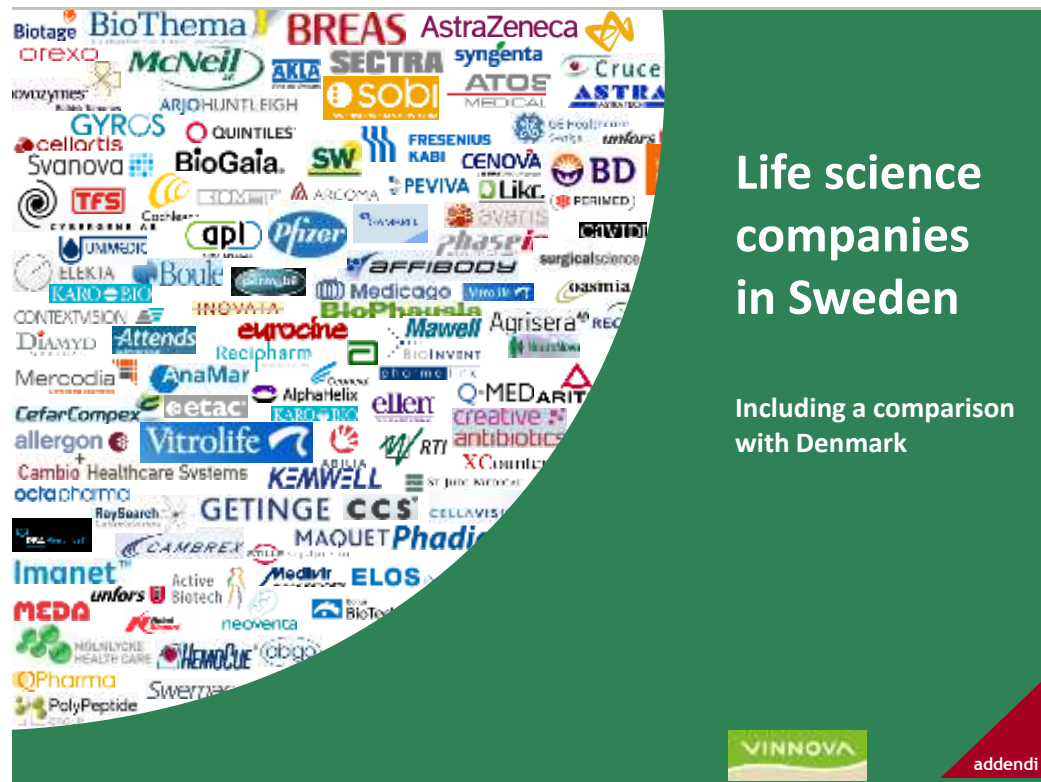




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## Summary

In Sweden the number of employees in the life science industry involved in manufacturing, consultancy, product development and/or research and development (R&D) in 2009 was about 32,000. The corresponding number of employees for 2006 was about 34,000 employees, i.e. a reduction with almost 2,000 employees. Overall, the present study covers about 700 companies, when individual companies within the same corporate group with similar activities and products are grouped. The study gives a snapshot of the companies' activities in Sweden in 2009, grouped by business segment, type of activity and region. Companies focusing on sales and marketing of life science products are not included in the cluster profile; they correspond to about 325 companies and over 8,600 employees. This gives a total of about 40,600 people employed in the industry.

The Swedish life science industry is dominated by AstraZeneca AB which has about 25% of the total number of employees. The industrial structure includes about 25 large companies, a limited number of medium-sized companies (about 50) and a large number of small and micro-sized firms. Since the acquisition of Pharmacia Corporation, Pfizer has divested most of the Swedish business segments; an exception is the Bioproduction facility in Strängnäs.

A snapshot of the corresponding corporate population in Denmark in 2009 is also included. In Denmark the number of employees in the life science industry involved in manufacturing, consultancy, product development and/or R&D in 2009 was almost 36,400 employees in 325 companies (37,400 employees in 2006). Novo Nordisk dominates the Danish life science industry with more than 25% of the employees. Several of the large Danish companies are controlled by foundations, such as Novo Nordisk, H Lundbeck and Leo Pharma.

Both Denmark and Sweden have seen a small downturn in the number of employees in the industry since 2006. For Sweden this is largely due to the reduced number of employees for AstraZeneca and Pfizer, whereas the reduction in the number of employees in Denmark is spread over several of the large companies who are jointly responsible for most of the Danish trend.

Over the period 1997-2009, the total employment in the Swedish life science industry increased by 38%. The dynamics exclude the development for the business segments Assistive products for disabled people and Healthcare

facility products and adaptations since no full account of those business segments is available for previous years.

During the entire period studied (1997-2009), the biotech sector saw a 3.0% increase and the pharmaceutical sector increased by 1.2%. The medical technology sector increased by 8.6% in the years 2003-2009 (again excluding Assistive products for disabled people and Healthcare facility products and adaptations). The trend with an increasing number of companies has continued throughout the whole period 1997-2009. It is the number of micro-sized companies (1-10 employees) that has increased most dramatically, from about 130 in 1997 to about 430 in 2009.

There has been a decline in the number of employees since the peak year 2005. This is primarily because AstraZeneca AB, Pfizer Health AB and Pfizer AB have jointly reduced their number of employees by more than 4,400. On the other hand, the number of employees in other large companies and corporate groups has increased by more than 17% since 2005; an increase of almost 1,600 employees. The number of employees in SMEs (1-250 employees) has been almost constant since 2005.

The Swedish life science industry is largely concentrated on five life science regions with the Stockholm/Uppsala region as the largest followed by Malmö/Lund and Gothenburg. The other life science regions are Umeå and Linköping with far fewer employees. The region which has shown a clear increase in the number of employees from 2006-2009 is Malmö/Lund. The binational cluster Medicon Valley has more employees than any of the Swedish-only regions.

The vast majority of employees in the Swedish life science industry work in companies with positive relative results. The medium-sized companies (51-250 employees) show a higher share of positive results than the small (11-50 employees) and micro-sized companies.

Concerning trade in goods, only the paper and cardboard category scores higher than pharmaceuticals when it comes to net export. For medical technology products, net exports have been steady during 2005-2009 but lower than in 1998-2004. It is not possible to trace the trade in biotechnology products in the same manner as pharmaceuticals and medical technology, since these products are spread among many categories in the statistics.

# 1. Introduction

In many countries today, life science is considered a critical foundation of long-term innovation and growth in industry and society. The life science industry is an important segment with economic and political significance for today's Swedish society. Accurate knowledge of the extent, structure and development of this industry, combined with information about international industrial and scientific trends, is essential for sound policy decisions. Some of the technologies used by the life science industry are also used by other sectors such as the forest, pulp and paper industry and the food industry but these are not included in the study. Only companies focusing on the business segments described in the next section are analysed.

The present study focuses on companies but does not account for other parts of the innovation system such as the healthcare sector, public authorities, universities or other research organisations which are important players in the life science innovation system.

The overview presents different aspects of the Swedish life science industry and is based on the life science company database created and categorised by VINNOVA. Data has been compiled because the official NACE categories (statistical categories usually used to classify companies by industry) cannot easily be used for life science companies, as they are scattered among many NACE categories. Thus, NACE categories have been used to identify some of the relevant companies and in the present study have been combined with other sources of information to obtain the total company population. It should be noted that there is a delay between registering a new company and that company submitting its first annual report to the Swedish Companies Registration Office. Also, other changes due to mergers, acquisitions and liquidations appear with some delay in the statistics.

The companies have been classified into different sectors, business segments and core activities. The sectors are defined as the medical technology sector, the biotechnology sector and the pharmaceutical sector and the companies are also further divided into business segments. The companies' activities are categorised under the following headings: manufacturing, consultancy, product development and research and development (R&D). The way the companies have been categorised into business segments and activities will be described in the following section.

The analysis of the life science industry includes cluster profiles, development of employment and the development of relative results as well as the balance in trade in goods for pharmaceuticals and medical technology. The cluster profile is based on the distribution of individual companies in sectors, the size of the companies in terms of employees, business segments, geographical location and activities. This gives a snapshot of the life science industry as at 2009. In addition, R&D-intensive companies are classified based on whether they have a net turnover exceeding SEK 0.5 million or not. The firm development describes how the number of companies and employees has developed for the life science industry, included sectors and business segments over the period, 1997-2009. The development of relative results describes the results after financial items relative to the net turnover. Together, these aspects: the cluster profiles, geographical location, development of employment and relative results development, aim to give insights into the size, structure, development and performance of the Swedish life science industry between 1997 and 2009.

A Danish company database was constructed in the same fashion as the Swedish one in 2007 and was updated in 2010. The data on Denmark for 2009 was provided by Medicon Valley Alliance (Martin Andersson) as commissioned by Region Skåne. A bubble diagram has also been constructed for Denmark, allowing the Medicon Valley region to be described as well.

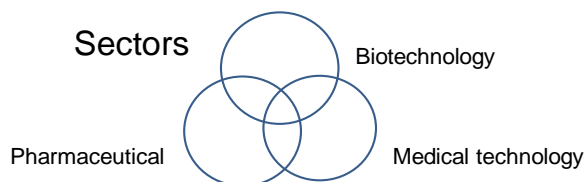
## 2. Variables

### Sectors and business segments

Each company has been individually categorised into both a business segment and what sector or sectors the company belongs to according to each company's main business. Companies with their main activity in business segments other than those listed below are not included in the study, even if they have such activities to some extent. Due to the definitions of the three sectors, there are companies whose activity can be categorised as belonging to more than one sector. For instance, there are many companies within drug discovery that could be defined neither as exclusively pharmaceutical nor as exclusively biotechnology companies. Therefore, each company has been classified into one specific business segment, whereas an individual company can be found in more than one sector.

The characteristics of companies falling into the medical technology sector are that they develop medical products that are not drugs. The characteristics of companies falling into the pharmaceutical sector are that they develop drugs and various kinds of therapeutic products or methods. The biotechnology sector is characterised by companies developing the application of science and technology to living organisms as well as parts, products and models thereof, to alter living or non-living materials for the production of knowledge, goods and services. The OECD definition of biotechnology activities has been used to identify biotech companies and the definition is listed at the end of the report. In the sector categorisation of each individual company, the approach or method used to solve a problem or satisfy a customer or patient need was often crucial to this categorisation.

Together, these three sectors constitute what is known as the life science industry. The business segments included in this study are described below.



### Business segments

#### Drug discovery and development

Companies can be found in *Pharmaceuticals* and *Biotechnology*.

- Research and development of new drugs and therapies. Very few pharmaceutical companies develop new drugs without using biotechnological tools. However, not all companies have the development of biopharmaceuticals, i.e. drugs based on large biological molecules such as proteins, as their goal. Rather, the large biological molecules are targets for the drugs developed. The drugs can be small molecules produced by organic chemical synthesis. In some cases, manufacturing, sales and marketing is also included in the individual company. The companies seek to develop new therapies to put on the market or licence to pharma companies generating up-front and milestone payments, royalties and possibly revenues from sales on divided markets, depending on the agreement. Biomarkers to help identify patient populations that benefit from a specific therapy are expected to become increasingly important.

#### Drug delivery

Companies can be found in *Pharmaceuticals* and *Biotechnology*.

- Companies in the drug delivery business segment are conducting research on how the active substances in medicines can be made to reach their target molecules in the body and how a satisfactory uptake of these substances can be ensured. Their clients are mainly companies involved in drug discovery and development. An increasing business area includes developing new formulations for existing drug substances, so that they can be better used for the same indications or for new ones. Using existing substances reduces development time, as they have already passed the regulatory process for another indication. The field of nanobiotechnology is expected to generate new solutions on how to administer drugs more specifically. Polymer chemistry, nanotechnology and surface chemistry are examples of possible required expertise.



## Drug production (not biotech)

Companies can be found in *Pharmaceuticals*.

- Companies specialising in drug production which do not have their own research operations are included in this business segment. The use of biotechnology in the manufacturing of drugs is not included. Instead, those companies are found in the Bioproduction category. Important issues include development of cost-effective process and production technology as well as regulatory requirements.

## In vitro diagnostics

Companies can be found in *Biotechnology* and/or *Medical technology*.

- The companies develop tools and techniques for diagnostics and most of their customers are the healthcare sector, clinical laboratory analysis companies and end consumers for home use. The biotechnology diagnostic companies often develop antibody-based tests. Medical technology diagnostic products can be technical appliances for measuring or visualising diagnostic results, or in vitro diagnostic tests. A difference compared to companies developing new drugs is that the process from idea to commercialisation of diagnostic products, processes and services is usually much shorter.

## Biotech medical technology

Companies can be found in *Biotechnology* and *Medical technology*.

- Provides health services within that part of medical technology which has a biotech basis according to the OECD definition, including equipment and instruments for in vitro fertilisation, substitute plasma, blood management, cell therapy, plus the use of biodegradable biomaterials to replace or repair damaged tissue often referred to as tissue engineering and regenerative medicine.

## CRO companies

Companies can be found in *Pharmaceuticals*, *Biotechnology* and/or *Medical technology*.

- CRO (Contract Research Organisation) companies include clinical research organisations dealing with products and services for assisting other companies in clinical trials and regulatory processes. The companies being assisted may be biotechnology, pharmaceutical or medical technology companies. Clinical research organisations need to be familiar with international regulations and regulatory bodies as well as having well-developed contacts in clinical

research, hospitals and authorities. Some CROs have developed a technology platform or analysis system that is managed within the company and accessible to companies by contract research to help bring products through the regulatory system.

## Bioproduction (healthcare related)

Companies can be found in *Biotechnology* and *Pharmaceuticals*.

- Biotech production of biomolecules, cells or microorganisms for use in healthcare-related products such as diagnostics and pharmaceuticals. These are specialised manufacturing companies whose clients include the pharmaceutical sector, other biotech companies or research groups. The biomolecules are often enzymes or antibodies. The companies' core expertise is development of cost-effective production solutions - adapting their activity to internationally stipulated regulatory requirements on quality and safety, plus an ability to adapt to customer requirements.

## Biotech tools and supplies

Companies can be found in *Biotechnology*.

- Develop products and services for use in production, research and development. This includes products and services relating to bioseparation, biosensors, biomolecular analyses and bioinformatics. Their customers mainly consist of other biotechnology companies, the pharmaceutical and medical technology sector and university research teams but also other industries basing their products on biological raw materials, for instance in the food, forestry and agricultural sectors. Their expertise lies within application of interdisciplinary expertise combining technologies such as electronics, ICT, optics and materials engineering with life science to develop their products and services.

## Agrobiotechnology

Companies can be found in *Biotechnology*.

- Develop plant-related products utilising biotech methods, for example as tools in the cultivation work for plant or tree breeding. However, few companies use gene technology as a method for obtaining specific properties in the end products (genetic modification). Also included is plant protection based on naturally occurring microorganisms or biomolecules as well as the processing of land-based raw materials with the aid of biotechnology.

## Environmental biotechnology

Companies can be found in *Biotechnology*.

- Biotech solutions to environmental issues such as water purification, land decontamination (bioremediation) and waste management, as well as laboratory analysis. Their customers include municipalities, construction companies, and industries requiring such things as purification of water used in manufacturing processes. Companies within this field have very diverse focuses and it is therefore difficult to highlight a common core expertise. Some of these companies use non-pathogenic, naturally occurring microorganisms to treat waste, water or soil and the laboratory analysis companies develop specific testing methods and analytical measurement tools, to measure toxic substances for instance. However, biosensors are included in the Biotech Tools and Supplies business segment.

## Food related biotechnology

Companies can be found in *Biotechnology*.

-The products of companies in the field of Food related biotechnology include biotechnically-produced components or ingredients for the development of foods with positive health benefits, such as probiotics. Food products in this field are sometimes referred to as functional food. This denotes a product with a documented, well-defined, product specific diet-health relationship. The aim of these products is to reduce the risk of developing diseases rather than cure them. Examples of other possible areas found in the segment include use of enzymes in food processes or as additives, or the development of quality control in the food sector by means of new biotechnological techniques. These companies are often intermediaries between academic research and the food industry. They need both expertise within their niche, (within, say, microbiology, nutrition and process technology) and knowledge of potential markets, public attitudes/demand and the needs of the food industry. The food industry, which uses biotech tools in its production processes for example, is not included in the population.

## Industrial biotechnology

Companies can be found in *Biotechnology*.

- Biotechnology applied to industrial processes for large-scale biotechnological production, such as designing an organism to produce a useful chemical or using enzymes as industrial catalysts to produce valuable chemicals. Industrial biotechnology solutions tend to consume fewer

resources than traditional processes used to produce industrial goods. The chemical, forest, pulp and paper industry and the food industry has not been included since the core competence in those companies is not biotechnology, even if the technology is used to some extent. However, most of the development of biotechnological processes in these industries does occur in large companies that do not have biotechnology as their core activity. There are few intermediary companies commercialising academic research in this field. Therefore, very few companies devoted to Industrial biotechnology are included in the present study.

## Implantable devices - active and non-active

Companies can be found in *Medical technology*.

- Implantable dental, orthopaedic or other medical devices are included in this segment. They may be biologically active, like pacemakers and bone-anchored hearing aids, or non-active, like hip and knee joint replacement and cardiac stents. Specialist expertise is needed in various medical fields, materials science and tissue response to materials (risk of infection). Materials may include titanium, ceramics and steel. Implants are usually developed in close collaboration with the healthcare sector.

## Anaesthetic and respiratory devices

Companies can be found in *Medical technology*.

- Development of anaesthetic equipment and solutions for supervision or control of respiration. The products are mainly used for critically ill patients i.e. intensive care (respiratory equipment) and in operating theatres (anaesthetic and/or respiratory equipment). Anaesthetics may be delivered to the patient intravenously or by inhalation. Products are developed in a combination of medical expertise, including anaesthetic properties of different gases, as well as expertise in a number of engineering fields such as mechanics and electronics for pneumatic systems, valves and sensor technology and computer programming for monitoring and control systems.

## Electromechanical medical devices

Companies can be found in *Medical technology*.

- Technical equipment used for patient care and supervision or visualising of conditions. This business segment includes a broad range of products used in many medical fields such as critical care systems, perinatal monitoring and dialysis equipment. Many companies are large with diversified business and

may also develop products falling into other business segments. The companies identified require technical as well as medical expertise.

## Radiation devices - diagnostic and therapeutic

Companies can be found in *Medical technology*.

- Develop products used in nuclear medicine such as devices for radiotherapy and radiology examinations, such as magnetic resonance imaging, computed tomography, positron emission tomography, X-ray and ultrasound devices. Laser therapy devices are also included in this business segment. The companies identified require technical as well as medical expertise.

## Ophthalmic and optical products

Companies can be found in *Medical technology*.

- Companies dedicated to surgery or medical appliances within the field of ophthalmology. The required expertise may include ophthalmic surgical technology like cataract surgery. Products include laser vision products, eye surgery products and computer software for imaging the inside of the eye. The latter may be used for diagnosing eye conditions.

## Dental devices

Companies can be found in *Medical technology*.

- Develop instruments and technical appliances used by dentists as well as disposables and supplies for use in dental clinics. Dental implants are found in the business segment "Implantable devices". On the other hand, dental laboratories and such things as toothbrushes and toothpaste are not included.

## Reusable and single-use devices

Companies can be found in *Medical technology*.

- Disposable products used in patient care, such as dosage cups, hypodermic needles, sponges, contrast agents, incontinence and wound care products, syringes, gloves etc. are included as are reusable products such as surgical instruments. These companies are often manufacturing companies. Knowledge of industrial processes, sterilisation techniques and materials science is important. Characteristic of some companies is knowledge of the processes behind wound healing and the optimal conditions for wound care.

## Information and communication tools

Companies can be found in *Medical technology*.

- Software and IT solutions for patient care or supervision etc. The segment includes training software for patients and personnel in the healthcare sector, ICT solutions for communication between patients and the health service regarding such things as scheduling appointments and information regarding specific conditions. ICT home care solutions are also included. The products also often facilitate the handling and integration of large volumes of information or provide analytical tools for clinicians that for example can function as diagnostic support.

## Healthcare facility products and adaptations

*In the bubble diagram but not in the dynamic diagram*

Companies can be found in *Medical technology*.

- Companies producing machines, fittings and furniture for health services such as machines for disinfection and sterilisation, lighting, patient lifts (transfer aids), hygiene systems, examination couches and treatment tables. To be included, their major business must be products specifically for the healthcare sector. The companies are often manufacturing companies with an understanding of needs within the healthcare sector.

## Assistive products for disabled people

*In the bubble diagram but not in the dynamic diagram*

Companies can be found in *Medical technology*.

- Develop products such as walking aids, wheelchairs, prosthesis, hearing aids which are not bone-anchored and orthopaedic devices. Providers of fittings and service concerning orthopaedic devices connected to the health service are not included.

# Activity category

## **Research & development**

Companies with exploratory research and development .  
Within some companies there is also sales and marketing activity and manufacturing.

Net turnover more than 500 000 SEK / year

Net turnover up to 500 000 SEK / year

## **Incremental product and service development**

Companies which principally develop their own products/services, i.e. incremental product development without elements of exploratory research.

## **Consultancy**

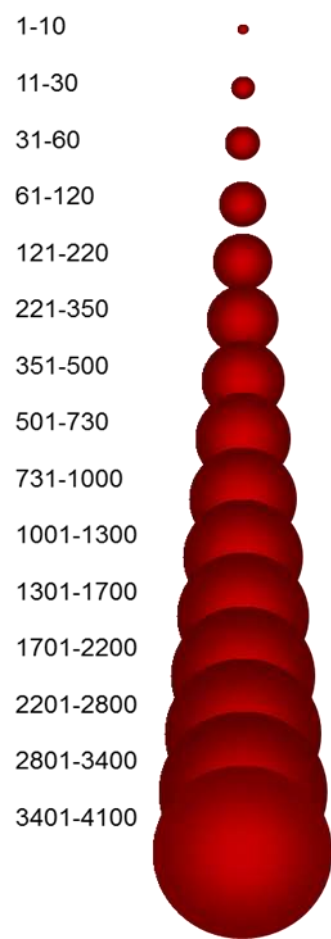
Companies which principally carry out consultancy and commission activity. All CRO companies are included here.

## **Manufacturing**

Manufacturing of products. Includes companies specialised in manufacturing but also the production units of integrated companies with more than 500 employees.

# Number of employees

What is shown as “number of employees” in the report is the mean value of the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees each year included, i.e. the number reported by companies in their annual report to the Swedish Companies Registration Office. The actual number of people employed in companies may be 20-30% higher due to part-time posts, leave of absence etc.



The size of companies, measured by number of employees, is given as a bubble where the size of the company or operation is proportional to the volume of the bubble.

Following contact with the companies, those with more than 500 employees have been divided into different activity categories (rather than different business segments). The bubble highest on the vertical axis is downsized according to the number of employees in other activity categories and new bubbles are created for those units. Since an activity category for sales and marketing is not included, the employees of an integrated company with that activity are found in the bubble highest on the vertical axis.

Companies with operations in different regions are shown as bubbles, where the volume is proportional to the number of employees in each region.

# Regions

## SWEDEN

### Stockholm/Uppsala

Comprising the counties of Stockholm, Uppsala and Södermanland. Ongoing initiatives are, “Stockholm-Uppsala Life Science”, “Uppsala BIO”, “BiotechValley” and “Stockholm Life”.

### Malmö/Lund

Comprising Skåne county. The ongoing initiative is “Medicon Valley Alliance”, which also includes Zealand in Denmark.

### Gothenburg

Comprising the counties of Västra Götaland and Halland. Ongoing initiatives are GöteborgBIO and MedCoast Scandinavia, which also includes the Oslo region (Oslo not shown in this study).

### Linköping

Comprising the county of Östergötland. The initiatives in operation are “BioMedley” and “New Tools for Health”.

### Umeå

Comprising the counties of Västerbotten, Norrbotten and Västernorrland. The initiative in operation is “Biotech Umeå”.

### Rest of Sweden (Others)

Includes the identified companies which lie outside of the regions described above.

## DENMARK

The Danish corporate population is divided into two regions: Zealand and NCS (north, central and south) Denmark.

