pharmaceuticals, medical devices, research/testing labs, and radiopharmaceuticals, with products reaching over 120 countries worldwide.

Key Exports



Total Establishments

1,139

Indiana's Excellence

- **#1 2024**, Life Sciences and Pharmaceutical Exports
- **Global Hub** for Orthopedics and Radiopharma
- **70,000+** Hoosiers Employed in Life Sciences
- **3,200+** Establishments

Central Indiana

REGIONAL ANCHORS



One Health
Innovation District



INDIANA
BIOSCIENCES
RESEARCH
INSTITUTE

Central Indiana Talent Fueling Healthcare Innovation

Grounded in employment strength and guided by strategic investments, Central Indiana is developing the workforce to drive the next generation of healthcare innovation.

32,000

Total Employed

16%

Employment Growth
(2014-2025)

\$182,000 Average Wage

Strengthening Innovation and Talent in Central Indiana

The Indiana Biosciences Research Institute (IBRI) is a leading translational research organization headquartered in Indianapolis. IBRI is the nation's first industry-led collaborative life sciences research institute.

IBRI was founded to improve the health of Hoosiers living with diabetes, but has expanded its capabilities and applied them to other diseases, such as Alzheimer's, cancer, and rare pediatric diseases. IBRI seeks to support and foster cross-sector collaboration, promote innovation, and boost economic growth and prosperity in Indiana. IBRI's headquarters in 16 Tech serves as a nexus point with close proximity to key collaborators at academic institutions, life sciences companies, and biotechnology startups.

Innovation in Practice

[Fishers Life Sciences and Innovation Park](#)

A fast-growing hub driving advanced manufacturing, therapeutic development, and life sciences innovation – supported by an ecosystem built to scale. Fishers is one of Indiana's fastest-growing communities in Indiana and has been consistently ranked as one of the best communities to live in the U.S. Fishers Life Sciences and Innovation Park

- Genezen
- INCOG Biopharma
- List Biotherapeutics
- Quantigen
- Stevanato Group
- Telix Pharmaceuticals
- Launch Fishers – fostering a collaborative environment for startups and entrepreneurs in life sciences