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# Life Sciences and Health Technologies

Profile of the sector



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# 01 Laval at the heart of a dynamic metropolis

## Greater Montreal



**4.3 million**  
**inhabitants** with  
a wealth of talent



Fast access to over  
**1.5 billion**  
**consumers**



**11** universities,  
**60** colleges and  
**200** research  
centres



Transportation  
and logistics  
infrastructures:  
airport, port, railway  
lines, highway  
network



Operating costs  
among **the lowest**  
in major North  
American cities



Exceptional  
**quality of life**

# 02 Why should you choose Laval?

## **QUALITY OF LIFE**

An exceptional location

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

A strategic choice

## **WORKFORCE CAPABILITY**

A growing population and a qualified and diversified labour pool

## **ECONOMIC DIVERSITY**

Sustained growth

## **A DYNAMIC AND INNOVATIVE ECOSYSTEM**

Incubation hubs, innovative approaches and a dynamic knowledge environment

## **LAVAL ÉCONOMIQUE**

Offers financial programs (tax and financial incentives)

A group of solutions-based experts offering strategic support to businesses

# 02 Why should you choose Laval?

Laval, the capital of opportunity

**3rd**

largest  
city  
in Quebec

Close to **450,000**  
inhabitants on 246 km<sup>2</sup>

A skilled labour  
pool

**71%** of  
Laval residents  
have a post-  
secondary  
qualification

A highly  
diversified  
economy that's  
growing faster  
than the  
Quebec  
average

**166,200** jobs in more  
than

**12,900** businesses

**3** metro stations

**2** commuter train  
stations  
and a bus network

**5** highways

**3** university  
pavilions

**5** colleges

**19** vocational  
training centres

# 03 Life Sciences in summary



**40%**



Companies  
with 10 to 100 employees

**100+**



Number of sites

**4,300+**



Number of jobs

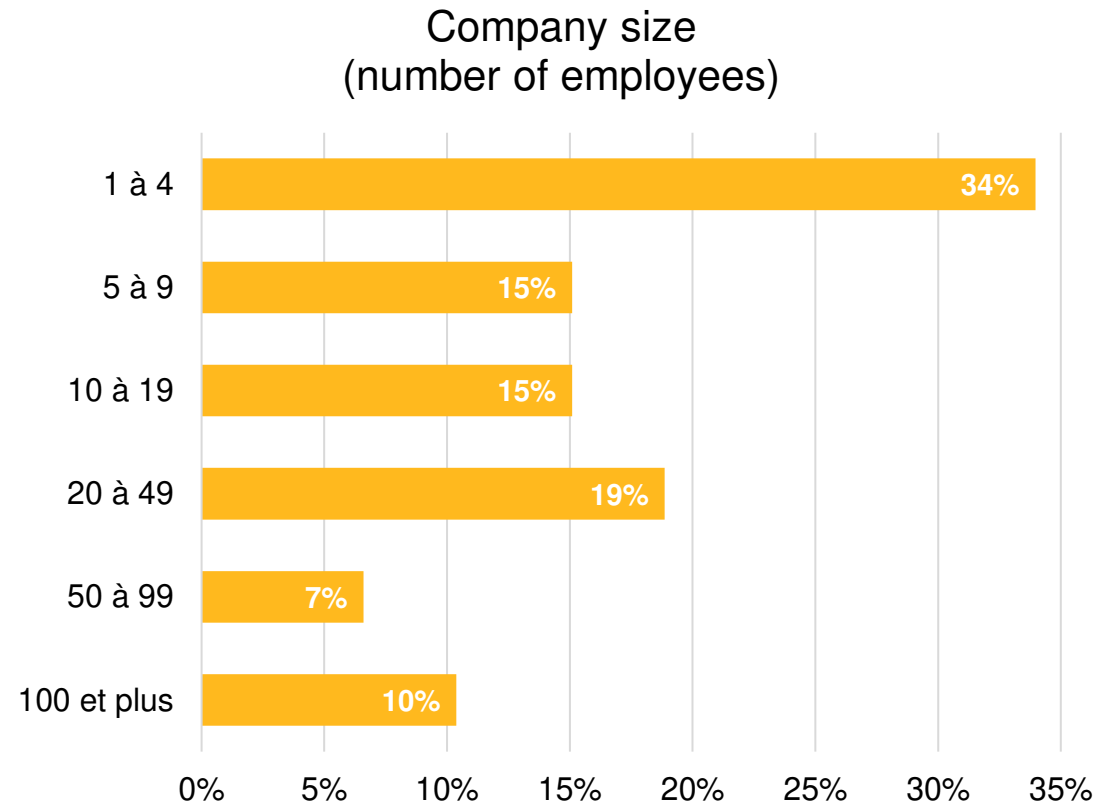
# 04 Life Sciences in figures

Significant sub-sectors: specialized manufacturing, laboratories, research and development

The **100+** companies and organizations in the sector employ more than **4,300** people.

Proportionally, there are **3 times as many jobs in the Life Sciences sector in Laval** than in Quebec as a whole, which shows the importance of the sector in Laval.

The sector is mostly made up of SMEs, but a third of the companies have 20 or more employees and 10% have a staff of 100 or more.





# 05 Laval's Life Sciences ecosystem

- **Biotech City**

- A space dedicated to the life sciences sector.
- The Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS) and the Centre québécois d'innovation en biotechnologie (CQIB) are both in Biotech City.
- Ensures the creation and development of companies in the LSHT sector.
- Offers specialized rental spaces and construction-ready land (100,000 sq. m. for development).

- **INRS-Armand-Frappier Research Centre**

- One of the 4 INRS research centres in Quebec.
- Detects, prevents and improves human, animal and environmental health.
- Contributes to research in addition to training and technology transfer.

- **Centre québécois d'innovation en biotechnologie (CQIB)**  
**[Quebec biotechnology innovation centre]**

- Business incubator, accelerator and strategic partner.
- Founded by Ville de Laval and the INRS.
- Upcoming \$3M expansion to add 5 laboratories and a clean room.



# 05 Some key players

- Altasciences
- Bausch Health
- Bellus
- Bio-K+
- Charles River
- Cirion
- Citagenix
- Corealis Pharma
- Klox
- Nexelis
- Liminal
- Roche
- Servier



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