# Comments

## **Companies included**

Companies which have their major activity within the previously described selection of business segments with at least one employee in 2009 are included in the bubble diagram and listed later in the present report. Similarly included in the dynamic diagrams are companies with employees in any of the years 1997-2009 and whose major activity is in the previously described selection of business segments.

## **Companies not included**

Companies devoted to sales and marketing of life science products are not included. Subcontractors to companies within the selection of business segments which do not have their core activity within these fields of expertise are not included. This may apply to such enterprises as design companies, companies within manufacturing (if the operation is not entirely concentrated on included business segments), ICT, mechanical, optics and electronics companies, PR agencies, venture capital companies and patent and business advisers. In recent years, a number of staffing companies providing personnel to the life science industry have also appeared. The scope of all these activities is difficult to estimate. Also excluded are companies in the chemical, pulp and paper and food industry which may have some biotech activities, but not as their core competence.

Companies conducting laboratory analysis services, often service laboratories to the healthcare sector, plus orthopaedic and dental laboratories and companies developing products sold by opticians have not been included at all in the present study.

Companies developing laboratory equipment which can be used in many sectors are not included in the bubble diagram. However, some such companies with manufacturing, product development or R&D in Sweden have been identified. They have approximately 300 employees in 13 companies and are not listed in the present report.

## **Division of companies into regions and different activity categories**

For companies with operations in several regions, their activity in each region is shown. Companies with more than 500 employees are also divided into different activity categories shown as separate bubbles, showing such things as the number of employees within manufacturing.

## **Assessment**

Details of business segments, activity categories and markets are not available in general statistics, but require assessment based on information from different sources. The categorisation was made by VINNOVA.

Companies with fewer than 500 employees and several activity categories within the company have been placed in the activity category which is highest on the vertical axis. This means if the company has both product development and manufacturing activities, they appear under “Product development” on the vertical axis.

## **Bubble diagram**

The bubble diagram used in this study shows four variables simultaneously:

- Geographical location (horizontal axis)
- Activity category (vertical axis)
- Business segment (colour)
- Company size in terms of the number of employees (bubble size)

Readers may thus draw their own conclusions based on different combinations of the variables.

## **Dynamic diagrams**

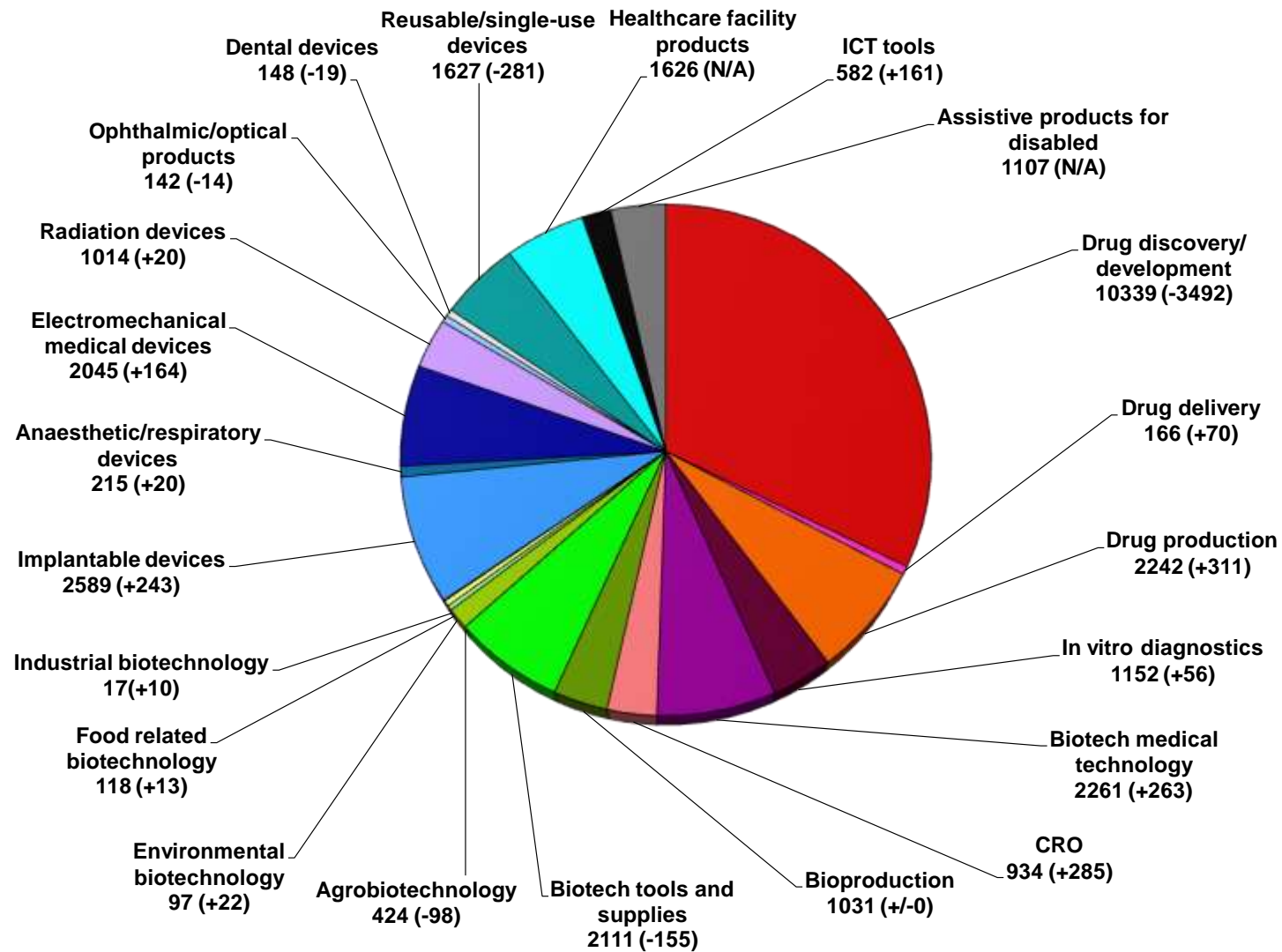
The database for the biotechnology and most of the pharmaceutical industry dates back to 1997 including no longer existing companies as well as number of employees and financial data for the companies. Thus dynamic diagrams regarding such indicators can be obtained for the period 1997-2009. The number of companies is calculated for each year depending on the criteria selected for analysis, such as size class and business segment. The medical technology database was largely constructed in 2003. Thus, data for 1997-2003 is based on the 2003 company population. A limited number of old medical technology companies may therefore be missing in the dataset for 1997-2003, underestimating the size of the sector for those years.

## **Map**

In the map visualisation (page 36), all bubbles in the diagram are distributed by county according to their geographic location. They have been randomly distributed within each county.



### 3. The Life Science Industry 2009



*Number of employees (difference compared to 2006)*

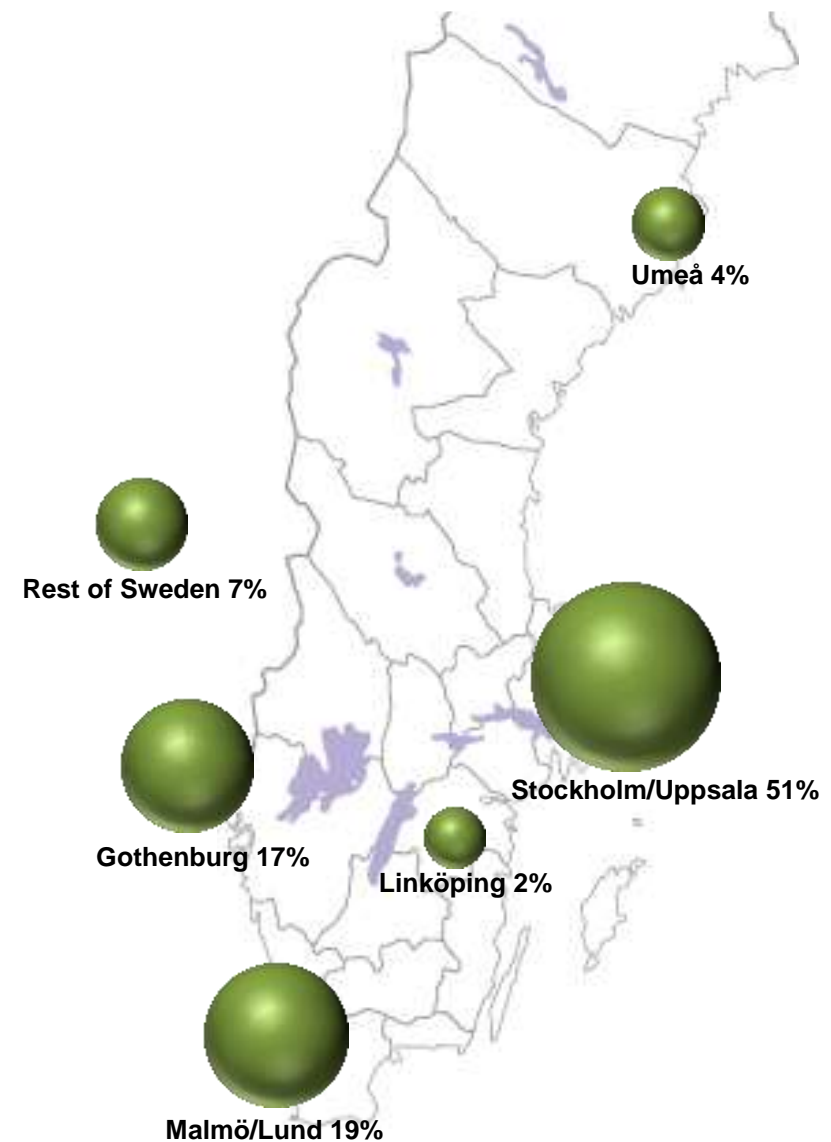
# All companies

The total number of companies identified in the present study as active in research and development, product development, consulting or manufacturing within the included business segments of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and medical technology in Sweden is about 700, with a total of 32,000 employees. This does not include companies focusing on sales and marketing. Those companies have over 8,600 employees distributed among some 325 companies and puts the total size of the industry at about 1,025 companies and 40,600 employees. There are also many companies with no employees still active according to Swedish Companies Registration Office; these are not included in the bubble diagram or figures mentioned above. Laboratory equipment not specifically designed for use in the biotechnology, pharmaceuticals or medical technology sectors is not included in the bubble diagram. This for example includes companies developing pH meters, magnetic stirrers, mass spectrometers or even those designing and building whole laboratories. However, some such companies with manufacturing, product development or R&D in Sweden have been identified; they have almost 300 employees in 13 companies, not listed in the present report.

Research-intensive companies and manufacturing companies far outnumber those in other activities and jointly make up more than 80% of all included life science companies.

The companies are primarily located in the five Swedish life science regions. The regional distribution will be analysed later and the dominant large companies and corporate groups identified.

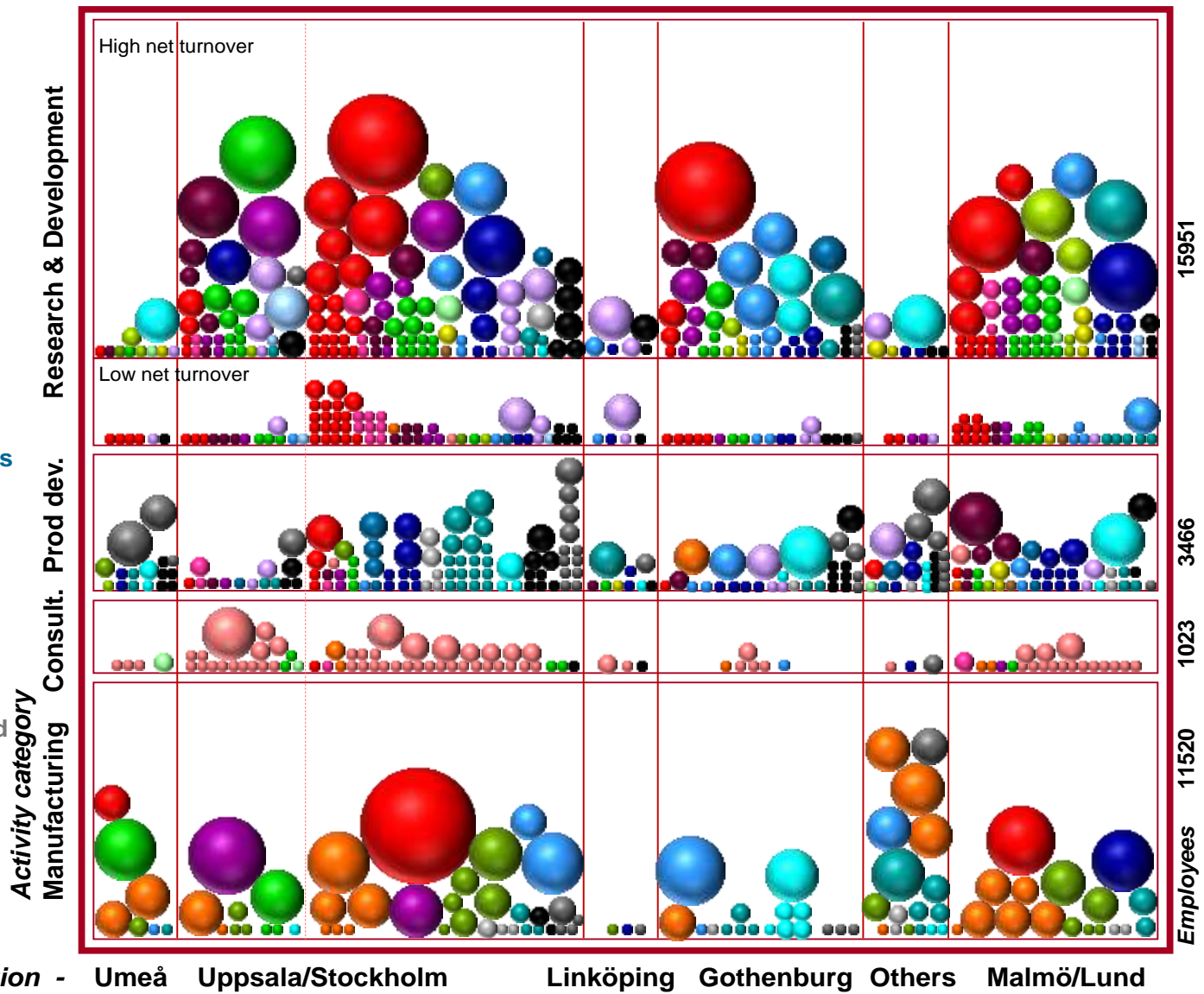
It should be kept in mind that the business segments add up to the total number of employees, whereas the three different sectors do not. This is because there is an overlap between sectors. A list of all companies included and their categorisation by business segment appears at the end of the report.



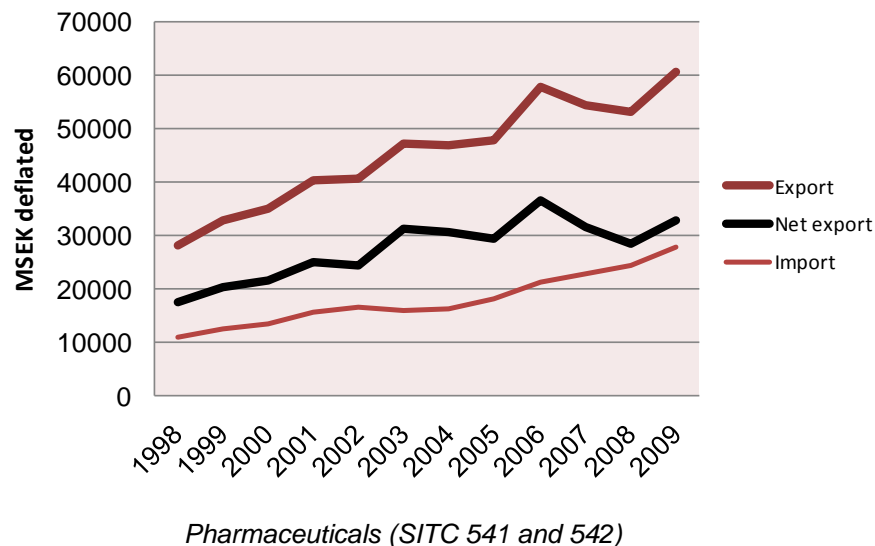
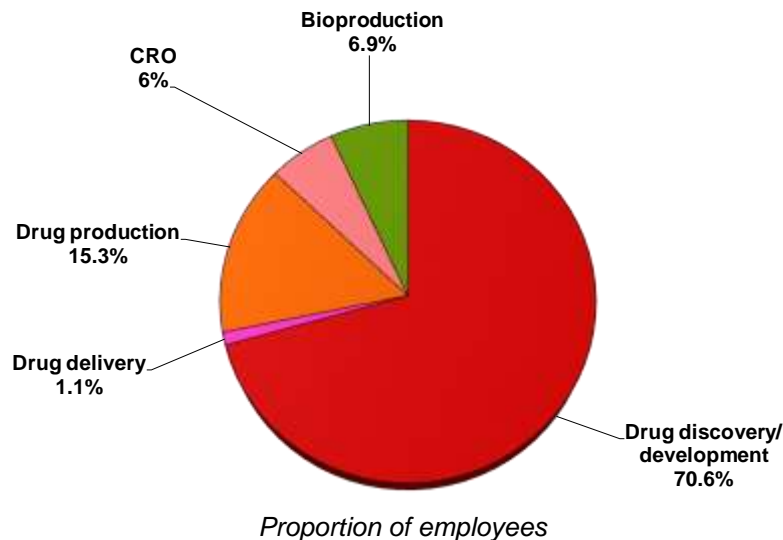


# Cluster Profile Sweden

- Drug discovery/development
- Drug delivery
- Drug production
- In vitro diagnostics
- Biotech medical technology
- CRO
- Bioproduction
- Biotech tools and supplies
- Agrobiotechnology
- Environmental biotechnology
- Food related biotechnology
- Industrial biotechnology
- Implantable devices
- Anaesthetic/respiratory devices
- Electromedical devices
- Radiation devices
- Ophthalmic/optical products
- Dental devices
- Reusable/single-use devices
- Healthcare facility products
- ICT tools
- Assistive products for disabled



# Pharmaceutical companies



## Comments

The pharmaceutical sector comprises more than 14,600 employees in more than 220 companies in 2009, not including sales and marketing companies. AstraZeneca constitutes more than half of the pharmaceutical sector in terms of number of employees. Drug discovery and drug development is by far the largest business segment, mainly due to the size of AstraZeneca. Since AstraZeneca is closing its R&D unit in Lund, the largest bubble in that region will disappear in future diagrams. Also Swedish Orphan Biovitrum and Pfizer contribute a significant number of employees in this business segment, followed by BioInvent, Medivir and Active Biotech. Pfizer has been divided into one bubble in Drug discovery and development and one bubble in Bioproduction. Other major companies in Bioproduction are Polypeptide Laboratories, Novozymes Biopharma and DSM Anti-Infectives, all with more than 100 employees each.

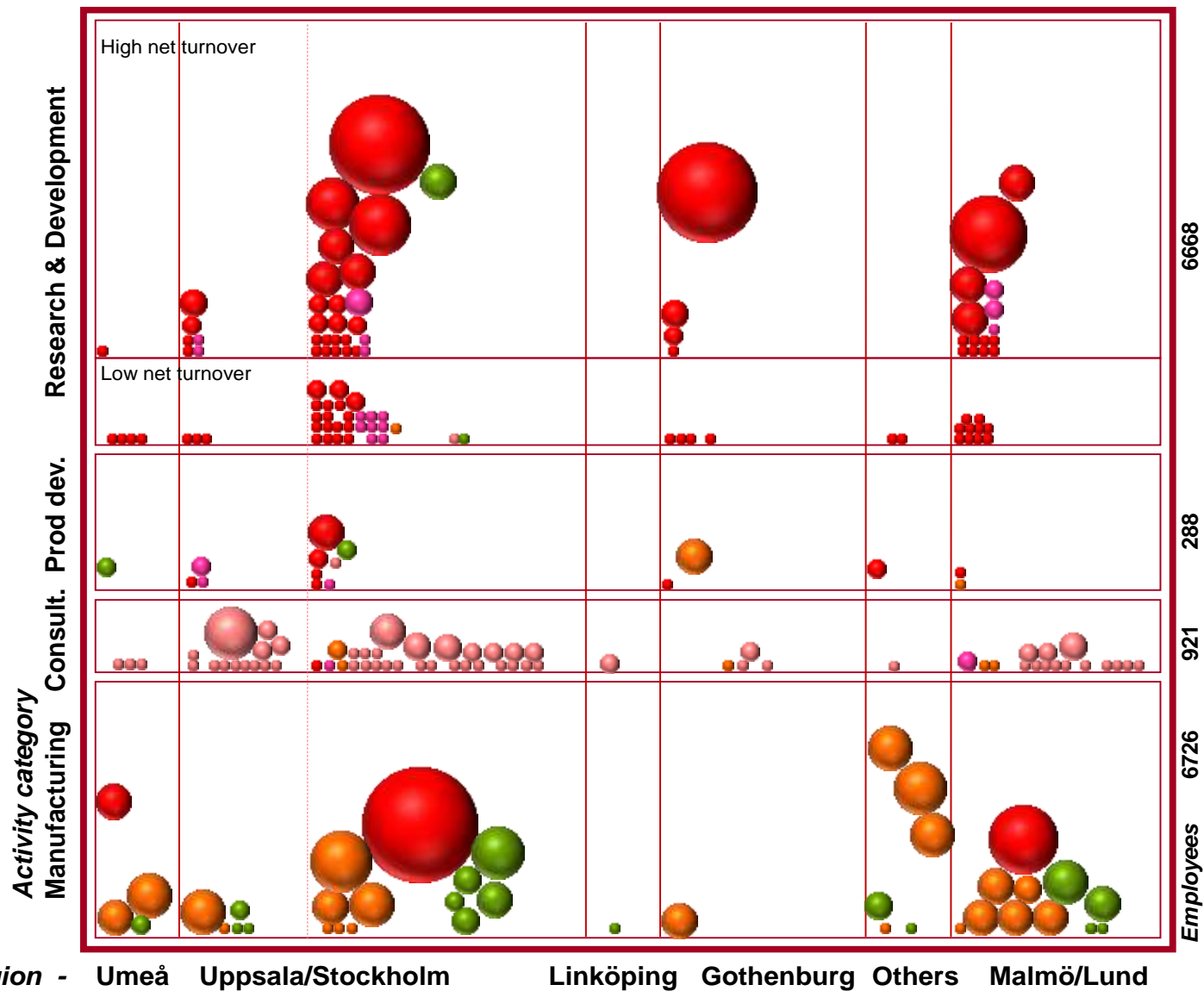
In Drug production, the dominant players are McNeil (part of Johnson & Johnson) with more than 800 employees and the Recipharm companies with more than 700 employees in total. Other large companies are Cambrex Karlskoga and Kemwell (headquartered in India). Drug delivery is the smallest Pharma business segment with 166 employees in total, with SHL Group, Camurus and Galenica as the largest companies with 20-40 employees each. The largest CRO companies are Quintiles, Trial Form Support and PPD Scandinavia.

Companies developing new drugs are predominately found in the categories that include exploratory research. The majority of those with low turnover, often start-up companies, are found in the Stockholm and Malmö/Lund regions. Many of the employees in the Pharma sector are found in the manufacturing activity category, largely due to the above mentioned large manufacturing units.

