San Jose MSA

The San Jose Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)¹ boasts a prosperous life sciences ecosystem, which is driven by medical devices and equipment and drugs and pharmaceuticals sub-sectors.

- San Jose's life sciences sector produced approximately
 \$20.0 billion in economic output in 2021.
- The life sciences sector in San Jose contributed directly and indirectly more than \$6.0 billion in labor income during 2021 (including the induced contribution). The average wage was highest in Santa Clara County, approaching nearly \$200,000 in 2021.
- The sector employed more than 19,000 people, with about 45% of employment in the laboratory instrument, surgical instrument, and electromedical apparatus manufacturing industries. In total (including indirect and induced employment), San Jose's life sciences industry was responsible for sustaining more than 32,000 jobs.



The medical devices and equipment sub-sector has a particularly strong presence in San Jose. With a location quotient of greater than 7.0, San Jose has seven times the relative concentration of this activity as is typical, consistent with the MSA's highly competitive local agglomeration of medical devices and equipment establishments.

Economic Contribution Of Life Sciences Industry

Geography	San Jose - Sunnyvale - Santa Clara MSA			
Employment				
Direct	19.	,070		
Indirect and Induced	13	3,105		
Total	32	2,175		
Multiplier ²⁶	1.7			
Labor Income (\$B)				
Direct		4.2		
Indirect and Induced		2.1		
Total		6.3		
Multiplier	1.5			
Output (\$B)				
Direct		15.2		
Indirect and Induced		4.9		
Total		20.0		
Multiplier	1.3			

¹ The San Jose MSA is made up of Santa Clara and San Benito Counties, as well as the area of Sunnyvale.



Employment, Establishments, And Average Wages For San Jose MSA

Area Name	Employment	Establishments	\$ Average Wages (\$)
Santa Clara County	25,894	846	198,213
San Benito County	89	12	77,239
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA	19,070	895	165,116

San Jose County MSA Employment, Establishments, And Average Wages By Life Sciences Subsector

Life Sciences Category	Employment	Establishments	\$ Average Wages (\$)
Research, Testing, And Medical Laboratories	3,857	520	203,985
Medical Devices And Equipment	9,501	183	160,837
Bioscience-Related Distribution	1,257	155	155,218
Drugs And Pharmaceuticals	4,454	34	143,379
Agricultural Feedstock And Industrial Biosciences	-	3	_