



BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY

Jefferson County has the largest bioscience economies in Metro Denver, with over 18% of the region's total industry employment. With an industry occupation concentration of 2.39, the county has an above average workforce availability for the bioscience companies. This talent supply continues to grow, as key occupations in the industry increased over 15% from 2018 – 2023.



Industry Snapshot



Companies
422



Jobs
8,846



Average Wage
\$145,600



Jobs Multiplier
2.06



Location Quotient
2.4

- With its global headquarters located in Jefferson County, Terumo BCT, Inc. continues to be the **largest medical device manufacturer** in Colorado.
- Jefferson County **industry innovation rankings**:
 - #15 Venture capital per \$10k GDP
 - #38 Patents granted per capita
 - #58 GDP per capita
- Jefferson County is home to one of the nation's **top engineering schools**, the Colorado School of Mines (Mines), which helps Colorado rank #1 in the nation for the highest concentration of bioengineers and biomedical engineers.
- In 2023, Colorado's life science ecosystem raised **\$1.47 billion** in funding and received over **\$560 million** in federal funding.
- Jefferson County's **highly educated workforce** is growing. Residents with a bachelor's degree or higher increased more than 11% from 2000 to 2023. Today, 51.9% of the residents in Jeffco have a bachelor's degree or higher, helping position Colorado as the nation's **2nd most educated workforce**. The county ranks 44th in the nation for the highest concentration of residents with a bachelor's degree.
- With over 30 federal laboratories in Colorado, the state has one of the **largest concentrations** of research labs in the nation.
- To **support the business community**, Jefferson County recently eliminated its portion of the business personal property tax, becoming one of the first counties in Colorado to eliminate this tax.

