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# Indiana Uplands

Workforce Development | Biopharma Manufacturing | Research

2024

#1 in Life Sciences and  
Pharmaceutical Exports

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Hoosiers Employed  
in Life Sciences

3,253

Establishments

## Overview

Anchored by Bloomington, Indiana's Uplands region is a powerhouse in medical device innovation and biopharmaceutical manufacturing, with a strong mix of established firms and emerging players producing surgical tools, injectable medicines, and vaccine components. The region plays a critical role in strengthening national and global health supply chains through advanced manufacturing and export-ready production. Fueled by a strong academic and healthcare foundation, with Indiana University, Ivy Tech, and regional training programs aligning talent with industry demand, the region is driving innovation, workforce growth, and high-quality healthcare delivery.

## Talent Pipelines that Fuels Industry Momentum

Indiana University Bloomington delivers talent in biology, chemistry, biotech, medical sciences, and engineering. IU School of Medicine – Bloomington and IU Health Bloomington connect research with clinical practice.

Bloomington Regional Academic Health Center, a state-of-the-art hospital and medical education campus. Ivy Tech and regional partners train workers in biotech and advanced manufacturing.

## Leadership in Exports

Indiana is #1 in Life Sciences Exports and the Indiana Uplands region plays a key role in our global impact. From biologics to catheter systems, the Uplands region delivers advanced therapies and technologies to patients worldwide.



### Product Categories

Medical Devices, Biologics, and Injectable Medicines



### Key Exports



### Total Establishments

114

## Indiana's Excellence

- **#1 2024**, Life Sciences and Pharmaceutical Exports
- **Global Hub** for Orthopedics and Radiopharma
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- **3,253** Establishments

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## REGIONAL ANCHORS

The Indiana Uplands region boasts a mix of biomedical device and pharmaceutical companies. Medical devices, biologics, and injectable therapies made in Bloomington power global health.



## A Workforce Engineered for Innovation

The Uplands region is home to a highly specialized life sciences workforce—driven by strengths in medical device production, biopharma manufacturing, and research. One in every four manufacturing jobs in the region is in life sciences.

**9,600**  
Total Employed

**47%**  
Employment Growth  
(2014–2025)

**\$95,000** Average Wage

## Regional Innovation Advantage

### *Indiana Uplands Initiative*

Led by Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI), the Indiana Uplands Initiative aligns talent, industry, and innovation assets across an 11-county region to fuel growth in life sciences, advanced manufacturing, and national security sectors. With a focus on STEM education, workforce development, and sector-specific strategies, this regional collaboration is helping build the infrastructure and talent pipeline needed to sustain global leadership in medical and biopharma innovation.

## Innovation in Practice

### [Cook Medical](#)

A global leader in medical devices, Cook Medical drives healthcare innovation from Indiana's Uplands region:

- Pioneering minimally invasive technologies that transform patient care
- Advancing biopharmaceutical device integration for next-generation therapies
- Partnering with Indiana University and Ivy Tech to accelerate research, clinical innovation, and workforce development

Cook's investments in R&D, manufacturing excellence, and education partnerships continue to expand the region's global impact in life sciences and healthcare delivery.

