

Biopharmaceutical Sector Overview



BIOPHARMACEUTICAL EMPLOYEES
129,900 across **2,625** companies

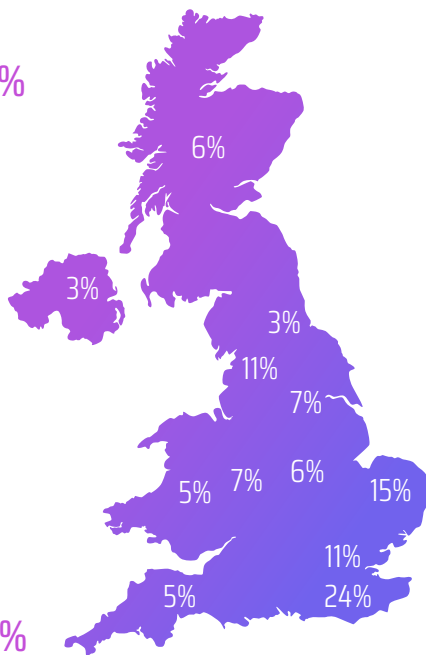
£61.3 BILLION
TURNOVER

COMPANY SIZE

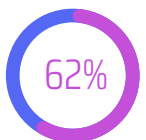
Micro (1-9) 1,544 • **Small (10-49) 619** • **Medium (50-249) 338** • **Large (250+) 125**

EMPLOYMENT BY REGION:

- South East **24%**
- East of England **15%**
- London **11%**
- North West **11%**
- Yorkshire and The Humber **7%**
- West Midlands **7%**
- Scotland **6%**
- East Midlands **6%**
- South West **5%**
- Wales **5%**
- North East **3%**
- Northern Ireland **2%**



MORE THAN **62% OF EMPLOYEES** WITHIN LIFE SCIENCES HOLD A **DEGREE OR EQUIVALENT LEVEL QUALIFICATION (LEVELS 6 AND 7+)**, WHICH COMPARES TO APPROXIMATELY **36% OF THE WIDER UK WORKFORCE**



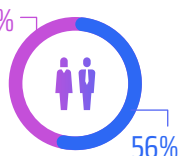
22% OF BUSINESS SITES IN THE SECTOR WERE **OWNED BY FOREIGN COMPANIES**. ACCORDING TO 2020 OLS DATA, THIS ACCOUNTS FOR **63% OF UK LIFE SCIENCES SECTOR TURNOVER**, AND **52% OF SECTORAL EMPLOYMENT**

LIFE SCIENCES EMPLOYEES
(**27%**) are aged **50+**
(**20%**) aged between **16-29**
(**53%**) in the **30-49** age category



OFFICIAL STATISTICS SHOW THAT APPROXIMATELY **4,995 GRADUATES** FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19 **ENTERED THE LIFE SCIENCES SECTOR WITHIN 15 MONTHS OF COMPLETING THEIR COURSE**

APPROXIMATE GENDER PROFILE OF THE SECTOR
56% MALE VS **44% FEMALE**



INTEREST IN SCIENCE IS GROWING, WITH RESEARCH SUGGESTING THAT **YOUNG PEOPLE** ARE NOW MORE **LIKELY TO PURSUE A CAREER IN SCIENCE** AS A RESULT OF THE **CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**.

