## JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO



Jefferson County is home to a growing bioscience industry, comprising of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical device and diagnostics companies. The county has the second largest concentration of medical device employment, with nearly 31% of the region's total.



## Why Jeffco for Bioscience



- Jefferson County has one of Colorado's largest bioscience economies. Employment in the county's bioscience industry increased by 15.2% from 2016 – 2021, outpacing the national growth rate of 10.6%.
- The county has a **large and growing talented workforce**. Key occupations in Jeffco's bioscience industry increased nearly 17% over the past five years (2016-2021).
- Jefferson County is home to one of the nation's only EtO sterilization facilities and is near one of only four regional U.S. Patent & Trademark Offices.
- 48% of the residents in Jefferson County have a bachelor's degree or higher, helping position Colorado as the nation's **second most educated workforce** (2022).
- Colorado ranks **6th highest** state in securing access to VC capital (2022).
- Colorado has the **8th highest** rate of entrepreneurs (2021).