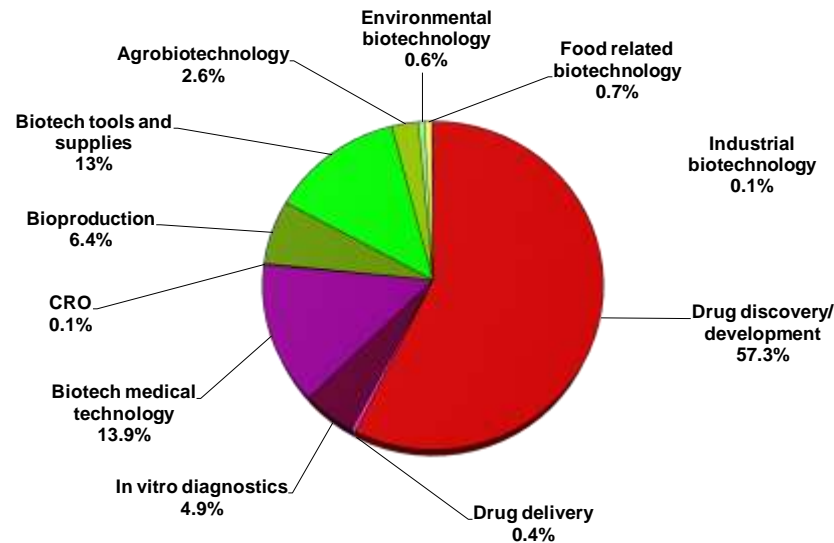
AstraZeneca is contributing the major part of Swedish export in pharmaceuticals (identified using Standard International Trade Classification codes or SITC). The pharmaceutical net exports is the second largest export category in the Swedish trade balance in 2009, after the category paper and cardboard. After a small downturn in 2007-2008, net exports increased again in 2009.

# Cluster Profile Sweden - Pharmaceuticals

- Drug discovery/development
- Drug delivery
- Drug production
- CRO
- Bioproduction



# Biotechnology companies



*Proportion of employees*

## Comments

The biotechnology sector includes more than 16,200 employees in 285 companies with the majority of employees active in Drug discovery and development, Biotech medical technology, Biotech tools and supplies or Bioproduction.

A business segment not already mentioned as included (at least to some extent) in the Pharmaceutical sector is Biotech tools and supplies; which employs over 2,100. The segment is dominated by GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences (e.g. bioseparation) with almost 1,600 employees, with R&D in Uppsala and manufacturing in Uppsala and Umeå.

In 2006 GE Healthcare Biosciences acquired Biacore (biomolecular interaction), a spin-off from Pharmacia in 1984. Large players also include Biotage (microwave synthesis), Gyros (miniaturised and automated immunoassays), Attana (biosensors) and Affibody (tools for protein analysis). Other major business segments include Biotech medical technology with the large companies Fresenius Kabi (nutrient solutions, almost 900 employees), Octapharma (plasma replacement, almost 600 employees) and Q-Med (hyaluronic acid, almost 400 employees) as well as Vitrolife (IVF-technology, almost 120 employees). Agrobiotechnology includes Syngenta Seeds and Lantmännen Sw Seed (previously Svalöf Weibull), with more than 250 and 120 employees respectively as well as the small forest biotechnology start-up, SweTree Technologies with more than 20 employees.

Smaller business segments are Food related biotechnology which includes Biogaia (probiotics), Ltp Lipid Technologies Provider (lipid-based food ingredients) and Probi (probiotics), and Environmental biotechnology with companies such as Anoxkaldnes (water treatment) and Ekologisk Teknologi (soil treatment).

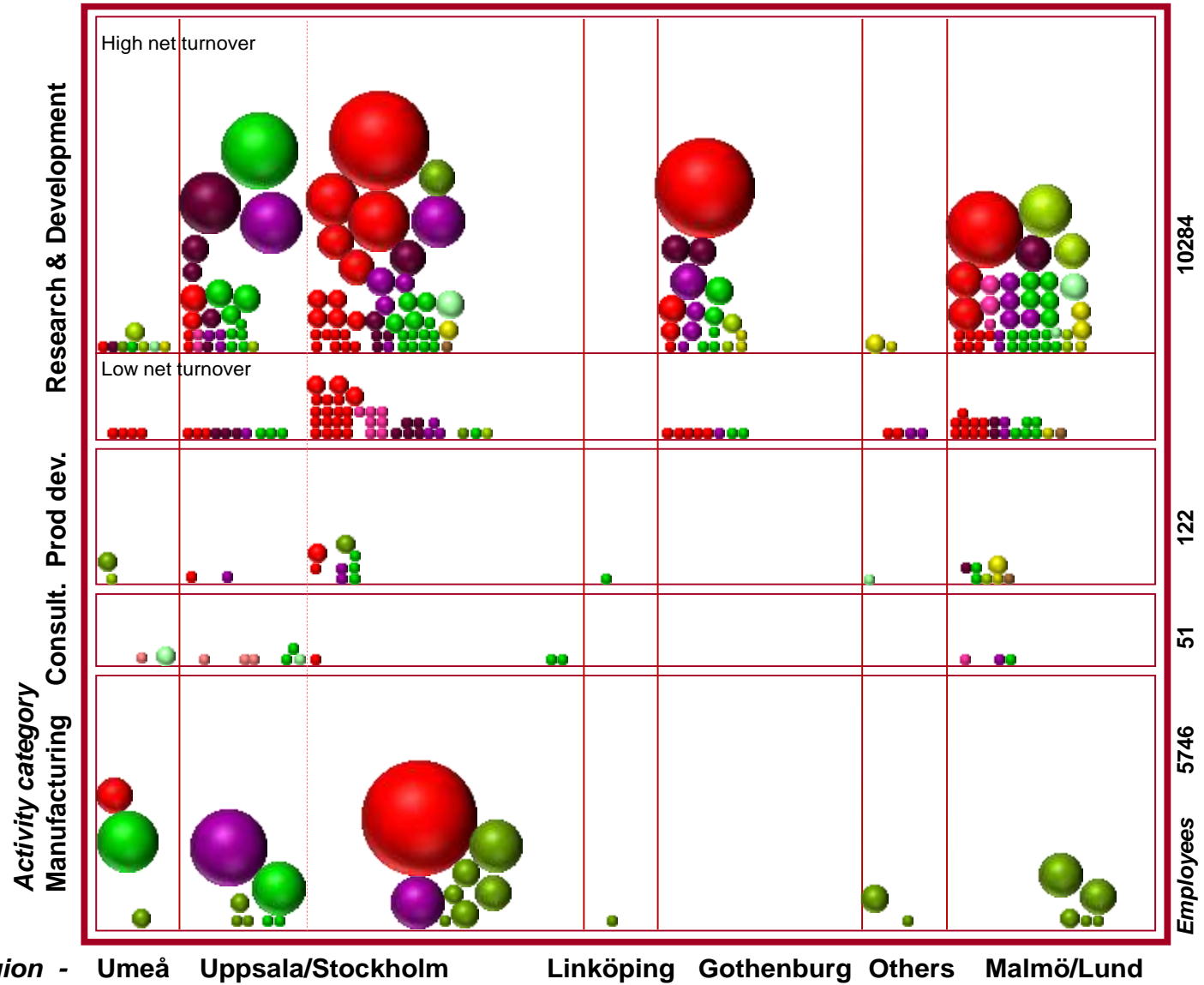
Industrial biotechnology only includes three small companies since efforts involving the use of biotechnology in major chemical, pulp and paper as well as food industries are not included in the database. This is because biotechnology is not their core activity. Large companies with industrial biotechnology as part of their competence but not core activity include the specialty chemical company Perstorp and the economic association Södra (processed forest products).

In terms of employees, the biotechnology sector is dominated by the activity categories of R&D and manufacturing. Geographically, very few employees are found in the Linköping region as well as outside the five life science regions and many of the employees are found in Uppsala.

It is not possible to identify biotech products in the trade statistics since those products are scattered among several statistical categories.

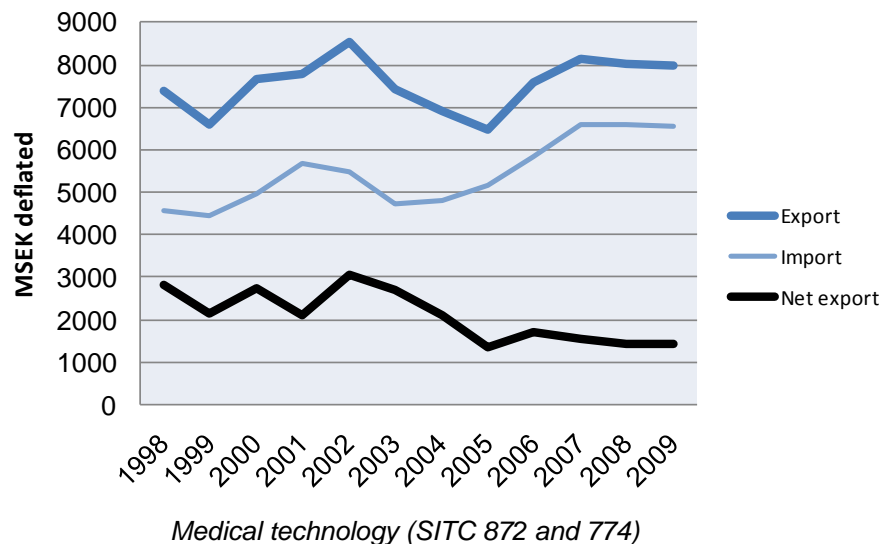
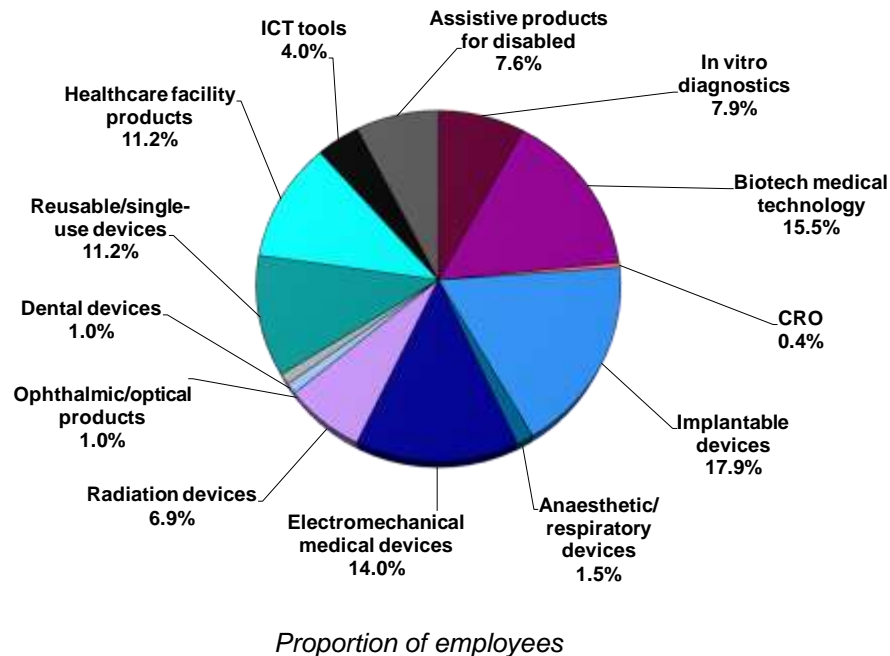
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# Medical technology companies



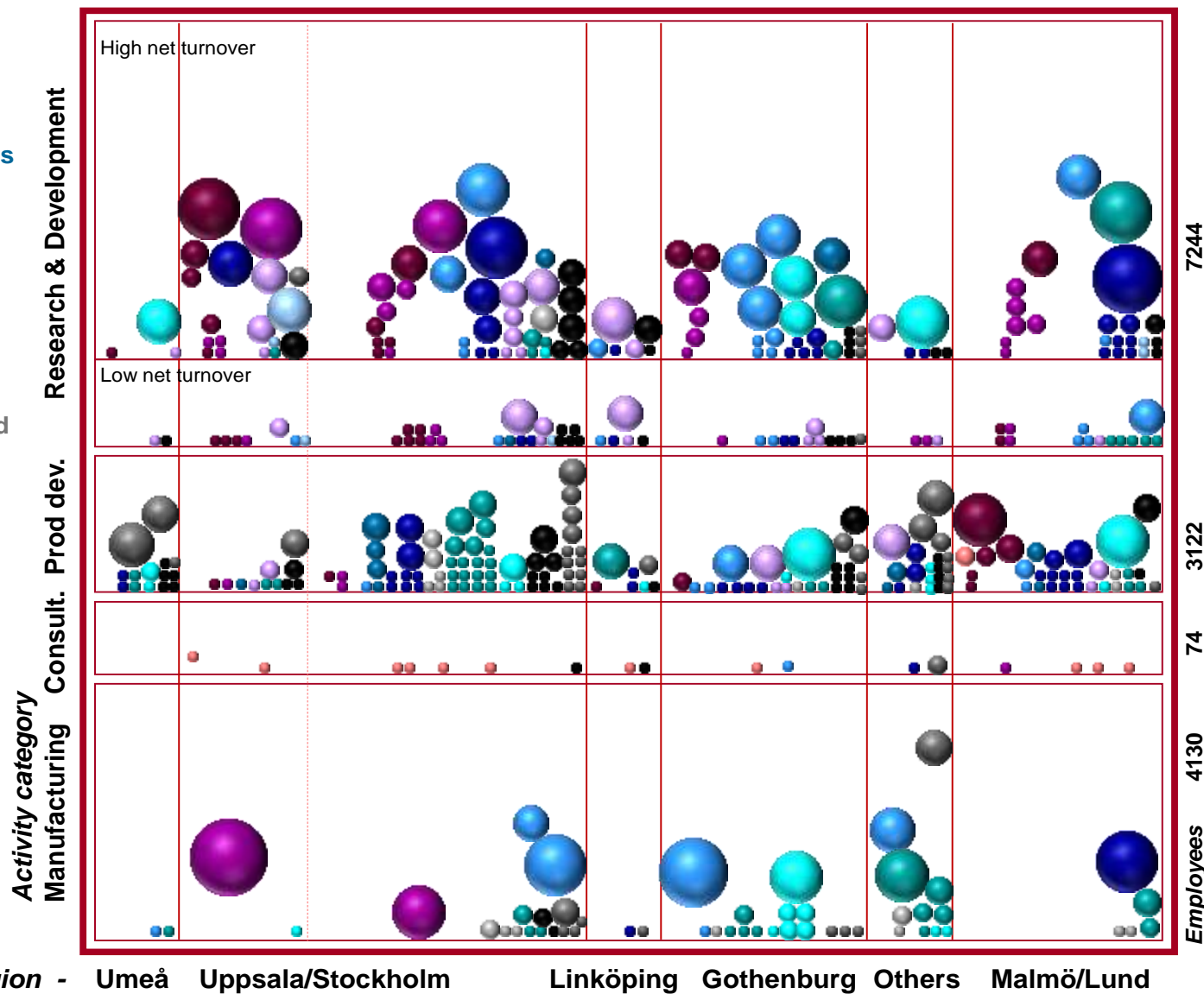
## Comments

The medical technology sector employs almost 14,600 people in about 430 companies. It is dominated by the business segments of Implantable devices, Biotech medical technology and Electromechanical medical devices which jointly employ more than 47% of everyone in the sector. A larger share of medical technology companies are categorised as belonging to the “product development” activity than for the two other sectors in the present study. Developing these types of products usually takes less time than for drugs but like drugs, the products must undergo a regulatory process. Once a technical appliance is launched onto the market, the product is often subject to further development. Since few of the companies have more than 500 employees, they have not been divided across different activity categories. Thus, the number of employees in manufacturing in the medical technology sector is underestimated. A large number of the companies with 50-500 employees do have production units in Sweden.

Electromechanical devices are dominated by three companies, Gambro (dialysis), Maquet Critical Care (critical care systems, e.g. respiratory systems) and St. Jude Medical Systems (coronary diagnostics, interventional cardiology and haemostasis management). Many of the employees in the segment Reusable/single-use products are found in the three companies, Becton Dickinson (products for infusion therapy), Attends Healthcare (incontinence products) and Mölnlycke Health Care (includes products for wound care), each with between 300 and 400 employees. Ophthalmic/optical products is a small business segment with AMO Uppsala (eye surgery products) as the dominant company. Implantable devices include St. Jude Medical (pacemakers) and Nobel Biocare (dental implants). Radiation devices includes Elekta (laser surgery) and Sectra (e.g. mammography) as well as Gems PET Systems and Uppsala Imanet. Healthcare facility products include Getinge (sterilisation/disinfection/infection control), Arjo (e.g. hygiene systems) and Liko (patient transfer aids). All companies included in the Dental devices business segment are small. The largest company in Anaesthetic/respiratory devices is Breas Medical AB (e.g. home care ventilation). Cambio Healthcare Systems (software to administrate and document healthcare processes), Compugroup Medical (patient journal systems) and RaySearch (software for optimising radiation therapy) are among the companies devoted to developing ICT tools for the healthcare system. The largest company developing assistive products for people with disability is Permobil (electric wheelchairs).

# Cluster Profile Sweden - Medical technology

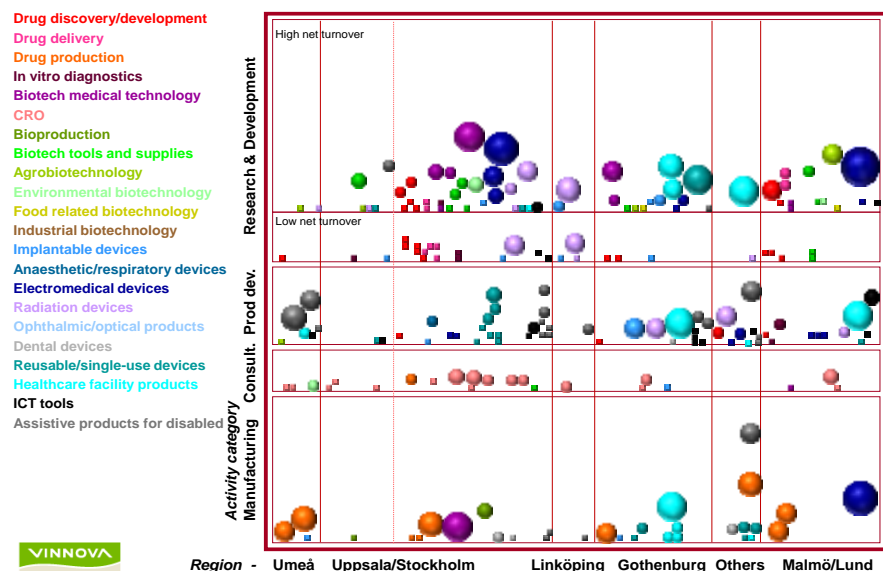
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# Parent company nationality

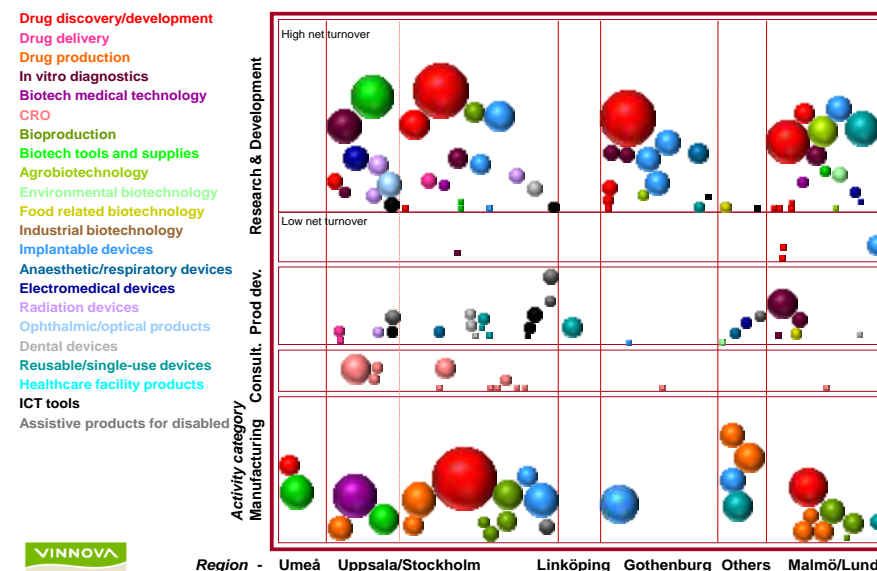
## Swedish-owned companies

Cluster Profile Sweden



# Foreign-owned companies

Cluster Profile Sweden



Foreign-owned (in terms of parent company nationality) life science companies are often large companies active in R&D and/or manufacturing. The consultancy sector is underrepresented among foreign-owned companies.

The foreign-owned pharmaceutical companies are often US-owned, Swiss or British. There are also several Dutch-owned companies, like Qpharma and Polypeptides laboratories, plus Danish-owned Novozymes Biopharma and NeuroSearch Sweden. In terms of number of employees, British ownership dominates due to AstraZeneca.

Among the foreign-owned biotech companies, parent companies from the US are well-represented and include GE Healthcare Biosciences and Pfizer. Parent companies in the Netherlands own DSM AntiInfectives Sweden, EuroDiagnostica and LTP Lipid Technologies Provider. A parent company in Switzerland owns Syngenta Seeds and Rechon Life Science (previously Ferring in Malmö) has a Chinese parent company.

Most of the foreign-owned medical technology companies are owned by parent companies in the US. They are often medium-sized (51-250 employees) or large companies (>250), like Cederroth International, Becton Dickinson Infusion Therapy, St. Jude Medical, AMO Uppsala, GE Medical Systems Sverige. The largest British-owned companies are Astra Tech and Attends Healthcare Sweden. Luxemburg is also relatively well-represented, which is not the case for the other two sectors. The largest Luxemburg-owned companies are Phadia, Allergon and Ascendia MedTech.

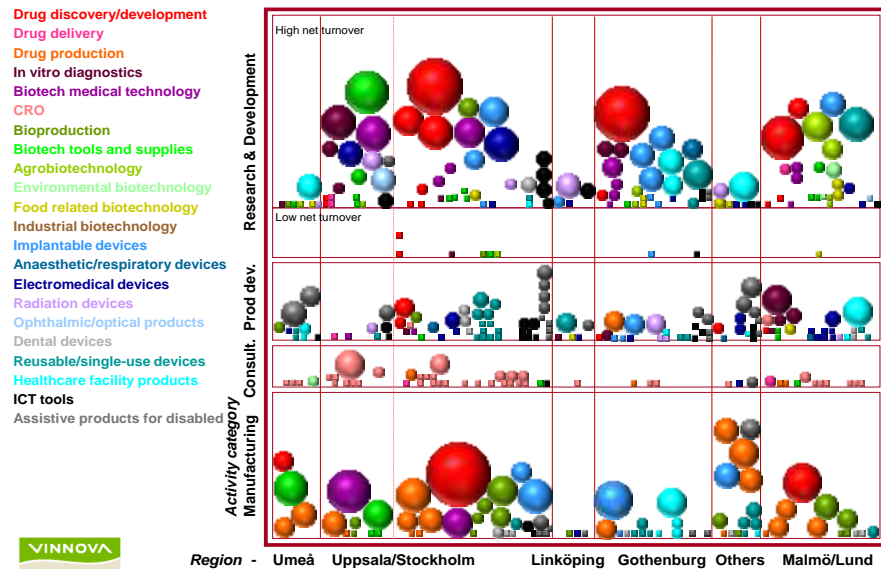
A few recent changes include Sangtec changing ownership from German Altana to US Cepheid and being renamed as Cepheid AB, Swedish Biodisk becoming French Biomérieux AB and Bioglan becoming Spanish. Other changes include Swedish Magnetic Biosolutions becoming Norwegian Nordiag and that Radi Medical has been acquired and is now part of the American company, St. Jude Medical Systems AB. Also, SBL Vaccin is today part of Crucell from the Netherlands. Companies with non-majority foreign ownership are not included as foreign-owned companies and there are also a number of companies with no registered parent company nationality.



