

Evansville Region

Healthcare Logistics | Biopharma Production | Workforce Resilience

2024

#1 in Life Sciences and
Pharmaceutical Exports

70,000+

Hoosiers Employed
in Life Sciences

3,253

Establishments

Overview

Southwest Indiana is a growing life sciences hub with deep expertise in medical device manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, and health logistics. The region's advanced manufacturing capacity, strategic location, and integrated healthcare networks make it a vital link in Indiana's life sciences economy. Anchored by Deaconess Health System, Berry Global, and AstraZeneca, and supported by the University of Southern Indiana and Ivy Tech, the region is developing a next-generation workforce to meet global healthcare demands.

Talent Pipelines that Fuels Industry Momentum

The University of Southern Indiana offers robust programs in nursing, health administration, and life sciences. Ivy Tech's Evansville campus trains technicians for pharmaceutical and medical manufacturing roles. These institutions, along with Deaconess and Ascension, fuel healthcare workforce development and talent retention across the region.

Leadership in Exports

Indiana ranks #1 in life sciences exports and Southwest Indiana contributes through large-scale manufacturing and critical logistics capabilities. The region's output supports both domestic delivery and international markets.

Product Categories

Pharmaceuticals, injectable therapies, medical packaging, health and nutrition products

Key Exports



Total Establishments

89

Indiana's Excellence

- **#1 2024**, Life Sciences and Pharmaceutical Exports
- **Global Hub** for Orthopedics and Radiopharma
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REGIONAL ANCHORS



A Workforce Engineered for Innovation

Southwest Indiana's life sciences economy is built on high-skill production and integrated care delivery and has experienced substantial growth thanks to investment in pharmaceutical production, talent development, and digital health systems.

2,100

Total Employed

17.4%

Employment Growth (2014-2025)

\$131,000 Average Wage

Regional Innovation Advantage

Southwest IN Health Sciences Network

A coalition of health systems, educators, and employers across Southwest Indiana is aligning around workforce needs, infrastructure planning, and translational research. Through strategic collaboration and shared investment, the region is strengthening its position in medical manufacturing, health innovation, and logistics.

Innovation in Practice

Deaconess Health System Spotlight

A regional leader in patient care and workforce development, Deaconess Health System is expanding clinical services and talent programs across the tri-state area.

- Medical education partnerships with USI and IU
- Innovation in population health and clinical technology
- New training centers supporting nurses, imaging techs, and pharmacy assistants
- Integrated network of 20+ facilities across Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois

Deaconess Health System is the premier provider of health care services to 26 counties in three states (IN, IL, and KY).