The Largest and Most Experienced Leader and Advocate for California's Life Science Sector.

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Biocom California accelerates member success with growth-based initiatives that are focused on addressing the needs of San Diego's established life science industry. To learn more about how Biocom California is bringing growth, capital, and innovation-friendly advocacy to the San Diego life science region, visit www.biocom.org/sandiego.

Why San Diego

San Diego continues to have a leading presence in the life science industry. Life science in the county directly employed 68,063 people, generated $41.3B in economic activity and received $1.01B in NIH funding in 2019.

Biocom California is the largest, most experienced leader and advocate for California's life science sector. Our targeted programs and tailored services in San Diego aim to propel the region further into global prominence as a life science leader and global capital of genomics. Alongside our members, we create programs that attract talent, promote collaboration, and increase policy understanding and outside investment. We work on behalf of more than 1,400 members to drive public policy, build an enviable network of industry leaders, create access to capital, introduce cutting-edge STEM education programs, and create robust value-driven purchasing programs.

Biocom California's San Diego locations include both our long-standing statewide headquarters, located in the heart of the Torrey Pines Mesa, as well as our nearby regional office, which serves San Diego County's 1,750+ life science establishments.

Advocacy Roots

Biocom California was founded 25 years ago to educate San Diego elected officials about the growing water needs of the life science industry. Since our founding mission in 1995, Biocom California has emerged as the most respected association voice in regional government, the State Capitol, and Washington, D.C. Our member committees determine positions to encourage public officials to pass legislation that is positive to the California life science industry, while working to defeat proposals that would be detrimental.

Today, public policy remains at the core of our mission to accelerate life science as we advocate for California life science at the regional, state and federal levels. Some of our regional and federal advocacy priorities include:

Regional:

- Access to Water
- Housing
- Land Use
- Local Taxes and Fees
- Transportation

Federal:

- Basic Research
- Biodefense and Pandemic Research
- FDA Regulatory Policy
- Patient Access to Care
- Taxes

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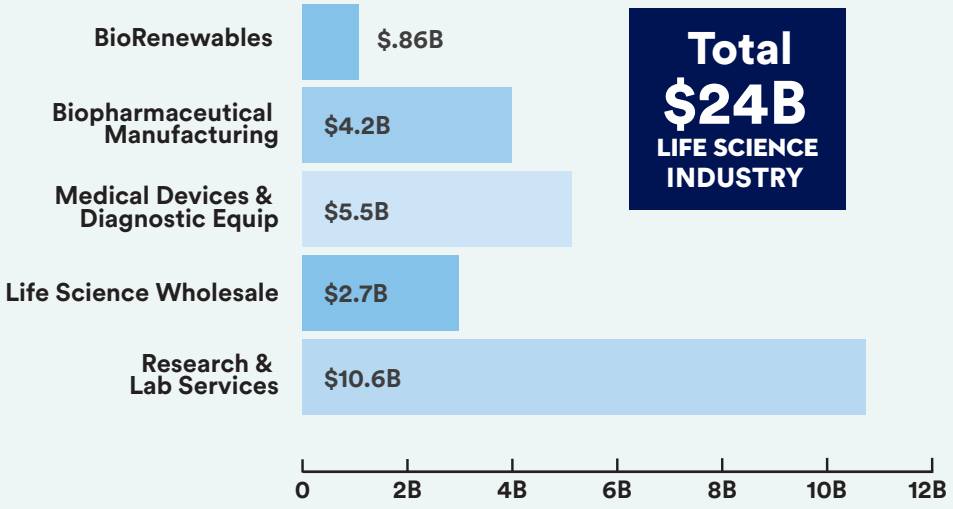
Subsector Employment & Establishments

	Employment in 2019	Establishments
BioRenewables Includes biofuels, specialty enzymes and chemicals, algae research, and key elements of agriculture.	1,563	65
Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing The production of medicines, botanicals, pharmaceuticals, in-vitro diagnostic substances, and biological products.	7,565	119
Medical Devices & Diagnostic Equip Laboratory equipment and supplies, optical instruments, electromedical apparatus, surgical and medical instruments, dental equipment and dental product producing laboratories.	11,900	241
Life Science Wholesale Wholesaling and distributing medical equipment and supplies, and the wholesaling of pharmaceuticals and related products.	4,623	394
Research & Lab Services R&D in biotechnology, related areas of nanotechnology, medical laboratories, and portions of industries representing testing laboratories, other R&D services, and higher education.	42,412	932

'Establishment' refers to an individual facility/physical location. Some firms have multiple locations, which would each be counted separately.

Foreign Exports of Life Science Products



Data from the 2020 Biocom California Economic Impact Report

- Data informs how we work with members to serve the unique aspects of the San Diego life science cluster.
- There is history and growth in San Diego, with many emerging sectors across the region accompanying the legacy of the Torrey Pines life science cluster.

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