# Positive or negative business results

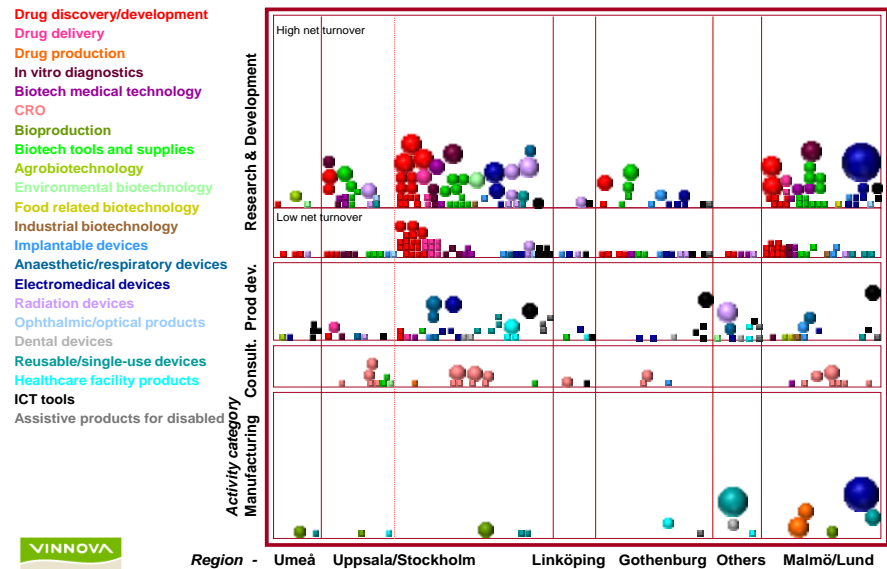
## Positive results

Cluster Profile Sweden



## Negative results

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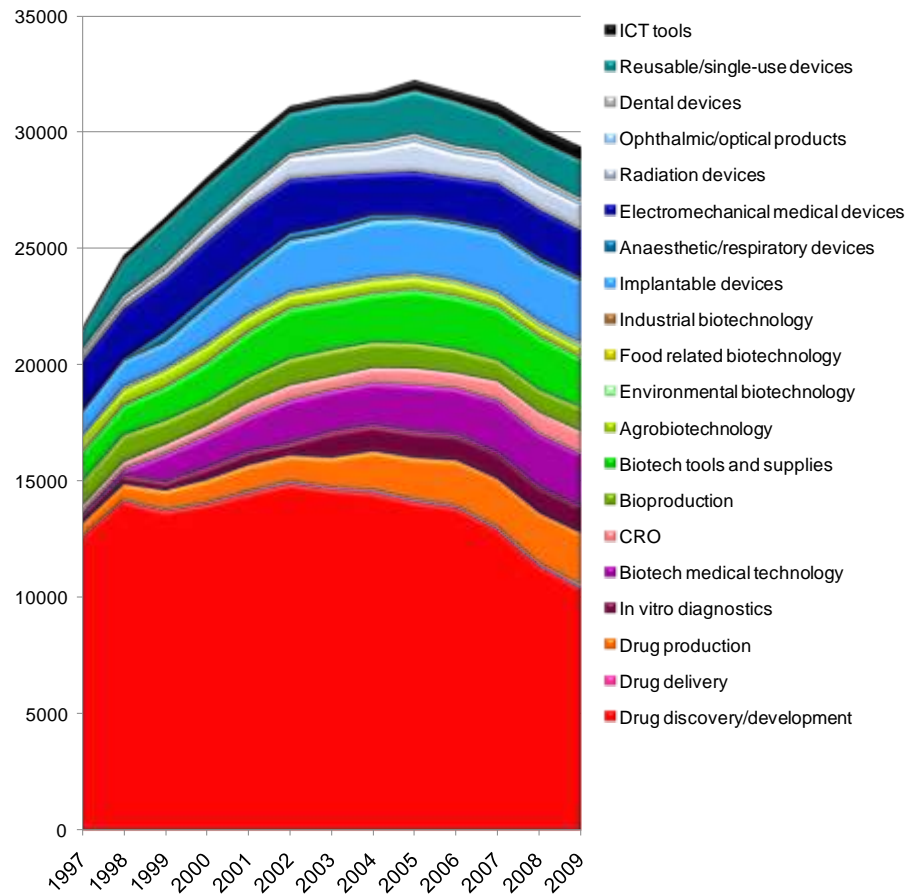


The companies with positive results after financial items in 2009 are shown above. Large companies are overrepresented among companies with positive results, as are the manufacturing companies. Concerning business segments, there is no striking difference in the distribution among those. Almost all of the foreign-owned companies are showing positive results. The distribution is slightly more even among the activity categories of Incremental product development and Consultancy. The vast majority of the employees are found in companies with positive relative results.

The companies with negative results after financial items in 2009 are shown above. Small companies are overrepresented among those with negative results, including many drug discovery companies. As the location of many small drug discovery companies, Stockholm and Malmö/Lund is also home to many companies with negative results. Many of the consultancy companies also show negative results, as do many of the recent small start-ups. As would be expected, almost all companies with low net turnover have negative results.

## 4. Employment development 1997-2009

### For the whole life science industry and the three sectors



Total no. of employees per business segment

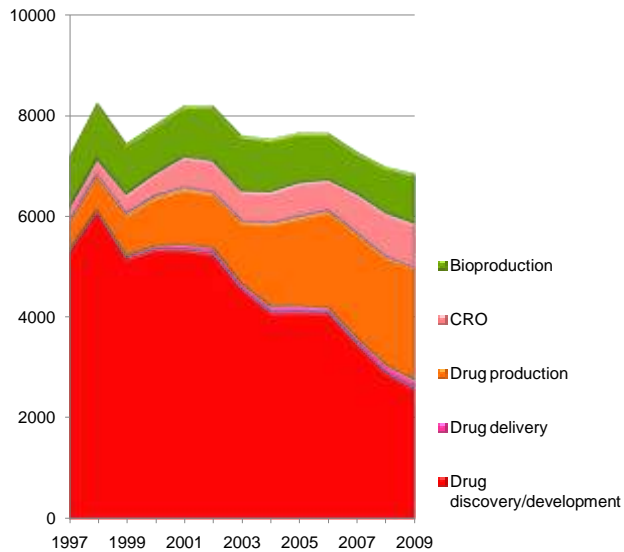
The collection of data to build the company database was initiated in 1997 for the biotechnology sector and in 2003 for the medical technology and pharmaceutical sectors. Thus, the 1997-2003 result of the two latter sectors, as well as the data from the total life science industry over the period 1997-2003 should be interpreted with some caution since one underlying factor of the growth is that the firm population for 1997-2003 may be incomplete. However, for the early years far fewer of the pharmaceutical companies are likely to be missing than for medical technology. This is because major players like Astra and Pharmacia and many of the smaller pharmaceutical companies were included in the 1997 biotechnology database. Even so, the life science industry in total grew by 38% in 1997-2009. Since the peak year of 2005, the number has declined by about 2,800 employees. The dynamics exclude the development for the business segments Assistive products for disabled people and Healthcare facility products and adaptations since no full account of those business segments is available for previous years.

Since 2006, most of the companies which ceased employing people (a total of 35), were firms with fewer than ten employees. Almost 20 were R&D companies and the rest were evenly distributed among the Manufacturing and Incremental product development categories. Almost 25 of the disappearing companies were in the medical technology sector. All medical technology business segments except Implantable devices and Anaesthetic and respiratory devices were represented. The business segments with the most companies that stopped employing are Reusable and single-use devices followed by In vitro diagnostics. The companies with more than ten employees that have stopped employing since 2006 have either been involved in mergers/acquisitions, or their employees are registered under another organisational identification number in the same corporate group. None of these are thus actually disappearing. For example Arexis and Swedish Orphan were acquired by what is now Swedish Orphan Biovitrum, Biacore by GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences and the Ferring manufacturing unit was acquired to form Rechon Life Science.

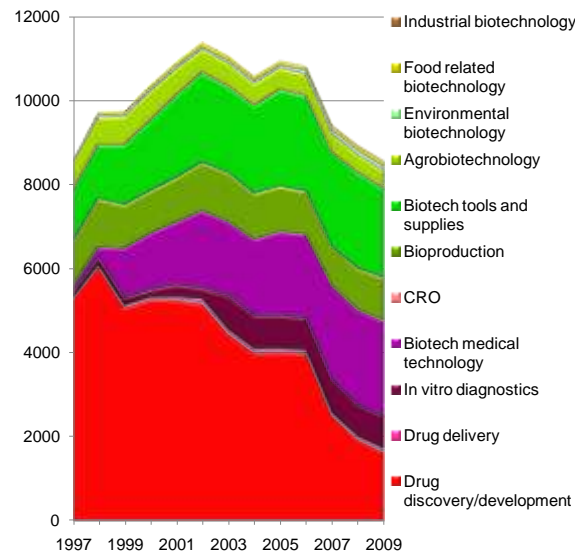
The Pharmaceutical industry excluding AstraZeneca had a peak year in 2002 which declined by 16% up until 2009 (more than 1,300 employees). This decline is primarily due to Pfizer's decreased number of employees. Drug production has increased but that is due in part to previous manufacturing units of Pharmacia and Astra being acquired by companies devoted to drug production. Therefore to some extent, employees have been moved from the Drug discovery and development business segment to Drug production. This is the case with companies like Kemwell AB and Recipharm Strängnäs AB, divested from Pfizer and AstraZeneca respectively. It is also the case that some previously divested Pharmacia business units are now categorised as Medical technology business segments. This is the case for AMO Uppsala, Octapharma and Fresenius Kabi.

Since most of the Drug discovery and development companies are also categorised under the Biotech sector and due to the dominant size of that segment, the decline of recent years can also be seen in the biotechnology sector. The Biotech tools and supplies business segment has always been a significant contributor to the number of employees in the Biotechnology sector and the number has been fairly constant since 2003, at around 2,200 employees. The peak year for the Biotechnology sector was also 2002; since then, the number of employees has been reduced by 2,800, or 25%.

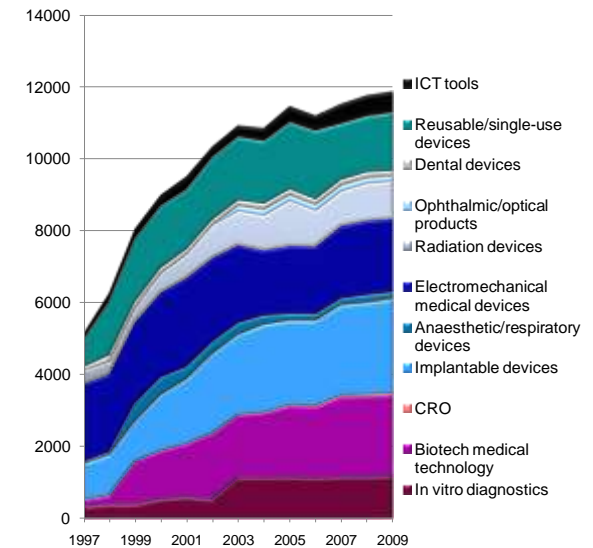
As has already been mentioned, the development of employment in Medical technology years 1997-2003 should be analysed with some caution since assembly of the Medical technology part of the database was initiated in 2003. Also, part of the dramatic increase in the number of medical technology employees is due to spin-outs of Pharmacia business segments being categorised under Medical technology business segments. Thus, the employees have been transferred from the Drug discovery and development business segment. The development during 2003-2009 is an 8.6% increase, or about 940 employees. As has previously been mentioned, Assistive products for disabled people and Healthcare facility products and adaptations are excluded from this analysis. The increase during 2003-2009 years was primarily due to the growth of large companies in the business segments of Implantable devices and Biotech medical technology.



Pharmaceutical companies excl. AstraZeneca

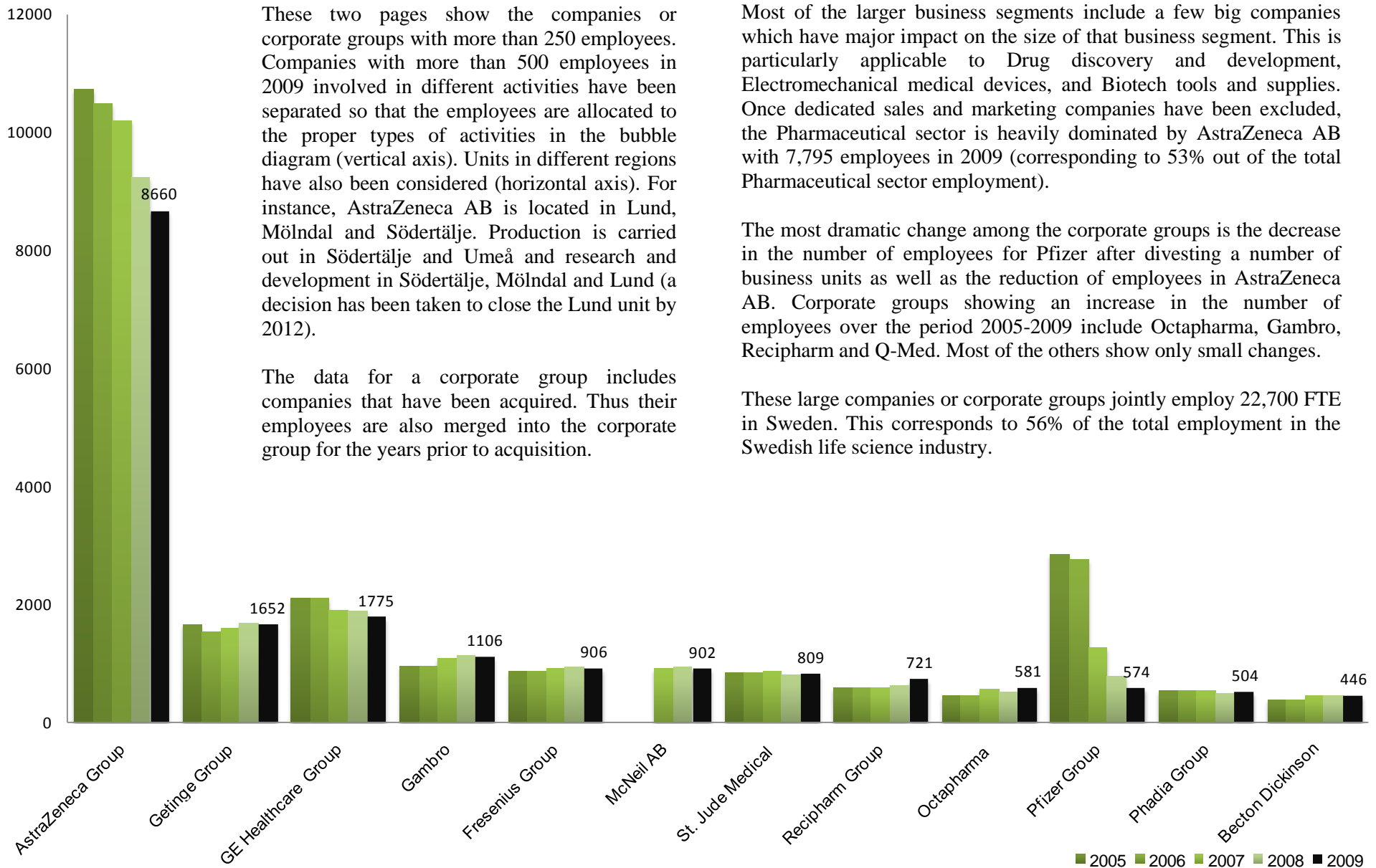


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Medical technology companies

# Large companies and corporate groups



These two pages show the companies or corporate groups with more than 250 employees. Companies with more than 500 employees in 2009 involved in different activities have been separated so that the employees are allocated to the proper types of activities in the bubble diagram (vertical axis). Units in different regions have also been considered (horizontal axis). For instance, AstraZeneca AB is located in Lund, Mölndal and Södertälje. Production is carried out in Södertälje and Umeå and research and development in Södertälje, Mölndal and Lund (a decision has been taken to close the Lund unit by 2012).

The data for a corporate group includes companies that have been acquired. Thus their employees are also merged into the corporate group for the years prior to acquisition.

Most of the larger business segments include a few big companies which have major impact on the size of that business segment. This is particularly applicable to Drug discovery and development, Electromechanical medical devices, and Biotech tools and supplies. Once dedicated sales and marketing companies have been excluded, the Pharmaceutical sector is heavily dominated by AstraZeneca AB with 7,795 employees in 2009 (corresponding to 53% out of the total Pharmaceutical sector employment).

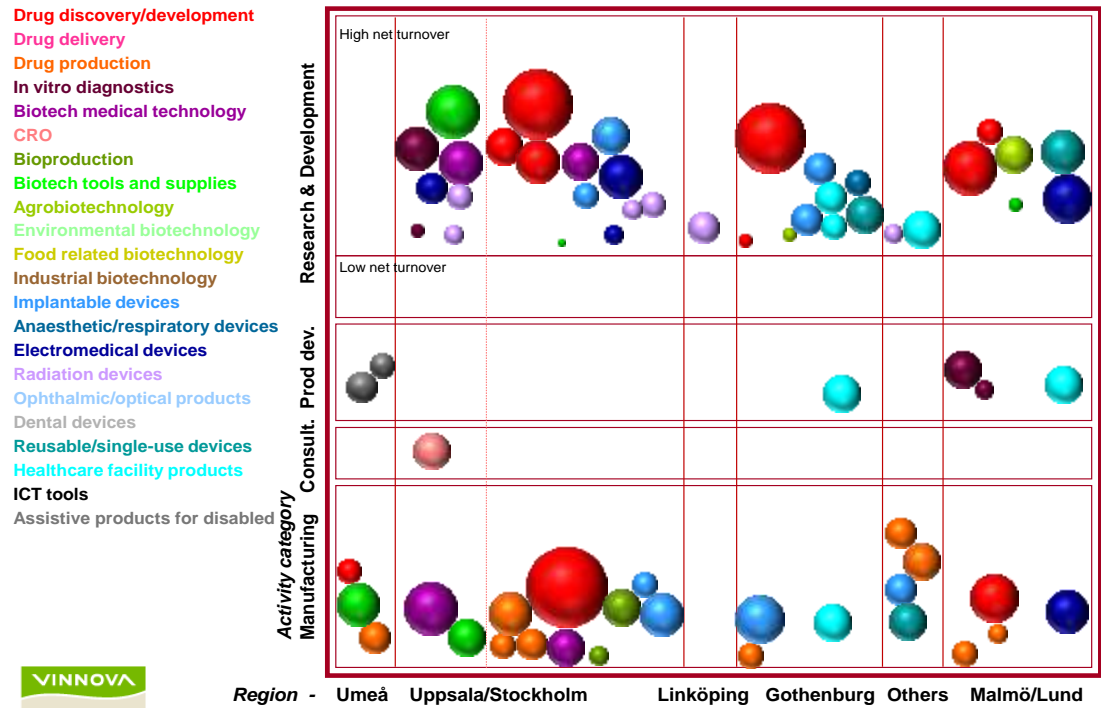
The most dramatic change among the corporate groups is the decrease in the number of employees for Pfizer after divesting a number of business units as well as the reduction of employees in AstraZeneca AB. Corporate groups showing an increase in the number of employees over the period 2005-2009 include Octapharma, Gambro, Recipharm and Q-Med. Most of the others show only small changes.

These large companies or corporate groups jointly employ 22,700 FTE in Sweden. This corresponds to 56% of the total employment in the Swedish life science industry.

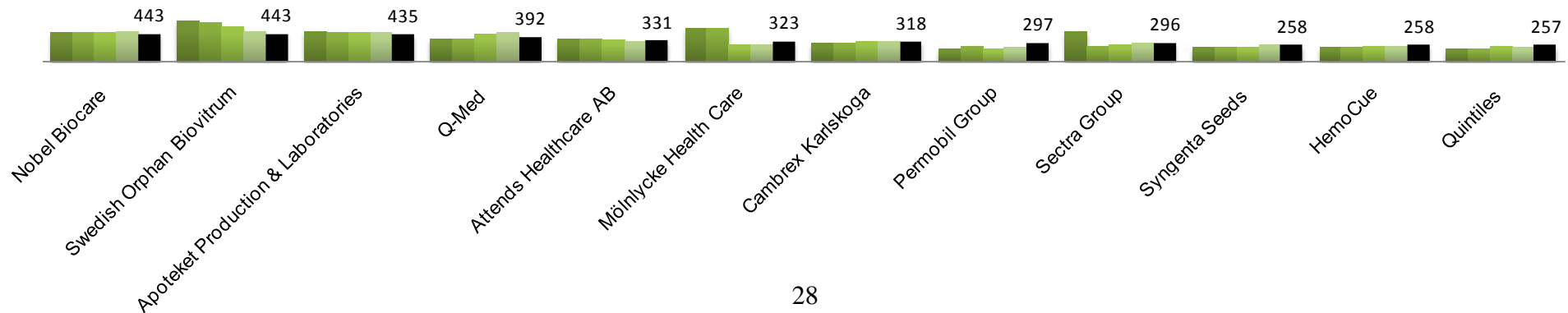
## Cluster Profile Sweden

As seen in the bubble diagram, the large companies and corporate groups in 2009 have several business units across the country. Companies in the Getinge Group (e.g. Arjo, Maquet Critical Care, Getinge: Disinfection; Sterilization; Skärhamn; Infection Control) are primarily found in Halland but also have units in areas like Skåne, Stockholm and Västra Götaland. For the GE Healthcare Group (including GE Healthcare BioSciences, Uppsala Imanet, Biacore, GEMS PET Systems and Breas Medical), most of the employees are found in Uppsala but the group also has units in such cities as Umeå, Lund, Stockholm and Gothenburg. Research and development is conducted in Uppsala whilst production is in Uppsala, Umeå and Malmö/Lund. Pfizer has its production activity in Strängnäs and its sales and marketing activity in Stockholm.

A few companies also have activities outside the five regions in which the bulk of the life science industry is clustered. These include production units of Nobel Biocare, Recipharm and Cambrex in Karlskoga, Attends Healthcare in Aneby and Getinge Disinfection in Växjö.



## Large companies and corporate groups





## Development of relative result SME

The columns on the right show different aspects of the development of the business segments for each size of class (medium, small and micro): number of companies; number of employees 1997-2009 and share of the employees in 2009 in the circle diagram. For large companies/corporate groups the number of companies has remained almost constant throughout the period and is thus not shown. SMEs (1-250 employees) are divided into size classes by number of employees for each year from 1997-2009, whereas large companies are included according to the number of employees in 2009. Assistive products for the disabled and Healthcare facility products are not included in the dynamic diagrams and some of the companies in corporate groups on page 27-28 have been distributed here amongst the different size classes.

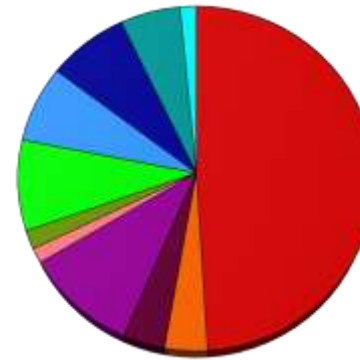
Comparing the columns illustrates the clear trend towards a dramatic increase in the number of micro-sized companies that leads to an increase, albeit limited, in the number of employees. This development is seen for the whole period. At the same time, the increased number of companies and employees has levelled off in the last five years for small companies, whereas medium-sized ones have actually seen a small decrease (following a significant increase in 2000-2002). Thus, although the total number of companies clearly increases over the whole period, the conclusion, especially in recent years, is that few of them reach beyond the micro-sized segment. Similarly, small and medium-sized companies have shown no average growth in recent years.

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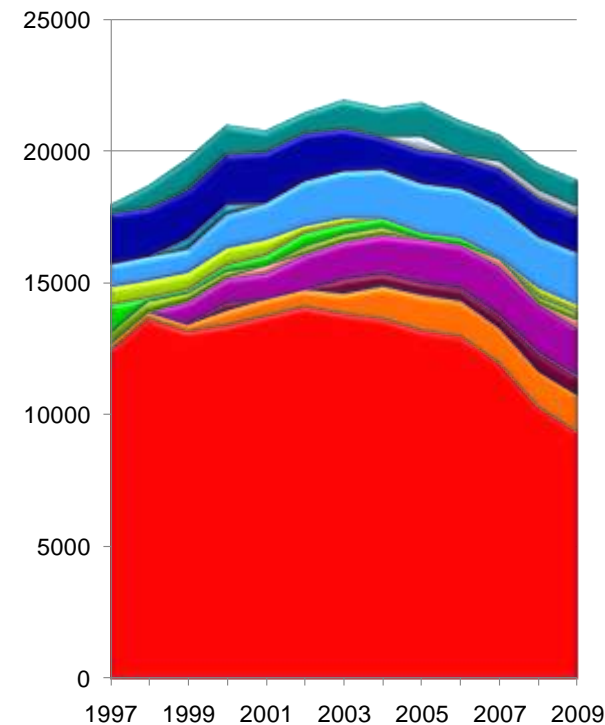
Looking at the specifics of different business segments, the largest increases in numbers of companies are seen for Drug discovery and development, Biotech tools and supplies, CROs and Electromedical medical devices. By contrast, the business segments showing significant increases in the number of employees in the whole life science industry include Biotech medical technology, Biotech tools and supplies, Implantable devices and Drug production. The biggest contributors to the increased number of employees in those segments are large and medium-sized companies in Implantable devices, small and large-sized companies in Biotech tools and supplies, large-sized companies in Biotech medtech and large and medium-sized Drug production companies.

