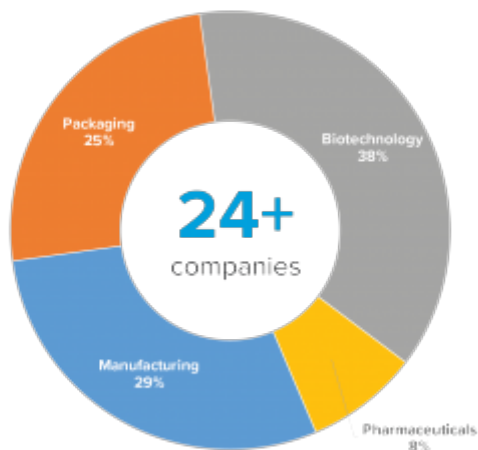


With a strong base of chemical, plastics and metal manufacturing and a robust healthcare industry, Northern Kentucky is the optimal location for life sciences companies to develop and move their product to market. Add to this a rapidly developing specialization in health informatics and research outcomes, which has attracted the attention of entrepreneurs and medical innovators from across the globe.

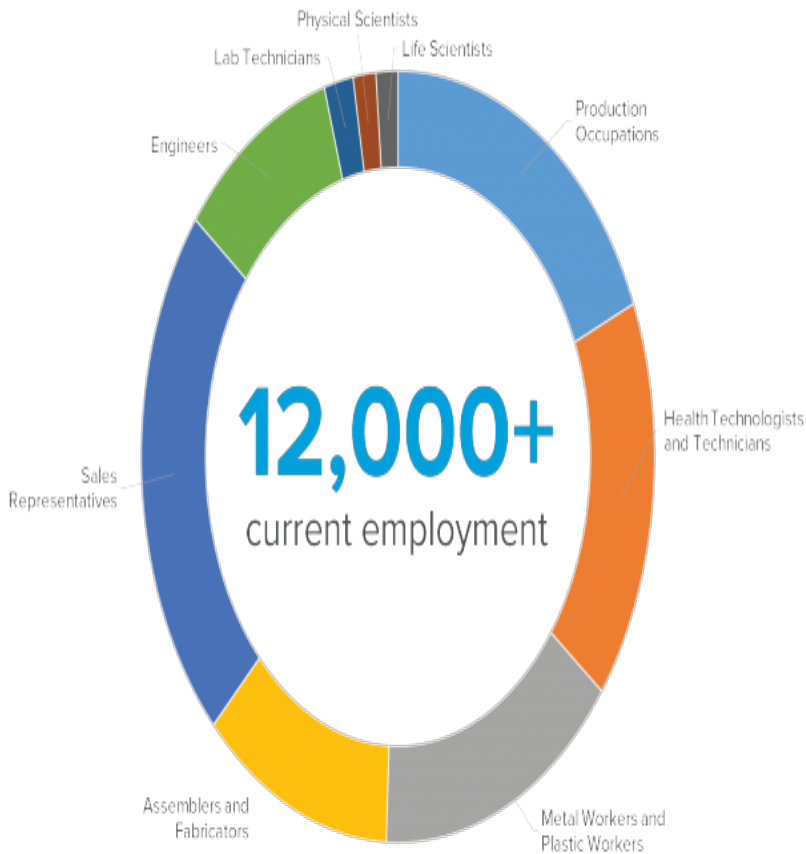
## Why NKY



**Cost:** Northern Kentucky is part of Greater Cincinnati,

which was named the #1 most cost-friendly location in the United States. There is an estimated 11.3% cost savings for R&D operations compared to the national average, and 4.8% cost savings for manufacturing compared to the national average. (Source: KPMG Competitive Alternatives Report, 2016)

- **Education:** Northern Kentucky University (NKU) offers the M.S. Health Informatics program, which applies technology to the community systems found in the healthcare industry. Xavier University offers the M.S. Health Economics and Clinical Outcomes Research degree program, developed directly with life sciences companies to meet their occupational demands. NKU opened its [Health Innovation Center](#) in 2018, and recently announced a [medical campus in partnership with St. Elizabeth and the University of Kentucky](#), which is scheduled to open in fall 2019.
- **Talent:** More than 12,000 people are currently employed in the life sciences in occupations that span all parts of the life sciences industry cluster, from sales, engineering, production, and lab technician positions. (Source: JobsEQ, 2016)



Based on 45 minute commute radius from Northern Kentucky  
Source: JobsEQ, 2016

Region	Avg. Annual Wage
Boston	\$146,640
Indianapolis	\$134,390
Minneapolis	\$91,550
Los Angeles	\$85,860
Northern KY	\$63,200

Life Sciences Occupations  
Source: JobsEQ, 2016

## Major Companies – [See them on a map](#)

<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>Biotechnology</b>
Beckman Coulter	CTI Clinical Trial & Consulting
Carl Zeiss Vision	Ethos Laboratories
Celanese	PPD Global Central Labs
DESMO USA	Thermo Fisher Scientific
Zotefoams	ViaCord
<b>Packaging</b>	Wood Hudson Cancer Research
Graham Packaging Plastics Products	<b>Pharmaceuticals</b>
National Band & Tag Company	Bexion Pharmaceuticals
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