**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 inMetro 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