## Large (>250 employees)

Number of employees (2009)



Number of employees

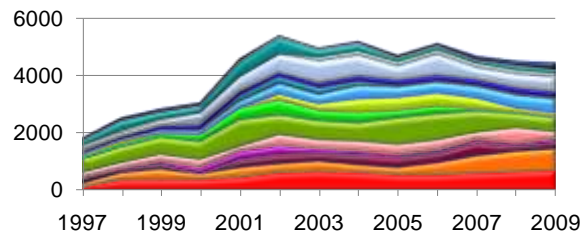


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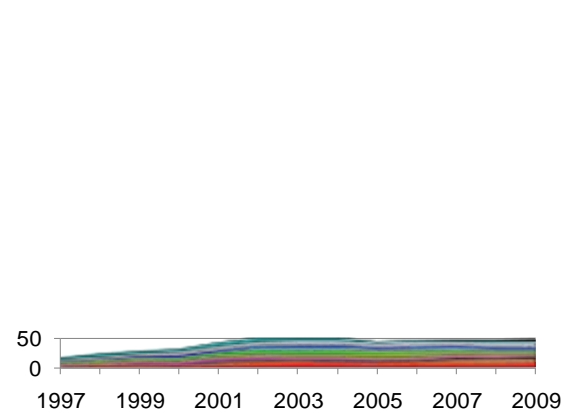
Employment shares (2009)



Number of employees

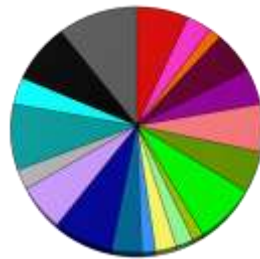


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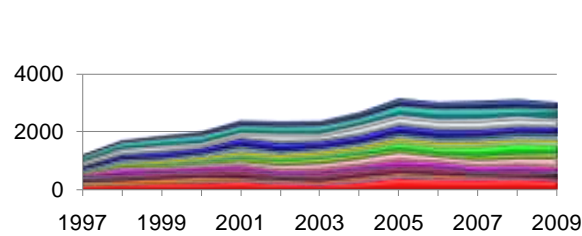


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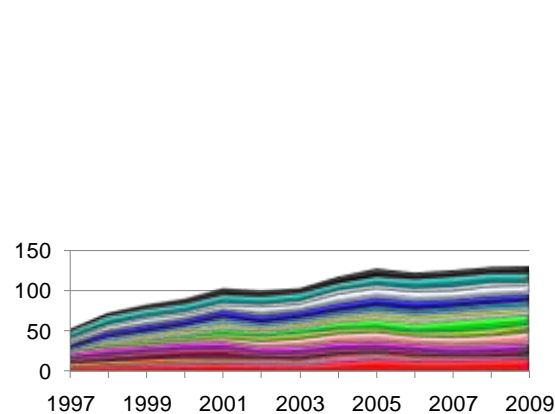
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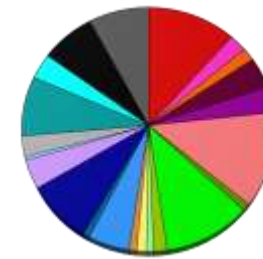


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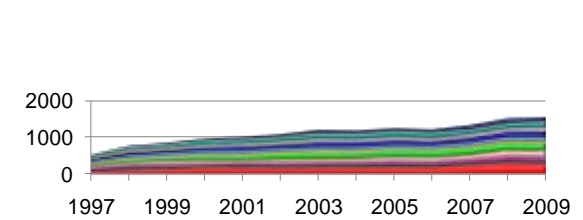


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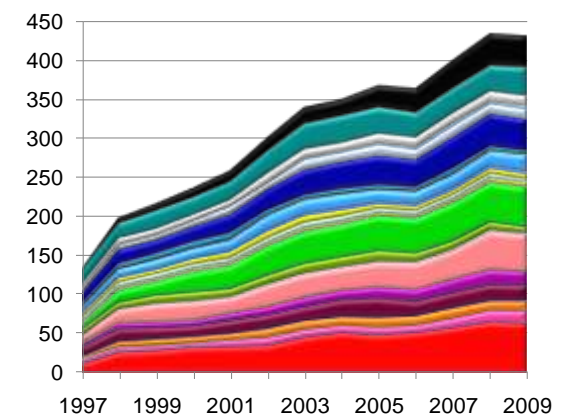
Employment shares (2009)



Number of employees



Number of companies



# Astra-related companies in Sweden

## International events and Swedish growth development

The Astra-related companies include AstraZeneca (pharmaceuticals), AstraTech (medical technology: dental implants; urological and surgical products) in Gothenburg, the 2008 spin-out company Albireo, financed by a syndicate of venture capital firms, as well as Recipharm Biologics AB, the AstraZeneca biotech facility in Södertälje, which was acquired by Recipharm in 2007. In 2010, AstraZeneca announced the commencement of a review of its strategic options for Astra Tech, meaning that Astra Tech may be divested. The largest production unit in Sweden is located in Södertälje, but there is also production in Umeå. However, the functions at the Umeå site will be moved to Södertälje by 2012.

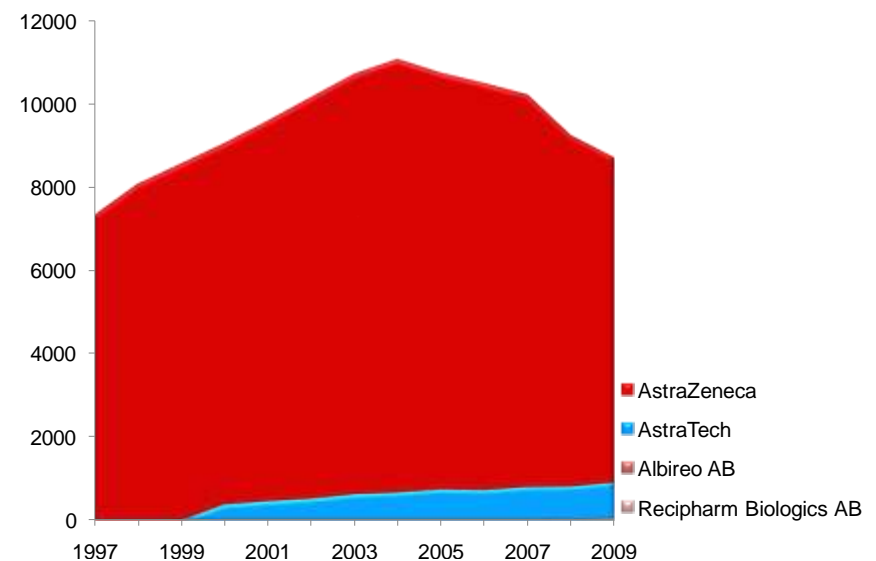
AstraZeneca is one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies with products in six fields: oncology, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, infection, neuroscience, respiratory and inflammation. The Astra group showed strong growth until 2004 when the number of employees started to decline.

Since the merger of Swedish Astra and British Zeneca in 1999, several hive-offs, investments, acquisitions and establishments have taken place. Many of the investments from 1999-2007 were made in UK and Sweden. Investments in different countries include opening and expanding several research, development and manufacturing facilities in the UK and opening research laboratories in Boston, USA, a manufacturing plant and a clinical research unit in China and new R&D facilities in India and Canada. There were also manufacturing facilities in France and Egypt, as well as acquisition of a controlling stake in Astra-IDL in India. AstraZeneca sold its penicillin factory in Strängnäs to Recip in 2001 but has invested in the production facility in Södertälje. From 2005-2007, AstraZeneca acquired KuDos Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Cambridge Antibody Technology group plc, Arrow Therapeutics (anti-viral therapies), the US-company MedImmune (biopharmaceuticals), a biologics manufacturing facility in Canada (from DSM Biologics Inc) and French Novexel (infection research). With these acquisitions, the AstraZeneca pipeline broadened into biopharmaceuticals and added bioproduction capabilities. AstraTech acquired Cresto Ti Systems in 2005.

In 2007, AstraZeneca opened a process and development laboratory next to its R&D centre in Bangalore, India and its first clinical pharmacology unit in

China. The focus in China has been on knowledge about Chinese patients, biomarkers and genetics, initially with a specific focus on cancer. In the same year, AstraZeneca boosted investments in the R&D centre in Boston, US (infectious disease area and cancer) and the process research and development unit in Macclesfield, UK. In recent years, AstraZeneca has invested in collaboration with the PET-centre at Karolinska Institutet (SEK 80 million over five years) and has been collaborating with Region Skåne on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and Columbia University Medical Center in New York on diabetes and obesity. AstraZeneca has also recently had strategic collaborations with big pharma companies such as Abbott and Merck on specific projects and has also announced collaboration with the commercialisation company for the UK's Medical Research Council to share access to their collections of compounds.

The most recent change heavily affecting AstraZeneca's activities in Sweden is the decision to close the R&D unit in Lund by 2012 and move some of its operations to Gothenburg. R&D sites in Charnwood and Cambridge in the UK are also to be closed and Arrow Therapeutics is likely to be sold. The pharmaceutical development at the Avlon site, UK, will cease and early-stage research in Wilmington, US, will be significantly reduced. However, Södertälje will keep its focus on pain and CNS and the Mölndal site will expand and become a global centre for the following therapeutic areas: cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, respiratory and inflammatory diseases.





# Pharmacia-related companies in Sweden

**1911:** Pharmacia formed.

**1990:** Pharmacia acquired by Procordia and merges with Kabi under the name Kabi Pharmacia. Subsequent name change to Pharmacia.

**1995:** Pharmacia merges with Upjohn to form *Pharmacia & Upjohn*. The company has approximately 7,000 employees in Sweden.

**1996:** Pharmacia Biosensor is sold and becomes *Biacore*.

**1997:** Pharmacia Biotech is merged with British company *Amersham* and in 2001 is named *Amersham Biosciences*.

**1997** Pharmacia has 5,249 employees.

**1998:** Pharmacia closes its research unit in Lund and major sections are purchased by *Active Biotech*.

The same year, German company Fresenius takes over production of nutrient solutions and now operates under the name *Fresenius Kabi*.

**1999:** Pharmacia & Upjohn merges with Monsanto. The new group calls itself Pharmacia Corporation.

**2001:** Most of the remaining research within Pharmacia in Sweden is sold off and the new company *Biovitrum* is formed. Biovitrum subsequently sells the substitute plasma operation to Swiss company *Octapharma*. The same year, the clinical trials operation is acquired by US-company *Quintiles*. In 2006 *iNovacia*, was formed as a management buy-out from Biovitrum.

**2002:** *Pfizer* purchases Pharmacia.

**2003:** *Pfizer* sells *Pharmacia Diagnostics* to two venture capital companies (corporate group now called *Phadia*).

**2004:** *Amersham Biosciences* is sold to the American company General Electric Inc. and is now *GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences*.

**2004-2007:**

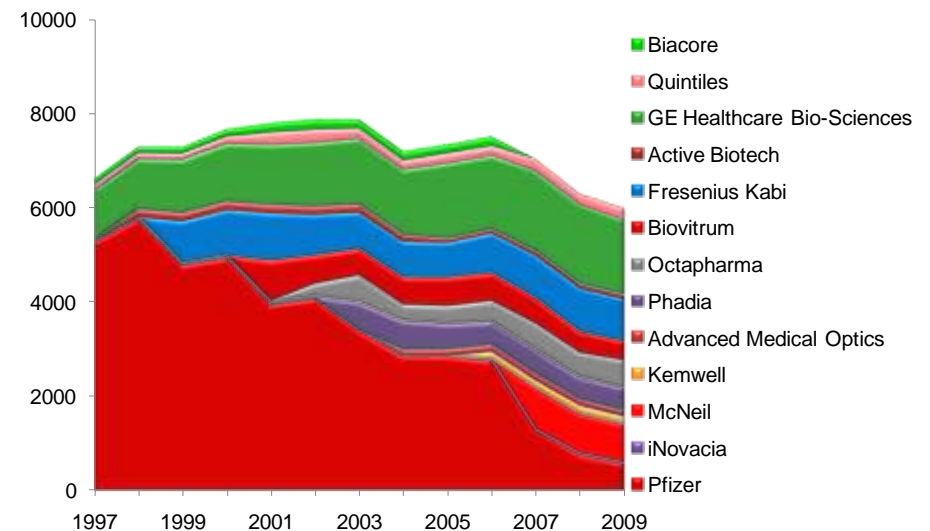
*Pfizer* invests to increase the production capacity in the bioproduction plant in Strängnäs. Bangalore-based pharmaceutical company *Kemwell* completes acquisition of *Pfizer's* Salazopyrin manufacturing plant in Uppsala. *Advanced Medical Optics* acquires the ophthalmic surgery operation and *Pfizer* moves its Uppsala operation to Stockholm.

In 2006, the Helsingborg production unit (*Pfizer* Consumer Healthcare) manufacturing the Nicorette product family is sold to the Johnson & Johnson group to form *McNeil Sweden AB*. *Pfizer* also closes its production unit in Stockholm.

**2008-2010:** *GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences* acquires *Biacore*.

*Pfizer* currently has no research facilities left in Sweden; only some development of aids for dosage and taking of drugs. However, there is collaboration on research with *Karolinska Institutet* amongst others and Sweden is one of three core countries in Europe for the companies' clinical research.

Since 1995, the former Pharmacia operation has been sold to various owners and now comprises 13 companies/corporate groups. From 1997-2009, these companies jointly decreased their number of employees by some 12%, to about 5,840 in total, corresponding to a decrease of about 770 employees.

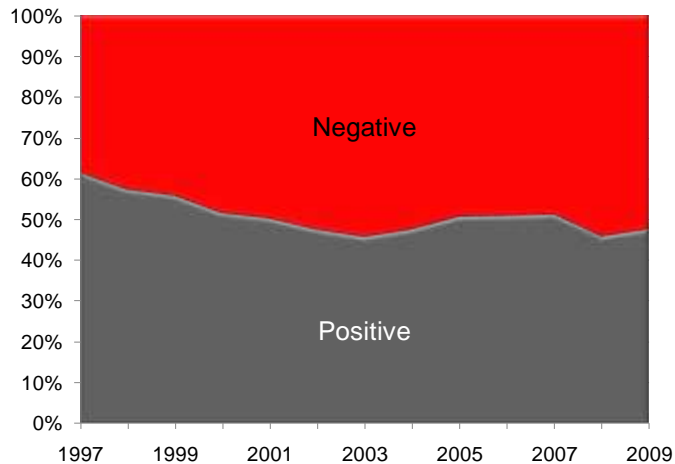


# 5. Development of relative results for SMEs 1997-2009

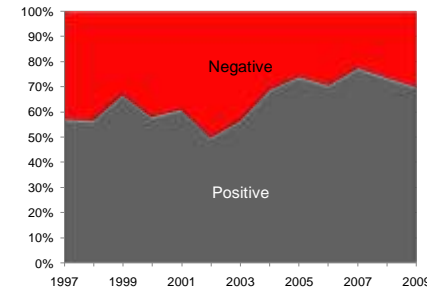
To understand the economic development of an industry, it is interesting to trace the development of relative results. This is defined as the results after financial items, divided by net turnover.

The graphs show how the share of the corporate population showing positive or negative relative results has changed over time in different size classes of the industry. As mentioned earlier, the vast majority of employees are found in companies showing positive relative results.

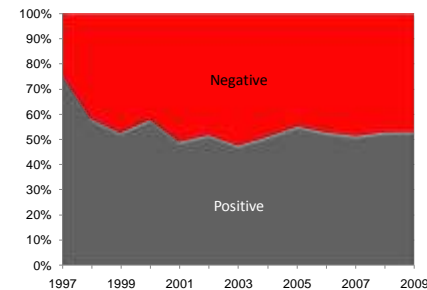
The results clearly show the difficulty that recently started micro-sized companies often have in showing positive relative results. They indicate that the largest share of those companies has negative relative results, 54% on average in the latest five years. This spills over into the whole SME population (1-250 employees), since the number of micro-sized companies is so great. For small-sized companies the share has been fairly constant, especially in recent years, with an average of 53% showing positive results years 2005-2009. For the medium-sized companies there is a greater variation over the years, but the development is positive and for the latest five years an average of 74% of the companies show positive results.



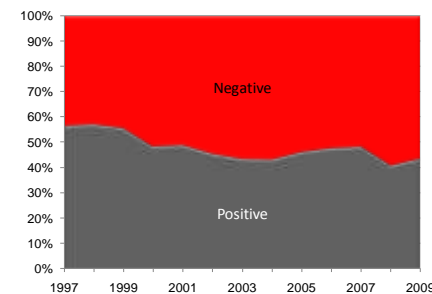
SME - companies (1 - 250 employees)



Medium-sized companies (51-250 employees)

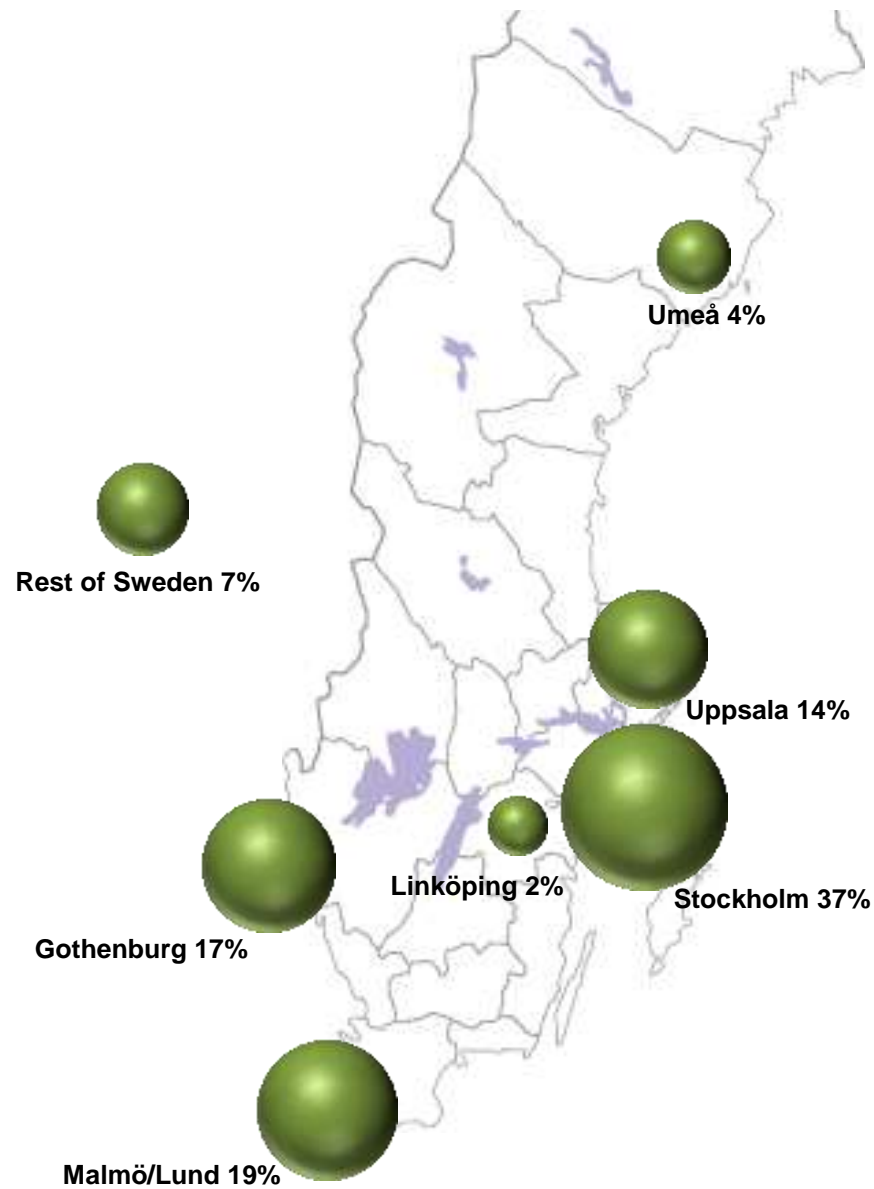


Small-sized companies (11-50 employees)

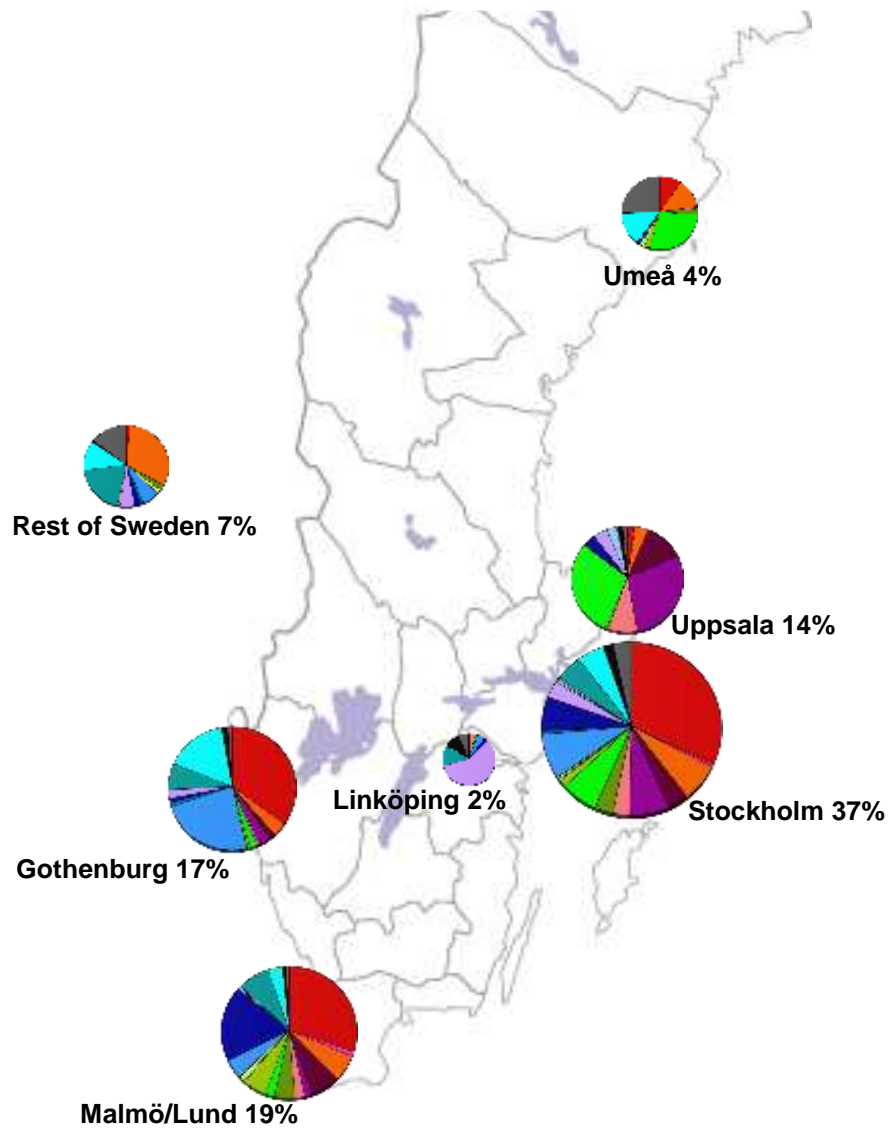


Micro-sized companies (1-10 employees)

