**Life Sciences**

The life sciences industry remains one of the largest and fastest-growing industries in Metro North. The Commonwealth employs over 113,000 life science workers with a vast concentration in the Metro North/Boston region. According to MassBioEd, the Massachusetts life sciences industry is expected to grow 6.7% with 4,325 jobs needed to be filled by May 2018. With the extraordinary growth in the industry in recent years, employers are having difficulty filling positions.

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| Occupation | # Employees in  Metro North | | Median Salary in Metro North | Most Common Education Level |
| Medical Scientist | 3,400 | $95,775 | | Doctoral/Professional |
| Clinical Research Coordinator | 1,200 | \*\*\* | | Bachelor’s |
| Biological Technician | 1,210 | $49,149 | | Bachelor’s |
| Regulatory Affairs Manager | 1,180 | $118,907 | | Bachelor’s |
| Regulatory Affairs Specialist | 1,120 | $84,331 | | Bachelor’s |
| Quality Control Systems Manager | 830 | $113,114 | | Bachelor’s |
| Quality Control Analyst | 670 | $55,603 | | Bachelor’s |
| Medical and Clinical Lab Technicians | 590 | $41,406 | | Bachelor’s |
| Medical and Clinical Lab Technologists | 570 | $70,684 | | Bachelor’s |

Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics Survey, Metro North WDA, Bureau of Labor Statistic, May 2015