

Northeast Indiana

Global Orthopedic Leadership | Advanced Manufacturing | Integrated Healthcare

2024

#1 in Life Sciences and
Pharmaceutical Exports

70,000+

Hoosiers Employed
in Life Sciences

3,253

Establishments

Overview

From world-class manufacturing in Warsaw to cutting-edge clinical care in Fort Wayne, Northeast Indiana is a national model for life sciences strength and innovation. Anchored by global medical device firms and forward-thinking health systems, the region drives Indiana's leadership in exports, high-value employment, and future-ready healthcare.

Talent Pipelines that Fuels Industry Momentum

- Ivy Tech Community College Orthopedic & Advanced Manufacturing Training Center
- Purdue Fort Wayne biochemistry pathway in partnership with Zimmer Biomet and DePuy Synthes
- IU School of Medicine–Fort Wayne training future physicians
- Grace College health science and pre-pharmacy programs
- OrthoWorx STEM and talent initiatives
- Trine University Brooks College of Health Professions

Leadership in Exports

Indiana is #1 in life sciences exports and Northeast Indiana plays a key role in our global impact. The devices developed in the region are shipped worldwide, supported by key logistics infrastructure that accelerates global distribution.

✓ Product Categories

Orthopedic implants, surgical instruments, medical device components

✓ Key Exports

Medtronic ZIMMER BIOMET Paragon DePuy Synthes

✓ Total Establishments

307

Indiana's Excellence

- #1 2024, Life Sciences and Pharmaceutical Exports
- Global Hub for Orthopedics and Radiopharma
- 70,000+ Hoosiers Employed in Life Sciences
- 3,253 Establishments

THE ORTHOPEDIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD®



Northeast Indiana

REGIONAL ANCHORS

50% of the global orthopedic joint replacement market originates here.

Medtronic

RZZR
RAZOR MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS INC.

PLUGANDPLAY

ZIMMER BIOMET

Paragon
Exclusively for & with

DePuy Synthes
THE ORTHOPAEDIC COMPANY OF Johnson & Johnson

Johnson & Johnson

FORT WAYNE METALS

Engineering the Future of Health

Investments in training, infrastructure, and early-stage innovation signal long-term sector strength, as more companies expand to smart implants, surgical robotics, and digital healthcare.

10,700

Total Employed

Steady

Employment Growth
(2014-2025)

\$123,000 Average Wage

Regional Advantage

OrthoWorx & The Orthopedic Industry Retention Initiative

Northeast Indiana is home to the Orthopedic Capital of the World®, and Warsaw's orthopedic cluster continues to lead thanks to strategic investment and focused workforce development. OrthoWorx, a regional initiative headquartered in Warsaw, plays a vital role in sustaining this leadership. It connects employers, educators, and the community to expand STEM education, promote industry-aligned training, and build career awareness across the region. In 2024, Indiana reinforced this momentum by approving a \$30 million investment in the Orthopedic Industry Retention Initiative, a targeted effort to strengthen infrastructure, support workforce programs, and secure the long-term competitiveness of the region's orthopedic sector.

Innovation in Practice

[Parkview Health Spotlight](#)

A leading healthcare system advancing the clinical adoption of innovative technologies and expanding access to cutting-edge care across Northeast Indiana.

- Smart implants
- Robotics-assisted surgery
- Remote monitoring and digital health tools
- \$100M Cancer Institute and expanding regional medical campus
- Mirro Center for Research and Innovation