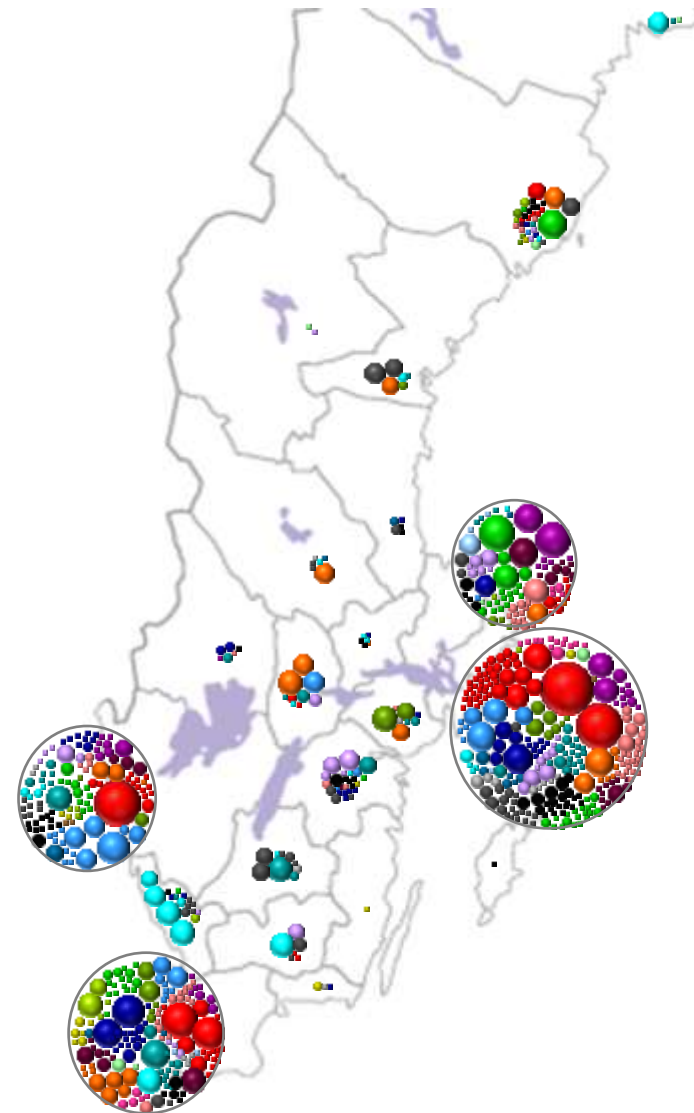
## 6. Regional profiles



# Swedish Regions

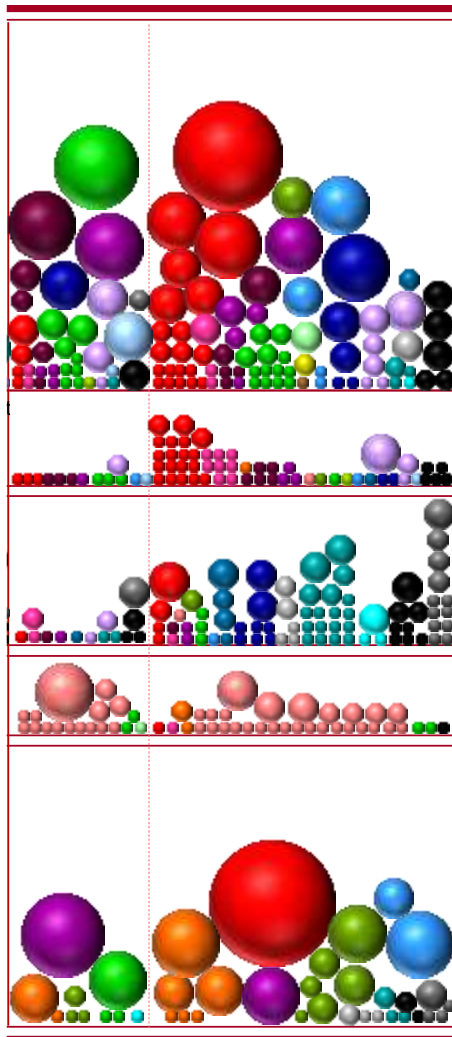


*Proportion of employees - Sweden*



*Companies per county - Sweden*

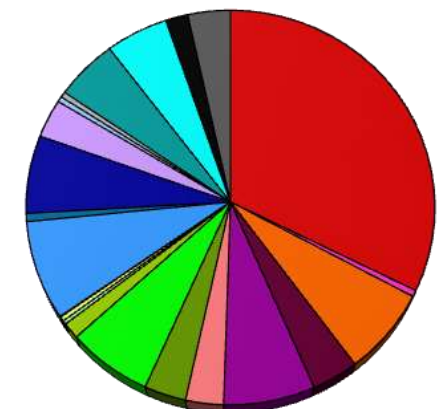
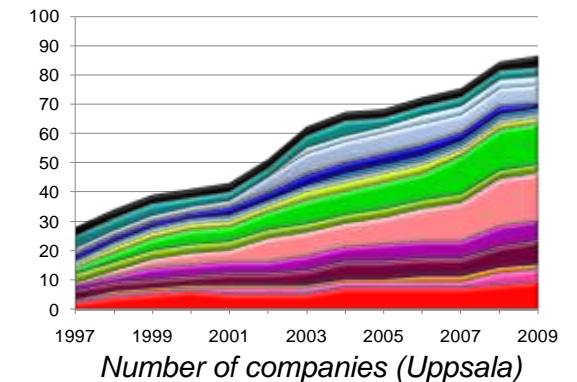
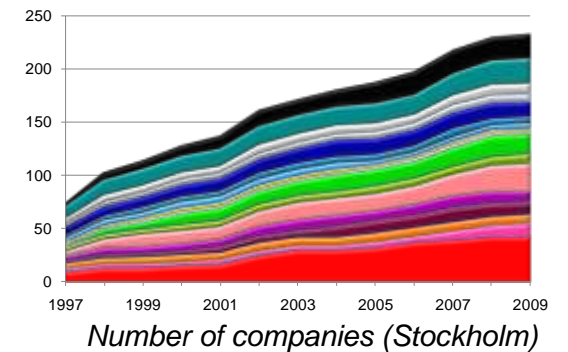
# Region Stockholm/Uppsala



The number of employees in Stockholm in 2009 was about 11,800, a decrease of more than 3,000 employees since 2006. In Stockholm there is a clustering of companies in the Pharmaceutical sector. International pharmaceutical companies maintain a strong presence, localising much of their sales and marketing activities and clinical trial operations there (these are, however, not included in the analysis). Many other companies in the Drug discovery and development segment as well as CRO companies also chose Stockholm as their location. PPD Scandinavia AB is one CRO company which has grown in size. In Drug discovery and development, Meda and Medivir are two of the companies which have grown. In Medical technology, Mawell and Raysearch (both in ICT tools) are companies which have grown in Stockholm during the period studied. The number of companies with units located in Stockholm has increased from 74 to 231 with a steep increase seen for Drug discovery and development, CROs, ICT tools and Biotech tools and supplies. Strängnäs has some bio- and drug production plants and is shown in the diagrams as part of the Stockholm/Uppsala region.

The number of employees in Uppsala was almost 4,500 in 2009, which is about the same as in 2006. Uppsala has a number of the country's larger Biotech tools and supplies, Biotech medical technology and In vitro diagnostics companies, largely due to Pharmacia's previous activity in that region. Uppsala is also home to two significantly growing life science companies; Q-Med (Biotech medical technology) throughout the period studied and Orexo (Drug discovery and development) in more recent years. Both St. Jude Medical (pacemakers, Stockholm) and its recent acquisition Radi Medical (coronary diagnostics and interventional cardiology, Uppsala) have also been growing significantly, as has Quintiles (CRO). The number of companies with a presence in Uppsala has gone from 27 to 85, with the largest increase in Biotech tools and supplies and CROs.

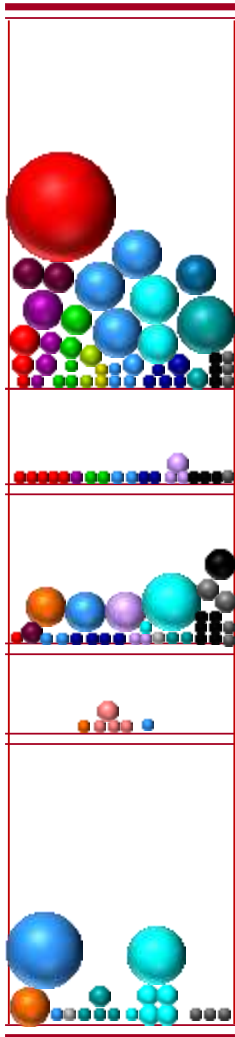
Thus the combined region of Uppsala, Stockholm, Södertälje and Strängnäs has decreased its number of employees by more than 3000 since 2006. Despite some growing companies in the region, this result is largely due to the reduction in employees at Pfizer and AstraZeneca AB.



Proportion of employees 2009

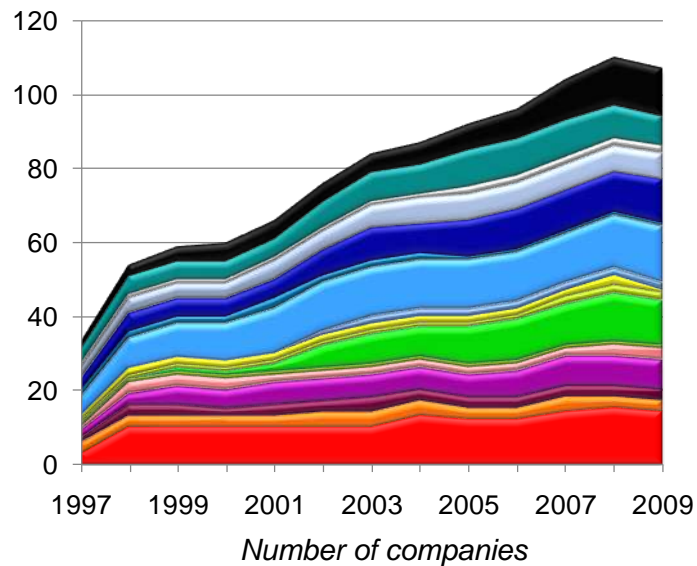


# Region Gothenburg

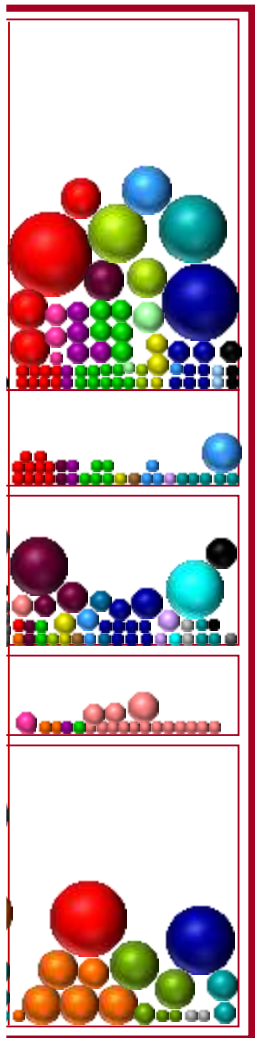


The number of employees in the Gothenburg region was about 5,600 in 2009 which was about the same number as in 2006. The Gothenburg area has AstraZeneca's largest research unit in Sweden, and several larger medical technology companies. These include several companies involved in the development of oral cavity titanium implants, limb prostheses and bone-anchored hearing aids. The Gothenburg region also has a large number of sales and marketing companies. Astra Tech (with operations in both dental implants and medical devices within urology and surgery) has both R&D and production in the Gothenburg region and has grown significantly in the region. Many of the Getinge Group companies are also located in this region. More than half of the employees in the life science industry in the region work in the medical technology sector, with its two major business segments of Implantable devices and Healthcare facility products and adaptations. One company in this region which has shown significant growth is Cochlear Bone Anchored Solutions (bone-anchored hearing aids); others include Vitrolife (in vitro fertilisation), Breas Medical (home care ventilation products), Cellartis (stem cells) and Mölnlycke Healthcare (single-use surgical and wound care products).

The number of life science companies with a presence in Gothenburg has increased from 33 to 107. There are five business segments that have grown to a similar extent: Electromechanical medical devices, ICT tools, Drug discovery and development, Biotech tools and supplies and Implantable devices.

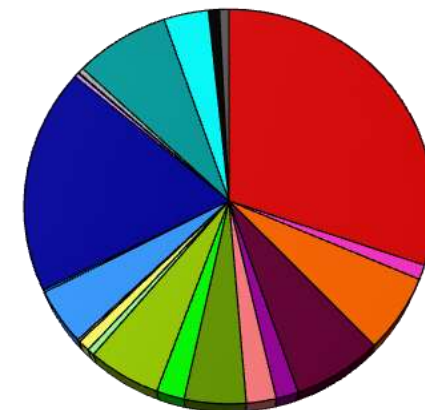
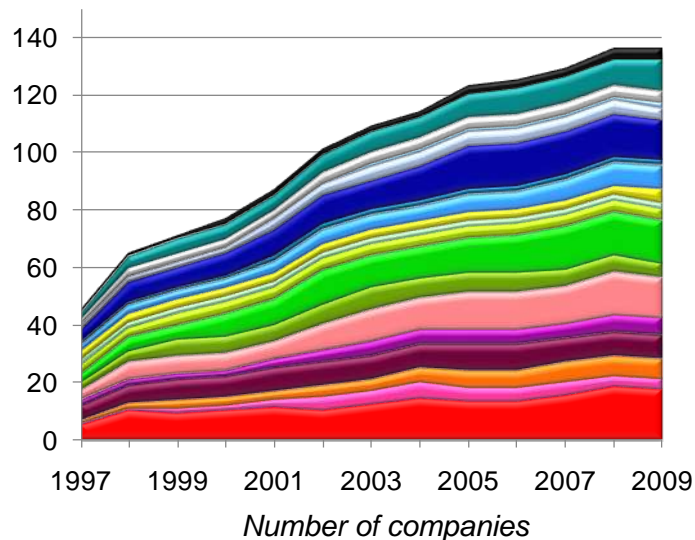


# Region Malmö/Lund



The total number of employees in the life science industry in the Malmö/Lund region was more than 6,000 in 2009, an increase of more than 700 since 2006. In the Malmö/Lund region, there are many people employed in Medical technology. Some of the business segments in other sectors which have many employees are Drug discovery and development, Drug production, Bioproduction and In-Vitro diagnostics. Agricultural biotechnology companies have a long tradition in the region. The small number of companies in Food biotechnology, Agricultural biotechnology and Environmental biotechnology are mainly situated in the Malmö/Lund region. In 2009, the largest life science employers in the region were Gambro, AstraZeneca and McNeil. Companies showing significant growth in employees in the region during 1997-2009 include Hemocue (blood glucose and haemoglobin diagnostics), Polypeptide Laboratories (peptide production), Biomet Cementing Technologies (bone cement) and Atos Medical (implants: ear/nose/throat, voice prostheses).

In the Malmö/Lund region the major increase in number of companies has been seen in Electromechanical medical devices, Biotech tools and supplies, Drug discovery and development and CROs. This has in total involved an increase from 44 to 135 companies in total.

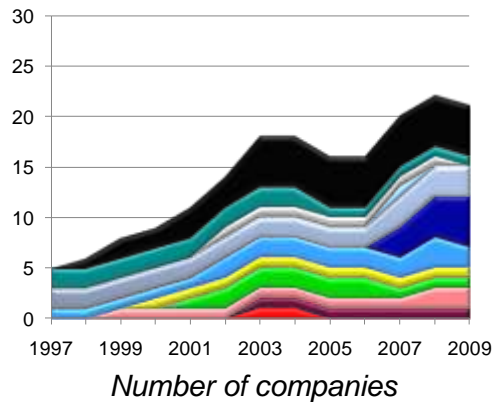


*Proportion of employees 2009*

# Region Linköping

The number of life science industry employees in the Linköping region was about 530 in 2009, a small increase since 2006. For Linköping the employees are mainly found in companies in Medical technology, Radiation devices. In Linköping the Sectra group (e.g. mammography equipment) and Elekta (radiation therapy and radiosurgery) have grown significantly 1997-2009, as has Cambio Healthcare Systems (ICT tools).

The number of companies has gone from five to 21, 1997-2009. ICT tools and Electromechanical medical devices have both gone from zero to five and are responsible for a large share of the increased number of companies.

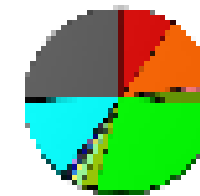
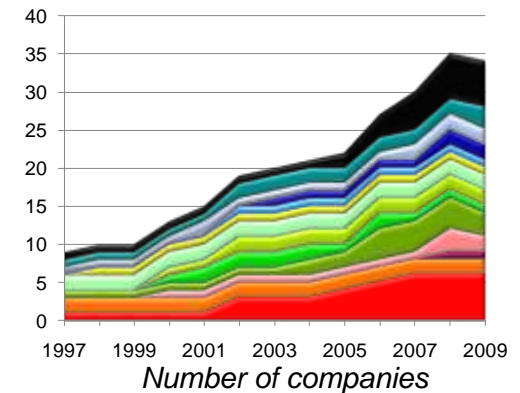


Proportion of employees 2009

# Region Umeå

The number of life science industry employees in the Umeå region was almost 1,400 in 2009, a small increase since 2006. In Umeå the larger companies are mainly involved in manufacturing, but there is also a number of small, research-intensive companies. The Umeå region (Luleå) is home to Liko (patient transfer aids), showing a significant growth over the period studied.

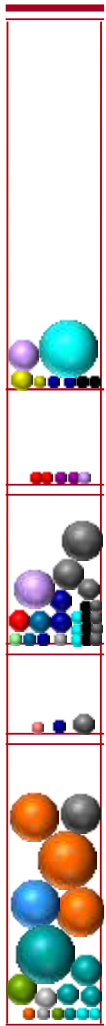
The number of life science companies has gone from nine to 34 companies. Also in Umeå, ICT tools has seen an increase, from one to six firms. The same result is seen for the business segment of Drug discovery and development.



Proportion of employees 2009



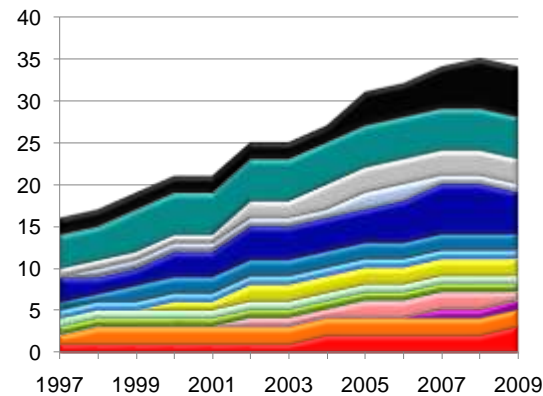
# Rest of Sweden



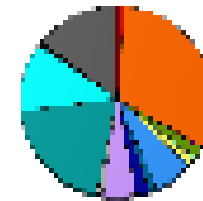
Others

Relatively few companies in the stated business segments are found outside the above regions and few are research-intensive companies. The total number of employees amounts to more than 2,100 which is about the same number of employees as in 2006. There are some companies involved in product development and manufacturing. Two of the growing companies during the studied period are Cambrex Karlskoga and Clean Chemical Sweden (CCS) in Borlänge. The major business segments are Drug production, Reusable and single-use devices, Assistive products for disabled people and Healthcare facility products and adaptations.

The increased number of companies is not as apparent as for the rest of Sweden and the number has gone from 16 to 34. ICT tools, Electromechanical medical devices and Reusable and single-use devices are responsible for much of this increase.

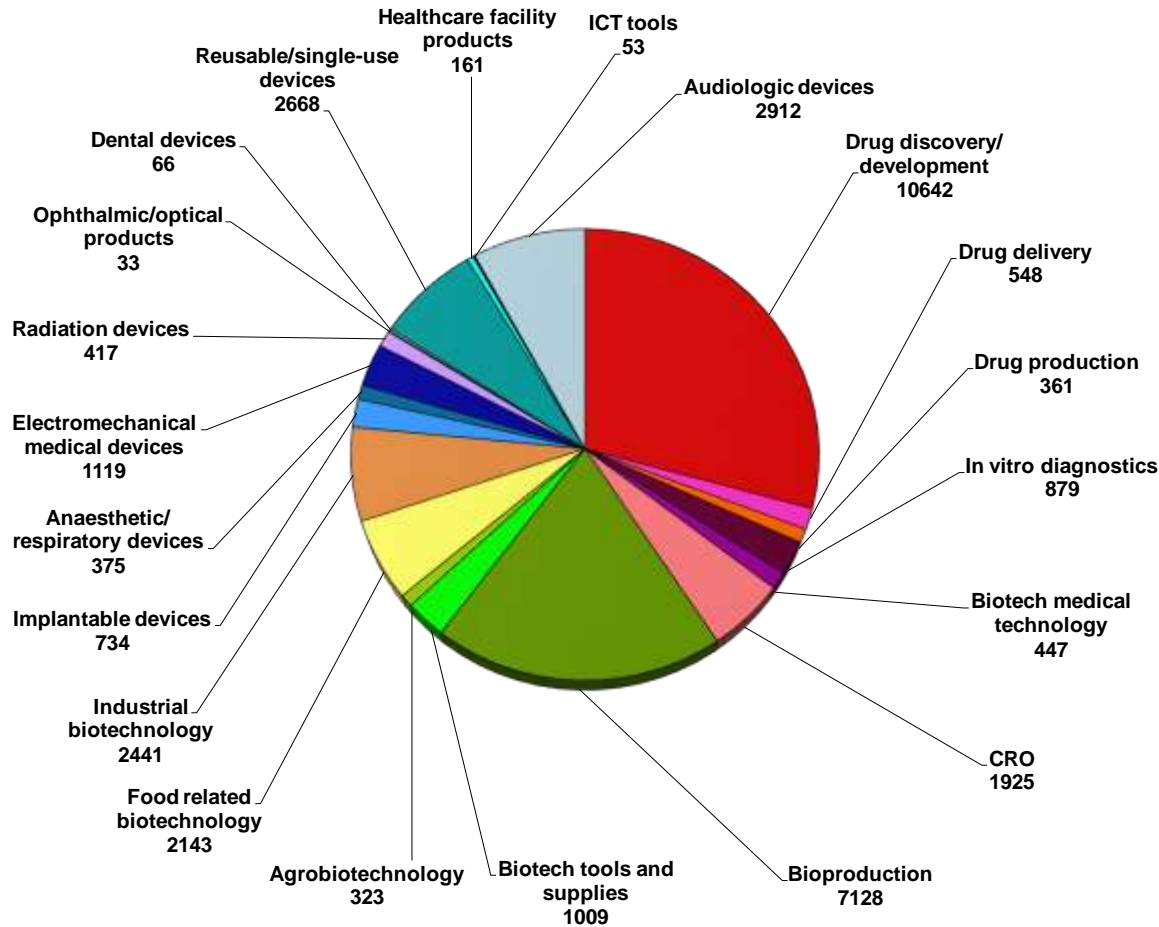


Number of companies



Proportion of employees

# 7. DENMARK



*Number of employees*

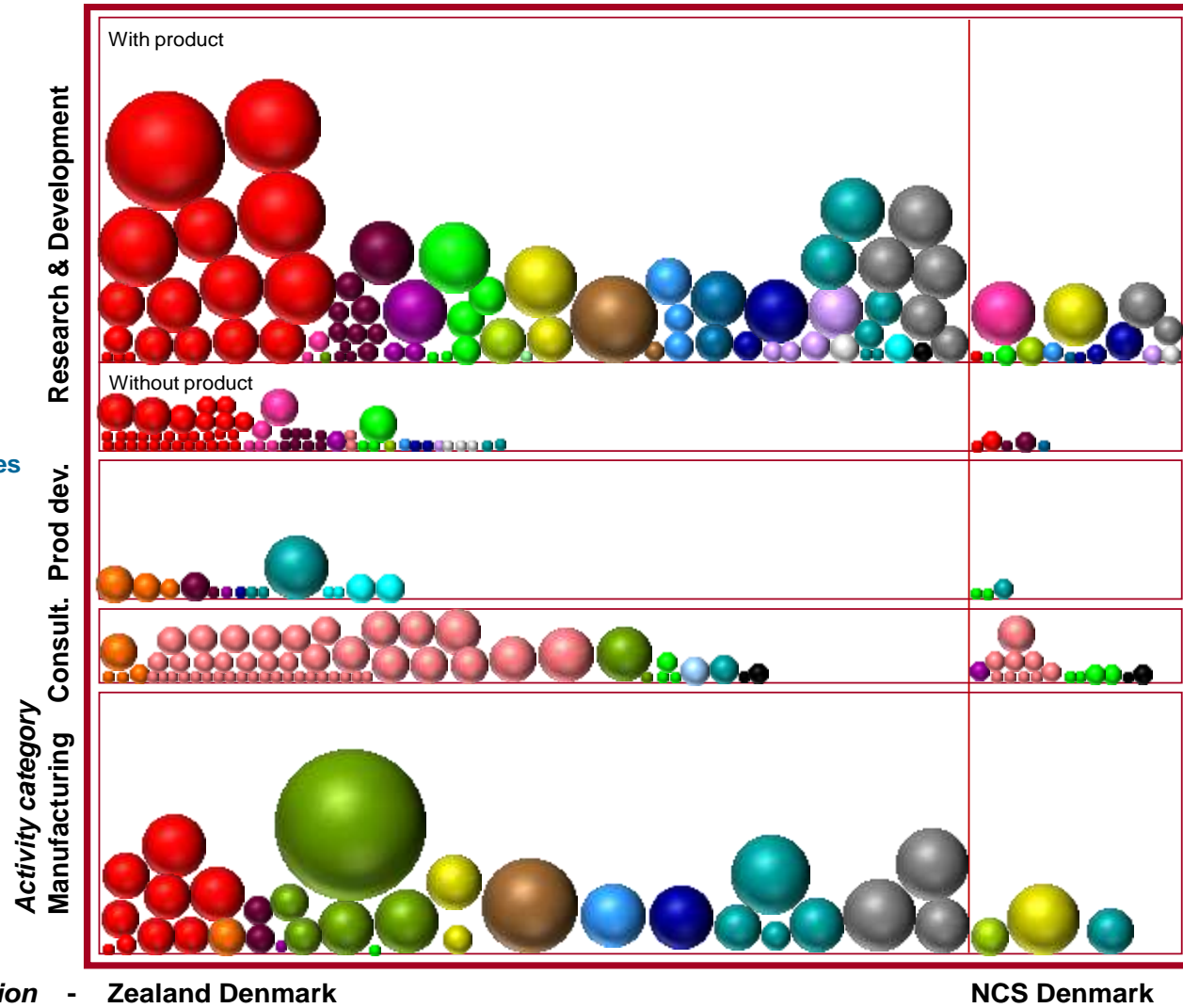
The Danish life science industry comprises 325 companies with a total of almost 36,400 employees (37,400 in 2006) involved in manufacturing, consultancy, product development and/or research and development in 2009. Companies focusing only on sales and marketing are not included for either Sweden or Denmark. Large companies or corporate groups with over 500 employees involved in different activities have been separated so that the employees are assigned to the proper types of activities (vertical axis). Units in different regions have also been considered (horizontal axis).

