

INDUSTRY PROFILE

LIFE SCIENCES & HEALTH

The Greater San Antonio region is home to one of the nation's most comprehensive life sciences and healthcare ecosystems. From globally recognized research institutions and military medicine assets to major health systems and emerging biotech companies, San Antonio offers a unique platform for innovation, discovery, and commercialization.

FAST FACTS

Growth & Momentum

15%

Overall labor force growth in the past 5 years, and 6.4% projected employment growth in life sciences and health over the next 5 years

Workforce & Talent Pipeline

154,600+

Employed in Life Sciences & Health

Top 20

19th Among top U.S. metros in life sciences and healthcare job growth, up from 47th over the past five years

Research Leadership

3

Nonprofit research centers with over $1B in annual R&D

1,800+

Active clinical trials make up a robust clinical ecosystem supporting research, commercialization, and patient-centered innovation

Top 2.3%

Tier 1 Research University in the top percentile of NIH funded organizations worldwide

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A National Center for Life Sciences Innovation

San Antonio's life sciences ecosystem combines world-class research institutions, leading healthcare providers, military medicine assets, and specialized bioscience infrastructure found in only a handful of U.S. markets. The region is anchored by organizations including Texas Biomedical Research Institute, UT San Antonio, Southwest Research Institute, and BioBridge Global, creating a collaborative environment that supports discovery, clinical research, advanced therapies, and commercialization.

The region's assets are reinforced by the largest military healthcare complex in the United States and one of only seven NIH National Primate Research Centers. San Antonio is also one of only six U.S. cities with three nationally designated disease research centers and supports more than 1,800 active clinical trials. From infectious disease and biodefense research to regenerative medicine and advanced biomanufacturing, San Antonio provides the talent, infrastructure, and partnerships needed to accelerate innovation.



Why SATX?

Research Institutions with Global Impact
San Antonio's research ecosystem includes Texas Biomedical Research Institute, UT San Antonio, Southwest Research Institute, and BioBridge Global. Together these institutions drive groundbreaking work in infectious diseases, cancer research, neuroscience, biodefense, regenerative medicine, and translational health sciences.

Military Medicine Advantage
Home to the largest military healthcare complex in the United States, San Antonio offers unparalleled expertise in trauma medicine, rehabilitation, combat casualty care, infectious disease research, and medical readiness. The region serves as the headquarters of Army Medicine and supports some of the Department of Defense's most advanced medical capabilities.

Clinical & Commercialization Infrastructure
With more than 1,800 active clinical trials, multiple vivariums, specialized wet labs, cadaver labs, advanced research facilities, and BioBridge Global's unique donor-to-contract-manufacturing capabilities, companies can move discoveries from laboratory development to patient impact more efficiently.

Specialized Bioscience Assets
Few markets can match San Antonio's concentration of unique resources, including one of only seven NIH National Primate Research Centers, one of only 13 BSL-4 laboratories in the U.S., nationally recognized disease research centers, and significant state support for cancer and brain research through CPRIT.

Life Works Greater℠ in SATX
There's something for everyone with a vibrant foodie scene, nightlife, the arts, and over 400 miles of trail and 30,000 acres of public parks in San Antonio and much more in the MSA. And simply put, your employees can enjoy more of what they earn in San Antonio. San Antonio's cost of living is the 4th lowest among America's 25 largest cities, residential average home prices are the most affordable in the Texas Triangle at under $320,000, and the average commute time is around 27 minutes.

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