

## Georgia is where Life Science & Technology Thrives



There are several reasons Georgia has been ranked the #1 State for Business since 2013 (CNBC, Area Development, Site Selection). The first is low business costs. In addition to having one of the lowest costs of doing business, Georgia also ranks in the top 10 states for lowest tax burdens on companies, both mature and new.

There are a lot of entrepreneurial and innovation opportunities in Georgia, as well as a strong base of public and private support. The state offers a lifestyle that can be urban, suburban, or anywhere in between. There are more than 400 Life Science companies in Georgia, ranging from emerging startups to large international companies.

Life Science businesses in the state, in combination with leading healthcare, academic, government, and non-profit institutions, generate \$23+ billion in revenue each year. With a university system and workforce training programs that develop the talent needed to support growing fields, Georgia's Life Science and Health IT industries employ more than 120,000 people. Technology companies in Georgia employ 200,000 high-tech professionals and generate \$113+ billion in economic impact.

Life Science industry workforce in Georgia includes: Biomedical Engineers, Animal Scientists, Food Scientists and Technologists, Soil and Plant Scientists, Biochemists and Biophysicists, Microbiologists, Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists, Epidemiologists, Medical Scientists, Chemists, Agricultural and Food Science Technicians, Biological Technicians, Chemical Technicians, Pharmacists, Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists, Nuclear Medicine Technologists, Dental Laboratory Technicians, Medical Appliance Technicians, and Ophthalmic Laboratory Technicians.

The Life Science and Technology communities in Georgia are characterized by cooperation and collaboration. A joint venture between Georgia Tech and Emory, for instance, led to the creation of the nation's second-ranked bioengineering program.

Life Science and Technology is supported by the Georgia Research Alliance, a unique public-private partnership that invests millions of dollars in recruiting eminent scholars whose expertise is available to academia as well as business in the state. Additionally, a business environment that is entrepreneurial-friendly and focused on commercialization will continue to drive startup development and innovation.



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Metropolitan area in the Southeast for patent activity, technology classes (U.S. Patent and Trademark Office)

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Most traveled and most efficient airport in the world, Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport

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Workforce training program in the country for the last 14 years in all published surveys of site selection professionals

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The Innovation Crescent is located in the state of Georgia ranked #1 for business (2013-2019), workforce and labor climate by CNBC, Site Selection magazine and Area Development Fortune

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