The Danish life science industry is dominated by Novo Nordisk, with more than 25% of the total number of employees. The industrial structure also includes another 33 companies with over 250 employees and 60 medium sized companies. The number of SMEs (1-250 employees) is about 240.

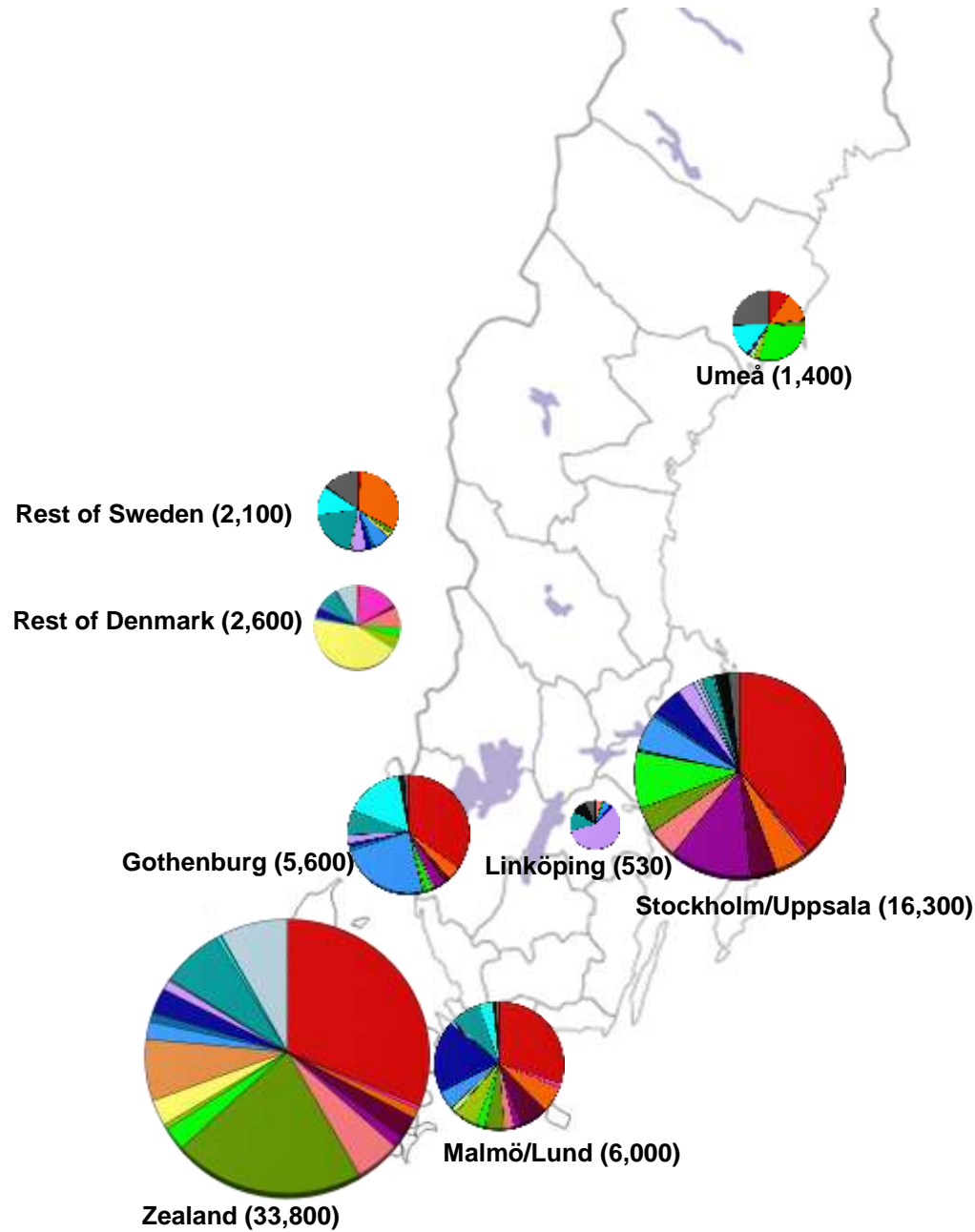
Over 90% of the employees are located in eastern Denmark. Most of the larger business segments include a few large companies which have major impact on segment size. This applies particularly to Drug discovery and development, which is dominated by Novo Nordisk. However, Leo Pharmaceuticals and H. Lundbeck, also have over 1,000 employees in the drug discovery and development segment. Novozymes dominates Industrial biotechnology. Coloplast is the largest medical technology company with more than 1,000 employees, but ten other medtech companies have over 250 employees, including three Audiological device firms (Oticon, Widex and GN Resound).

# Cluster Profile Denmark

- Drug discovery/development
- Drug delivery
- Drug production
- In vitro diagnostics
- Biotech medical technology
- CRO
- Bioproduction
- Biotech tools and supplies
- Agrobiotechnology
- Environmental biotechnology
- Food related biotechnology
- Industrial biotechnology
- Implantable devices
- Anaesthetic/respiratory devices
- Electromedical devices
- Radiation devices
- Ophthalmic/optical products
- Dental devices
- Reusable/single-use devices
- Healthcare facility products
- ICT tools
- Audiologic devices



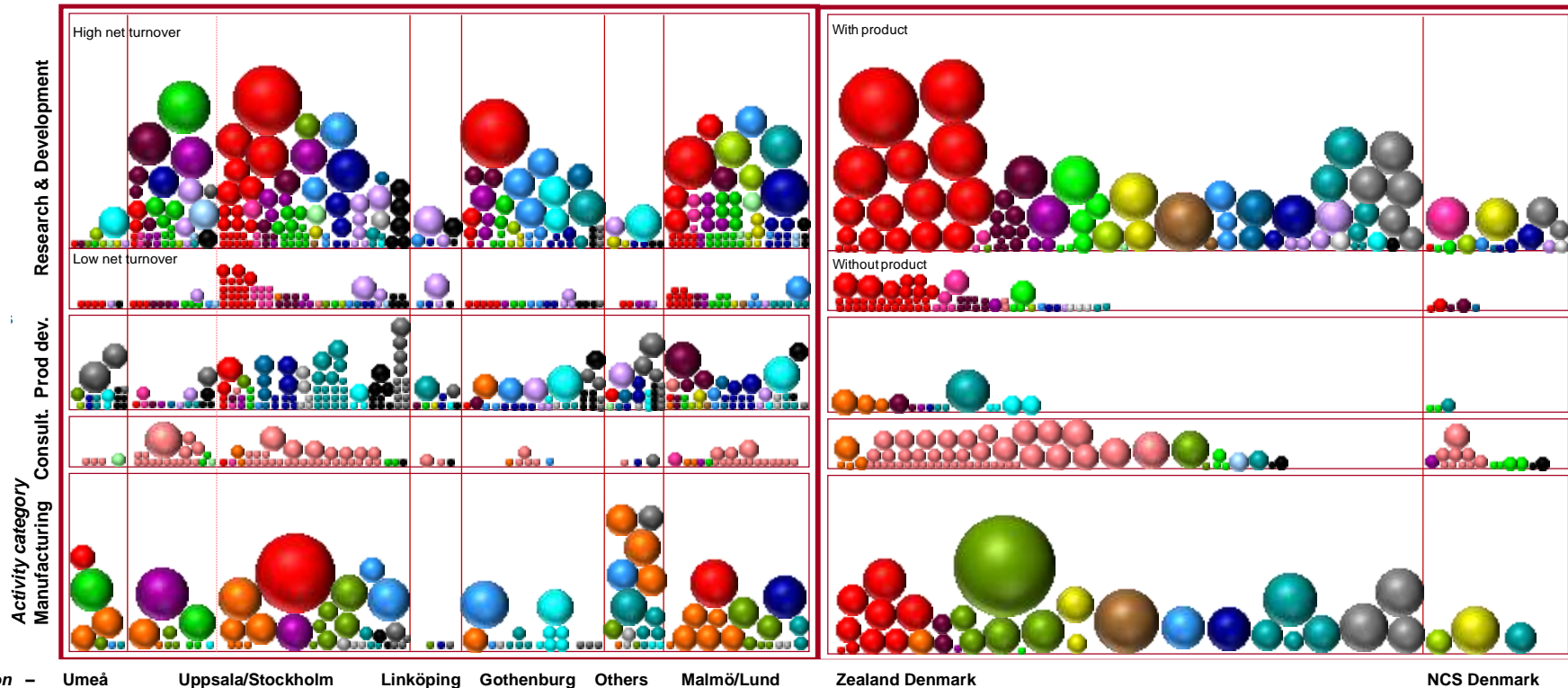
# 8. SWEDEN-DENMARK



Sweden has more than twice as many companies as Denmark, while the number of employees is slightly lower. The number of employees in Sweden and Denmark is over 32,000 (34,000 in 2006) and almost 36,400 (37,400 in 2006) in about 700 and 325 companies, respectively. Thus both countries have seen a reduction in the number of employees since 2006. The reduction in Denmark is spread among several companies which have reduced their staff by more than 200 employees each, whereas the bulk of the Swedish reduction can be attributed to AstraZeneca and Pfizer.

The Danish industrial structure includes more companies with more than 1,000 employees and far fewer SMEs. The industrial structure also differs when it comes to dividing the companies into business segments. Drug discovery and development have a similar, and dominant, share in the two countries but e.g. the Bioproduction, Food related and Industrial biotechnology segments are much larger in Denmark whilst the Biotech medical technology, Biotech tools and supplies, Healthcare facility products and adaptations and Implantable devices segments are much larger in Sweden. Also, in Denmark the field of Audiological devices is a narrow segment of significant size whereas Sweden has few such companies. Thus it is unnecessary to include such a segment for Sweden (for example, Cochlear Bone Anchored Solutions in Gothenburg is found in Implantable devices).

# Cluster Profile Sweden - Denmark



**Drug discovery/development**  
**Drug delivery**  
**Drug production**  
**In vitro diagnostics**  
**Biotech medical technology**  
**CRO**

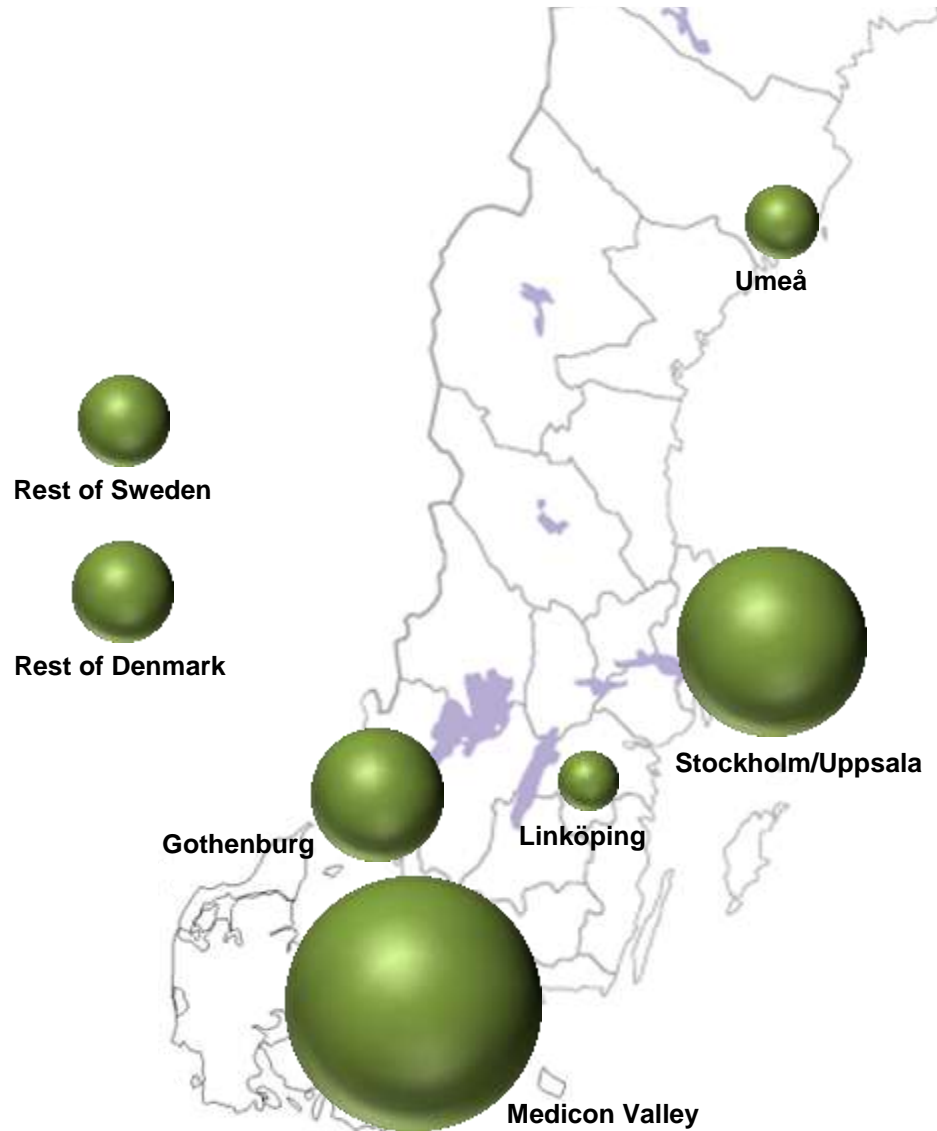
**Bioproduction**  
**Biotech tools and supplies**  
**Agrobiotechnology**  
**Environmental biotechnology**  
**Food related biotechnology**  
**Industrial biotechnology**

**Implantable devices**  
**Anaesthetic/respiratory devices**  
**Electromechanical medical devices**  
**Radiation devices**  
**Ophthalmic/optical products**  
**Dental devices**

**Reusable/single-use devices**  
**Healthcare facility products**  
**ICT tools**  
**Assistive products for disabled**  
**Audiologic devices**

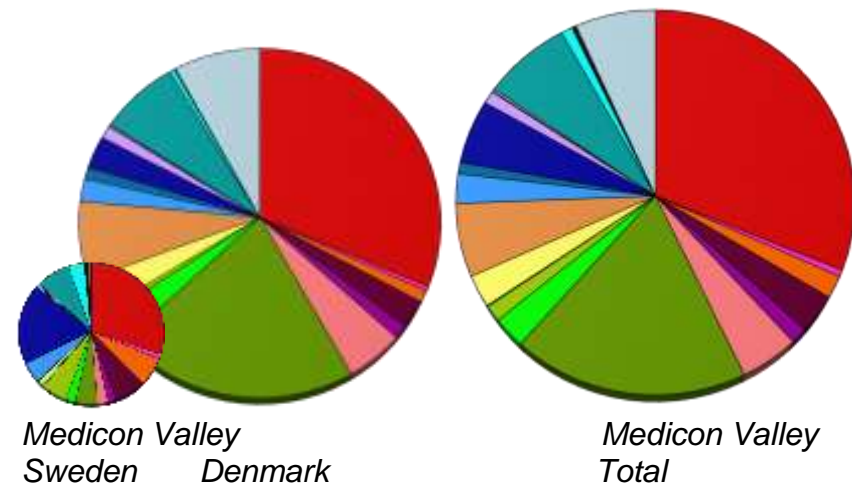


# Medicon Valley

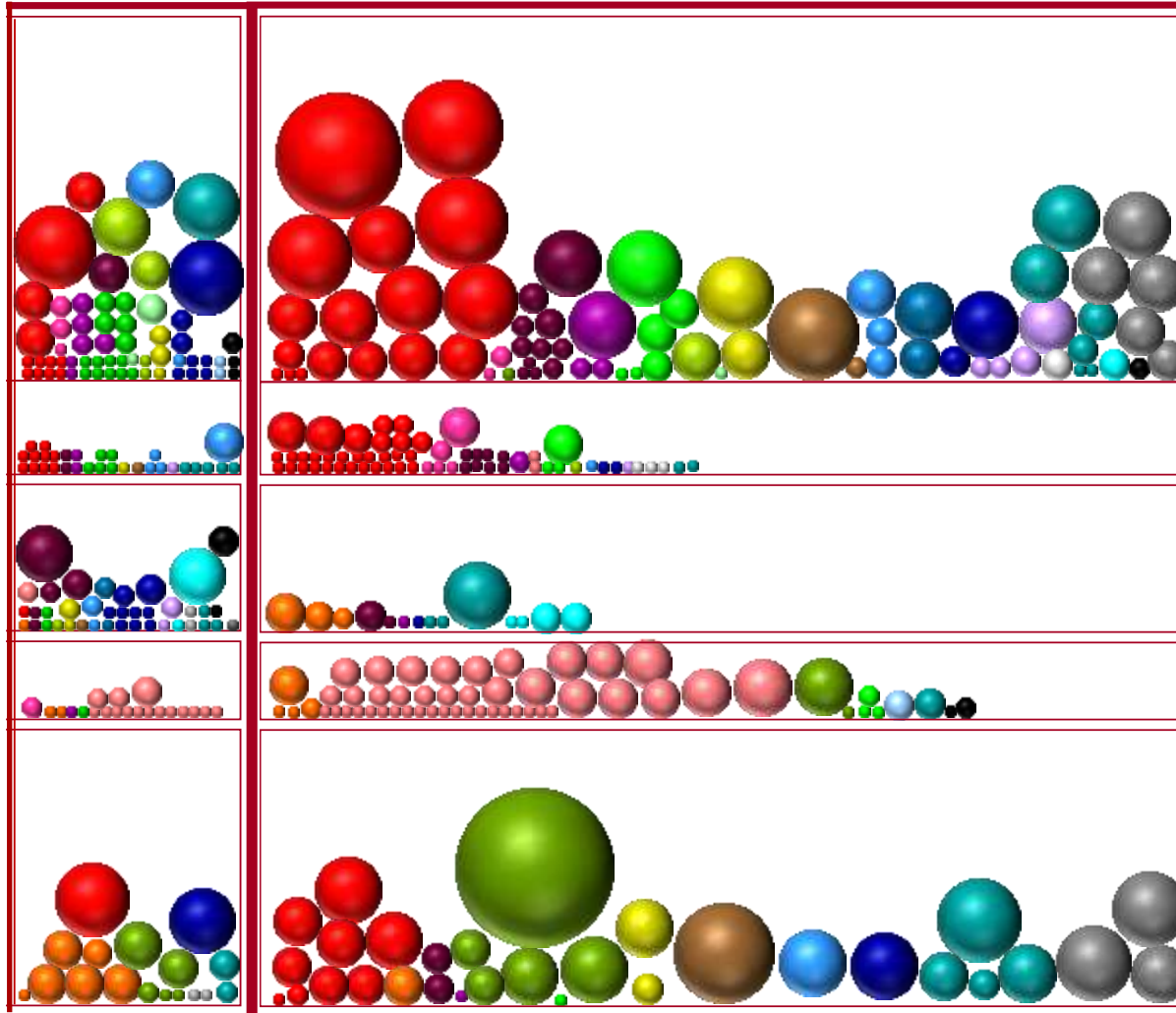


Medicon Valley is a bi-national cluster spanning the island of Zealand with the capital Copenhagen in eastern Denmark and the Skåne region of southern Sweden, including Malmö and Lund. The Medicon Valley region has about 40,000 employees in the life science industry. This is equal to 93% of all Danish plus 19% of all Swedish employees in companies with R&D and/or production and/or consultants, making the life science industry in this region larger than in either of the two countries.

In 2009, there were almost 33,800 employees on the Danish side (34,600 in 2006) and about 6,000 employees on the Swedish side (5,300 in 2006).



# Cluster Profile MedicinValley



- Drug discovery/development
- Drug delivery
- Drug production
- In vitro diagnostics
- Biotech medical technology
- CRO
- Bioproduction
- Biotech tools and supplies
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- ICT tools
- Assistive products for disabled
- Audiologic devices

# 9. List of companies Sweden

## Drug discovery and development

### > 250 employees

AstraZeneca AB  
Swedish Orphan Biovitrum AB (Publ)  
Pfizer AB  
McNeil AB

### 51 - 250 employees

Orexo AB  
Bioinvent International AB  
Medivir AB  
Active Biotech Research AB, Active Biotech AB  
Meda AB  
Karo Bio AB  
Oasmia Pharmaceutical AB

### 11 - 50 employees

Neurosearch Sweden AB  
Abigo Medical AB  
Sentoclone AB  
Inovacia AB  
Bioarctic Neuroscience AB  
Isconova AB  
Biophausia AB  
Betagenon AB  
Actar AB  
Neuronova AB  
Index Pharmaceuticals AB  
Anamar AB  
Diamyd Therapeutics AB

### 1 - 10 employees

Creative Antibiotics Sweden AB  
Moberg Derma AB  
Pharmasurgics In Sweden AB

Avaris AB  
Nordsviten AB  
Aprea AB  
Dilafor AB  
Tikomed AB  
Hansa Medical AB  
Niconovum AB  
Axcentua Pharmaceuticals AB  
Oxthera AB  
Imed AB  
Recopharma AB  
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Redoxis AB  
Omnio Healer AB  
Umecrine AB  
Got-A-Gene AB  
Cardoz AB  
Chronotech Pharma AB  
Independent Pharmaceutica AB  
Lipopeptide AB  
Pharmalundensis AB  
Helicure AB  
Onco Targeting AB  
Umecrine Mood AB  
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Essentys AB  
Glycovisc Biotech AB  
Cortendo Invest AB  
Cebix AB  
Neurovive Pharmaceutical AB



Bacilltech AB  
Everygene AB  
Synphora AB  
Nectin AB  
Hyron Biomedical AB  
Glucox Biotech AB  
Swenora Biotech AB  
Adenovir Pharma AB  
Exicure AB  
Mivac Development AB  
Umandiagnostics AB  
Neobiotics AB  
Pharmalink AB  
Dextech Medical AB  
Oncoreg AB  
Eribis Pharmaceuticals AB  
Clanotech AB  
Pep-Tonic Medical AB  
Atomos Drug Discovery Services AB  
Oxypharma AB

## Drug delivery

### 11 - 50 employees

SHL Group AB  
Camurus AB  
Galenica AB  
Magle AB  
Renapharma-Vifor AB

### 1 - 10 employees

Novadex Pharmaceuticals AB  
Xspray Microparticles AB  
Inhalation Sciences Sweden AB  
Viscogel AB  
Zelmic AB  
Eurocine Vaccines AB  
Med Coat AB  
Hans Lennernäs Biomedical AB

Quinnova Development AB  
Pergamum AB  
Jederstrom Pharmaceuticals AB  
Latorius AB  
Isovent AB  
Medinvent AB  
Softcure Pharmaceuticals AB  
Stratosphere Pharma AB  
Akinion Pharmaceuticals AB

## Drug production

### > 250 employees

Apoteket Produktion & Laboratorier AB  
Recipharm Stockholm AB, Recipharm AB  
Cambrex Karlskoga AB

### 51 - 250 employees

Recipharm Karlskoga AB  
Kemwell AB  
CCS, Clean Chemical Sweden AB  
QPharma AB  
Carmel Pharma AB  
Bioglan AB  
Rechon Life Science AB  
Recipharm Strängnäs AB  
Unimedica AB

### 11 - 50 employees

Recipharm Höganäs AB  
Syntagon AB

### 1 - 10 employees

Ramidus AB  
Hebi Health Care AB  
Gordic Sweden AB  
Chemilia AB  
Mglas Scandinavia AB  
Isosep AB

Biotekpro AB  
M&D Packaging AB  
FPA Konsult AB  
Biosafe AB  
Approval Engineering AB  
Metina AB

## In vitro diagnostics

### > 250 employees

Phadia AB  
Hemocue AB

### 51 - 250 employees

Euro-Diagnostica AB  
Cepheid AB  
Allergon AB

### 11 - 50 employees

Mercodia AB  
AB Biomérieux  
Fujirebio Diagnostics AB  
Svanova Biotech AB  
Miab Mälarinvest AB  
Chemotechnique MB Diagnostics AB  
Histocenter-Skandinaviskt Centrum För Histotekni  
IDL Biotech AB

### 1 - 10 employees

Lifeassays AB (Publ)  
Bactus AB  
Cavidi AB  
Maiia AB  
Wieslab AB  
Zafena AB  
Athera Biotechnologies AB  
Boule Diagnostics International AB  
Servotek AB  
Nordic Biomarker AB

Devyser AB  
Biovator AB  
AIM Pharma AB  
Celoxio AB  
Biovica International AB  
Aprovix AB  
Arocell AB  
Alimenta Medical AB  
Cytogenomics Sverige AB  
Findout Diagnostic AB

## Biotech medical technology

### > 250 employees

Fresenius Kabi AB  
Octapharma AB  
Q-Med AB

### 51 - 250 employees

Vitrolife Sweden AB, Vitrolife Sweden Instruments AB  
CMA Microdialysis AB

### 11 - 50 employees

Bohus Biotech AB  
Artimplant AB  
Biora AB  
Carmeda AB  
Olerup Ssp AB  
Glycorex Transplantation AB (Publ)  
Nidacon International AB  
Bone Support AB

### 1 - 10 employees

Glycoprobe AB  
Corline Systems AB  
Alteco Medical AB  
Dental Therapeutics AB  
Senzime AB (Publ.)  
Ellen AB

Glycorex AB  
Biopolymer Products Of Sweden AB  
SSP Primers AB  
3H Biomedical AB  
Spiber Technologies AB  
Arterion AB  
Calmark Sweden AB  
Celltrix AB  
Novahep AB  
Encecor AB  
Cytacoat AB  
Cellmatrix AB  
Arcimboldo AB  
Gothenburg IVFAB

## CRO companies

### > 250 employees

Quintiles AB

### 51 - 250 employees

TFS Trial Form Support AB  
PPD Scandinavia AB

### 11 - 50 employees

A+ Science AB  
IRW-Consulting AB  
Parexel Sweden AB  
Pharma Consulting Group in Uppsala AB  
Kendle Sweden AB  
NDA Regulatory Service AB  
Sofus Stockholm Consulting AB  
Statisticon AB  
Jöns Jacob Berzelius Clinical Research Center AB  
Stricent AB  
Cross Technology Solutions AB  
Smerud Medical Research Sweden AB  
TFS Trial Form Support International AB  
Commitum AB

### 1 - 10 employees

Scandinavian Regulatory Services AB  
Synergus AB  
Epiq Life Science AB  
Encorium Sweden AB  
Cyncron AB  
A+ Science Umeå AB  
Q Advance Compliance & Validation AB  
Scandinavian CRO AB  
Biocontactor AB  
Imagnia AB  
Pharmacontrol MQL AB  
NDA Group AB  
PRA International Sweden AB  
Visionar Preclinical AB  
Colloidal Resource AB  
Center För Läkemedelsstudier i Malmö AB  
Pharm Assist Sweden AB  
Omnicare Clinical Research AB  
Pygargus AB  
Orphan Europe Nordic AB  
Pharmtech AB  
Habeco AB  
Chiltern International AB  
SEDOC Pharmaceutical Medicine AB  
LBM Elektronik AB  
ARA Life Science AB  
Medos AB  
Amellus AB  
Umbilicus Nordica AB  
Promech Lab Holding AB  
Medcore AB  
Hylae Clinical Research AB  
Porten Pharmaceutical AB  
Croel AB  
Medpace Sweden AB  
Pronexus Analytical AB  
Methra Uppsala AB  
Venaticus AB  
Scandinavian Outcomes AB

Regman AB  
Cardiocon AB  
Fyzikon AB  
Acureomics AB  
Sanrui AB  
Arandi Development AB  
Pro Saludis AB  
Life Science Management Laboratories i Uppsala A  
Monitour AB

## Bioproduction

### > 250 employees

Pfizer Health AB

### 51 - 250 employees

Polypeptide Laboratories (Sweden) AB  
Crucell Sweden AB  
Novozymes Biopharma Sweden AB  
DSM Anti-Infectives Sweden AB

### 11 - 50 employees

Scandinavian Gene Synthesis AB  
Recipharm Biologics AB  
Mabtech AB  
Unitech Biopharma AB  
Medicago AB  
Protista International AB, Protista Biotechnology AB  
Agrisera AB  
Bioreal (Sweden) AB  
Atlas Antibodies AB

### 1 - 10 employees

Ova Production AB  
Innovagen AB  
Immun System I.M.S. AB  
TDB Consultancy AB  
Medisera AB  
Ferring AB

Inro Biomedtek AB  
Xbrane Bioscience AB  
Probac AB  
Yo Proteins AB

## Biotech tools and supplies

### > 250 employees

GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences AB

### 51 - 250 employees

Biotage Sweden AB

### 11 - 50 employees

Cellartis AB  
Gyros AB  
Attana AB  
Affibody AB  
Olink AB  
Olink Genomics AB  
Cellecricon AB  
MIP Technologies AB  
Alligator Bioscience AB  
Biosensor Applications Sweden AB  
Mitrionics AB  
Vironova AB (Publ)  
Tataa Biocenter AB

### 1 - 10 employees

Biolin Scientific AB  
Q-Sense AB  
Absorber AB  
Biothema AB  
Denator AB  
Peviva AB  
Genovis AB  
Beactica AB  
GE Healthcare AB  
Norddiag AB

Q-Linea AB  
Ludesi AB  
Scanbi Diagnostics AB  
Dynamic Code AB  
Nanoxis AB  
Belach Bioteknik AB  
Biochromix AB  
Ridgeview Instruments AB  
Chemel AB (Publ)  
Cybergene AB  
Acure Pharma AB  
Modpro AB  
Alphahelix Molecular Diagnostics AB (Publ)  
Saromics AB  
Symcel AB  
Nipeg Invest AB  
European Institute Of Science AB  
Midorion AB  
Clinical Gene Networks AB  
Qlucore AB  
Sigolis AB  
Omnio AB  
Multid Analyses AB  
Sidec AB  
Scandinavian Biotechnology Research (Scanbires)  
John Curling Consulting AB  
Immunicum AB  
Medicwave AB (Publ)  
Layerlab AB  
Bio-Hyos AB  
Percell Biolytica AB  
Inovata AB  
Quintessence Research AB Qrab  
Ph Plate Microplate Techniques AB  
BT Biomedical Technology AB  
Biodev AB  
Novaferm AB  
Dynabyte Biolabs AB  
Oligovation AB  
Medcap AB (Publ)

## Agrobiotechnology

**> 250 employees**  
Syngenta Seeds AB

**51 - 250 employees**  
Lantmännen Sw Seed AB

**11 - 50 employees**  
Swetree Technologies AB

**1 - 10 employees**  
Maselaboratorierna AB  
Plant Science Sweden AB  
Nya Bionema AB  
Binab Bio-Innovation AB  
Crop Tailor AB  
In-Gene AB

## Environmental biotechnology

**11 - 50 employees**  
Scandinavian Biogas Fuels AB  
Anoxkaldnes AB  
Ekologisk Teknologi i Skellefteå AB

**1 - 10 employees**  
Invekta Green AB  
Sysav Utveckling AB  
Biobact AB  
AB Thalassa

## Food related biotechnology

**11 - 50 employees**  
Biogaia AB  
LTP Lipid Technologies Provider AB  
Probi AB  
Kemikalia AB

### **1 - 10 employees**

Essum AB  
Labrobot Products AB  
Indevex AB (Publ)  
Indevex Watertech AB  
Concellae AB  
Amicus Scandinavia AB  
Celac Sweden AB  
Proequo AB

## **Industrial biotechnology**

### **1 - 10 employees**

Xylophane AB  
Organoclick AB  
Appeartex AB

## **Implantable devices - active and non-active**

### **> 250 employees**

Astra Tech AB  
St. Jude Medical AB  
Nobel Biocare AB

### **51 - 250 employees**

Cochlear Bone Anchored Solutions AB  
Atos Medical AB  
Elos Medtech Timmersdala AB  
Biomet Cementing Technologies AB

### **11 - 50 employees**

Biomain AB  
Swemac Orthopaedics AB  
Osstell AB

### **1 - 10 employees**

Doxa AB  
Surgical Inventions Jan Bertil Wieslander AB  
Oticon Medical AB

Tigran Technologies AB (Publ)  
Ospol AB  
Denzir Production AB  
Integrum AB  
Promimic AB  
Craniofacial Reconstruction Ta AB  
Brånemark Center Göteborg AB  
Limedic AB  
Addbio AB  
Carponovum AB  
Swemac Medical Appliances AB  
Hedelin & Co AB  
Udesign Ögonkonsult AB  
Iopharma Technologies AB  
Rickard Brånemark Consulting AB  
AB Immuno  
P & B Research AB  
Prozeo Vascular Implant AB

## **Anaesthetic and respiratory devices**

### **51 - 250 employees**

Breas Medical AB

### **11 - 50 employees**

Phasein AB  
Aerocrine AB  
Artema Medical AB  
Nonin Medical AB (Publ)  
Anmedic AB  
Airsonett AB

### **1 - 10 employees**

Aspira Medical AB  
Accelerator Nordic AB  
Sedana Medical AB  
Clinova Medical Innovation Dr Per Ljungvall AB  
Aloro Medical AB

## Electromechanical medical devices

### > 250 employees

Gambro Lundia AB  
Maquet Critical Care AB

### 51 - 250 employees

St. Jude Medical Systems AB  
Boule Medical AB

### 11 - 50 employees

Gambro AB  
Cellavision AB  
Perimed AB  
Ortivus AB  
DJO Nordic AB  
Neovanta Medical AB  
Jolife AB  
Dilab i Lund AB  
Aurena Laboratories AB  
Aiolos Medical AB

### 1 - 10 employees

Medirox AB  
Spectro Analytic Irradia AB  
Sapheneia Commercial Products AB  
Qbtech AB  
Cefar-Compex Medical AB  
Hök Instrument AB  
Ingenjörfirman Björn Bergdahl AB  
Everymed AB  
Medical Vision AB  
Sensodetect AB  
Prostalund Operations AB  
Somedic AB  
Micus Sverige AB  
Igelösa Life Science AB  
Milmedtek AB  
Entomed AB

Photonova Of Sweden AB  
Biolight AB  
Conroy Medical AB  
Medivet Scandinavian AB  
Demetech AB  
Neodynamics AB  
Obstecare AB  
Medicpen AB (Publ)  
Neovantor Medicinsk Innovation AB  
Ceram AB  
Pharmacell AB  
Ljungberg & Kögel AB  
TI Elektromedicin AB  
Likvor AB  
Cardiolex AB  
Curictus AB  
Triomed AB  
Comair Professor Hans Wiksell AB  
Tilly Medical Products AB  
PBM - Stress Medicine Systems AB  
Syspiro Diagnostics AB  
Medtentia AB  
Biooptico AB  
Novosense AB  
Emotra AB

## Radiation devices - diagnostic and therapeutic

### 51 - 250 employees

Elekta Instrument AB, Elekta AB  
Sectra-Imtec AB  
Gems Pet Systems AB  
Sectra Mamea AB  
Unfors Instruments AB  
Arcoma AB  
GE Healthcare Sverige AB



### **11 - 50 employees**

Sectra AB  
Uppsala Imanet AB  
Contextvision AB  
RTI Electronics AB  
IBA Dosimetry AB  
Xcounter AB  
Hermes Medical Solutions AB  
Triacon Scientific AB  
Scandidos AB

### **1 - 10 employees**

C-Rad AB  
C-Rad Positioning AB  
Oncolog Medical Qa AB  
C-Rad Imaging AB  
Krucom AB  
Turon Medtech AB  
RSA Biomedical AB  
Breis & Co AB  
Micropos Medical AB (Publ)  
Synthetic Mr AB (Publ)  
Spectracure AB  
Bioresonator AB  
Medfield Diagnostics AB  
Scint-X AB  
Hammercap AB  
Beampoint AB

## **Ophthalmic and optical products**

### **51 - 250 employees**

AMO Uppsala AB

### **1 - 10 employees**

Lynn AB (Publ)  
Premacure AB  
Exomed AB  
Retcorr AB

Phacotreat AB

## **Dental devices**

### **11 - 50 employees**

Dentatus AB  
Belas AB  
Directa AB  
Amdent AB  
AB Ardent

### **1 - 10 employees**

Nordiska Dental AB  
J.H. Orsing AB  
Orasolv AB  
Svenska Dentorama AB  
AB Depro  
Swedish Dental Supplies AB  
Sendoline AB  
Aristodent AB  
Ceramatic Instrument AB  
Dentosystem Scandinavia AB  
Mirrodent AB  
Dental In Sweden AB  
Cleandent Sweden AB

## **Reusable and single-use devices**

### **> 250 employees**

Becton Dickinson Infusion Therapy AB  
Attends Healthcare AB  
Mölnlycke Health Care AB

### **51 - 250 employees**

Cenova AB  
Aritco Lift AB

### **11 - 50 employees**

Akla AB

Stille AB  
Orifice Medical AB  
Flexmed AB  
Convatec (Sweden) AB  
Hammarplast Medical AB  
Cellcomb AB  
Bactiguard AB  
Plasma Surgical AB  
Inmedic AB  
Conroy Production AB  
Rolf Kullgren AB

**1 - 10 employees**

Trollhätteplast AB  
Gridline AB  
Scanflex Medical AB  
Nolabs AB  
K48 Konsult AB  
Bio-Hospital AB  
Apriomed AB  
Item Development AB  
Pharma Systems Ps AB  
Sanicare AB  
Spago Imaging AB  
Microbiotech/Se AB  
Dignitana AB  
Vivoline Medical AB  
Ascendia Medtech AB  
Quickels Systems AB  
Optima Scandinavia AB  
Ursus Medical AB  
Quickcool AB  
Eskilstuna Instrumentverkstad AB  
Calmed AB  
Höjmed Medical AB  
Mercan AB  
Cathprint AB  
Entpro AB  
SF-Kirurgia AB  
Antrad Medical AB

CMC Contrast AB  
Inoris Medical AB  
Victrix AB  
AB Nordic Medifield Service  
Corisco AB  
Actimed Plast AB  
T A Contrast AB  
Wennbergs Finmek AB  
Cimatex AB  
Mellby Medical AB

## Information and communication tools

**51 - 250 employees**

Cambio Healthcare Systems AB  
Compugroup Medical Sweden AB  
Mawell Scandinavia AB, Mawell Svenska AB  
Raysearch Laboratories AB (Publ)

**11 - 50 employees**

Mentice AB  
STT Condigi AB  
System Outsourcing Services Uppsala AB  
Agfa Healthcare Sweden AB  
Omnitor AB  
Falck Igel AB  
Health Solutions Svenska AB  
Cogmed Systems AB, Cogmed Sverige AB  
Exini Diagnostics AB

**1 - 10 employees**

Surgical Science Sweden AB  
Diabetes Tools Sweden AB  
Open In Sweden Care AB  
Aidera AB  
Dentaleye AB  
Internetmedicin i Göteborg AB  
Distributed Medical AB  
Bergsjö Data AB

Redsense Medical AB  
Zenikor Medical Systems AB  
Action Caring Sweden AB  
Sanocore AB  
Omnius AB  
Box Play Alleato AB  
Karlsson & Novak Medical AB  
Melerit AB  
Ceterum AB  
Meditalk AB  
Sencere Medical AB  
Livanda-Internetkliniken AB  
Medviso AB  
Uptoit AB  
Synaps Teknisk Utveckling AB  
Telexmedica Kliniska Telemedicin AB  
Inline Dss AB  
Inovacor AB  
G4 IT AB  
Rätt Spår i Uppsala AB  
Reachin Technologies AB  
Sverker Jern Utbildning AB  
Megra Studio AB  
Graftcraft i Göteborg AB  
Libego AB  
Careit - Selfhelponline (Solutions) AB  
Qbion AB  
Comai AB  
QP Quality Pharma Medtech AB  
Kiwok Development AB  
Bäwer & Nilsson AB

## Healthcare facility products and adaptations

### > 250 employees

Getinge Sterilization AB  
Arjo Ltd Med. AB

### 51 - 250 employees

Arjo, Arjo Scandinavia, Arjo Hospital Equipment, Arjohuntleigh International  
Getinge Disinfection AB  
Liko, Liko Produktion, Liko Research & Development, Liko Textil  
Getinge Infection Control AB  
Getinge, Getinge Sverige, Getinge International

### 11 - 50 employees

Getinge Skärhamn AB  
Handicare AB  
Sjöbloms Sjukvårdsutrustning AB  
Mercado Produktion AB  
Oscar Instrument AB  
Care Of Sweden AB  
Remeda AB

### 1 - 10 employees

Rini Ergoteknik AB  
Reison Medical AB  
Proton Caretec AB  
Medicvent AB  
Vegoria Produktion AB  
D-Tec AB  
Toul Meditech AB  
Molift AB  
Caresia AB  
ES Equipment AB  
Jatab Care AB  
Combimobil AB  
Luki AB  
AO Innovation AB

## Assistive products for disabled people

### > 250 employees

Permobil AB

### 51 - 250 employees

Etac Sverige AB

Etac Supply Center AB  
Permobil Produktion AB

**11 - 50 employees**

Össur Nordic AB  
Abilia AB  
Lvi Low Vision International AB  
Mercado Medic AB  
Centri AB  
Anatomic Sitt i Norrköping AB  
Panthera Production AB  
Hantverksdesign & Rehabiliteringsprodukter AB  
Etac AB  
Excal AB  
Anatomic Sitt Produktion i Östergötland AB  
Kom i Kapp - Rehatek AB  
Gate Rehab Development AB  
Decon Wheel AB

**1 - 10 employees**

Ortolab AB  
Svan Care AB  
Mabs Int AB  
Kanmed AB

Handitek AB  
B.I.M.A. Plastteknik AB  
Synsupport Nordic Eye AB  
Nyedal Utveckling AB  
Swereco Rehab AB  
Gewab AB  
Handfast AB  
Anatomica AB  
Audiocare AB  
Promedvi AB  
Bioservo Technologies AB  
Mastercare AB  
Spina Medical AB  
Elvings Otoplastik AB  
Ago Innovator AB  
Osseofon AB  
Avanco AB  
Exaudio AB  
Gearwheel AB  
Bestic AB  
Cervrite AB  
Jump & Joy AB

# Tables

		Research & development	Product development	Consulting	Manufacturing	TOTAL
Total	Employees	15978	3466	1023	11520	31987
Pharmaceuticals	Employees	6756	288	921	6668	14633
Biotechnology	Employees	10311	123	51	5746	16231
Medical technology	Employees	7244	3122	74	4130	14570

*Distribution of companies and employees by activity category*

		Drug discovery and development	Drug delivery	Drug production (not biotech)	In vitro diagnostics	Biotech medical technology	CRO companies	Bioproduction (healthcare related)	Biotech tools and supplies	Agrobiotechnology	Environmental biotechnology	Food related biotechnology	Industrial biotechnology	Implantable devices - active and non-active	Anaesthetic and respiratory devices	Electromechanical medical devices	Radiation devices - diagnostic and therapeutic	Ophthalmic and optical products	Dental devices	Reusable and single-use devices	Information and communication tools	Healthcare facility products and adaptations	Assistive products for disabled people	Total
Total	Employees	10339	166	2242	1152	2261	934	1031	2111	424	97	118	17	2589	215	2045	1014	142	148	1627	582	1626	1107	31987
Pharmaceuticals	Employees	10339	166	2242	0	0	873	1013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14633
Biotechnology	Employees	9296	66	0	793	2261	17	1031	2111	424	97	117	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16230
Medical technology	Employees	0	0	0	1152	2261	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	2589	215	2045	1014	142	148	1627	582	1626	1107	14570

*Distribution of companies and employees by business segment*



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The data was supplemented by drawing on data lists for companies with NACE codes 244, 331, 73103 and 51460 from the Market Manager Partners database. Concerning companies identified by a NACE code, only those with at least one employee were categorised. In total, approximately 2,800 companies were categorised within the framework of this study. Companies were categorised on the basis of information from the companies' websites, other information on the Internet, patent applications, various studies and analyses on companies within the field and telephone conversations with many of the companies included. Information about the number of employees of each company, the year of establishment, the structure of groups of companies as well as the economic information was extracted from the consultancy firm Soliditet AB. Their database is based on information registered at the Swedish Companies Registration Office.

# Biotech definition

## **OECD biotechnology definition:**

The application of science and technology to living organisms as well as parts, products and models thereof, to alter living or non-living materials for the production of knowledge, goods and services

## **OECD list-based definition of biotechnology techniques:**

*DNA/RNA:* Genomics, pharmacogenomics, gene probes, genetic engineering, DNA/RNA sequencing/synthesis/amplification, gene expression profiling, and use of antisense technology.

*Proteins and other molecules:* Sequencing/synthesis/engineering of proteins and peptides (including large molecule hormones); improved delivery methods for large molecule drugs; proteomics, protein isolation and purification, signalling, identification of cell receptors.

*Cell and tissue culture and engineering:* Cell/tissue culture, tissue engineering (including tissue scaffolds and biomedical engineering), cellular fusion, vaccine/immune stimulants, embryo manipulation.

*Process biotechnology techniques:* Fermentation using bioreactors, bioprocessing, bioleaching, biopulping, biobleaching, biodesulphurisation, bioremediation, biofiltration and phytoremediation.

*Gene and RNA vectors:* Gene therapy, viral vectors.

*Bioinformatics:* Construction of databases on genomes, protein sequences; modelling complex biological processes including systems biology.

*Nanobiotechnology:* Applies the tools and processes of nano/microfabrication to build devices for studying biosystems and applications in drug delivery, diagnostics etc.

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