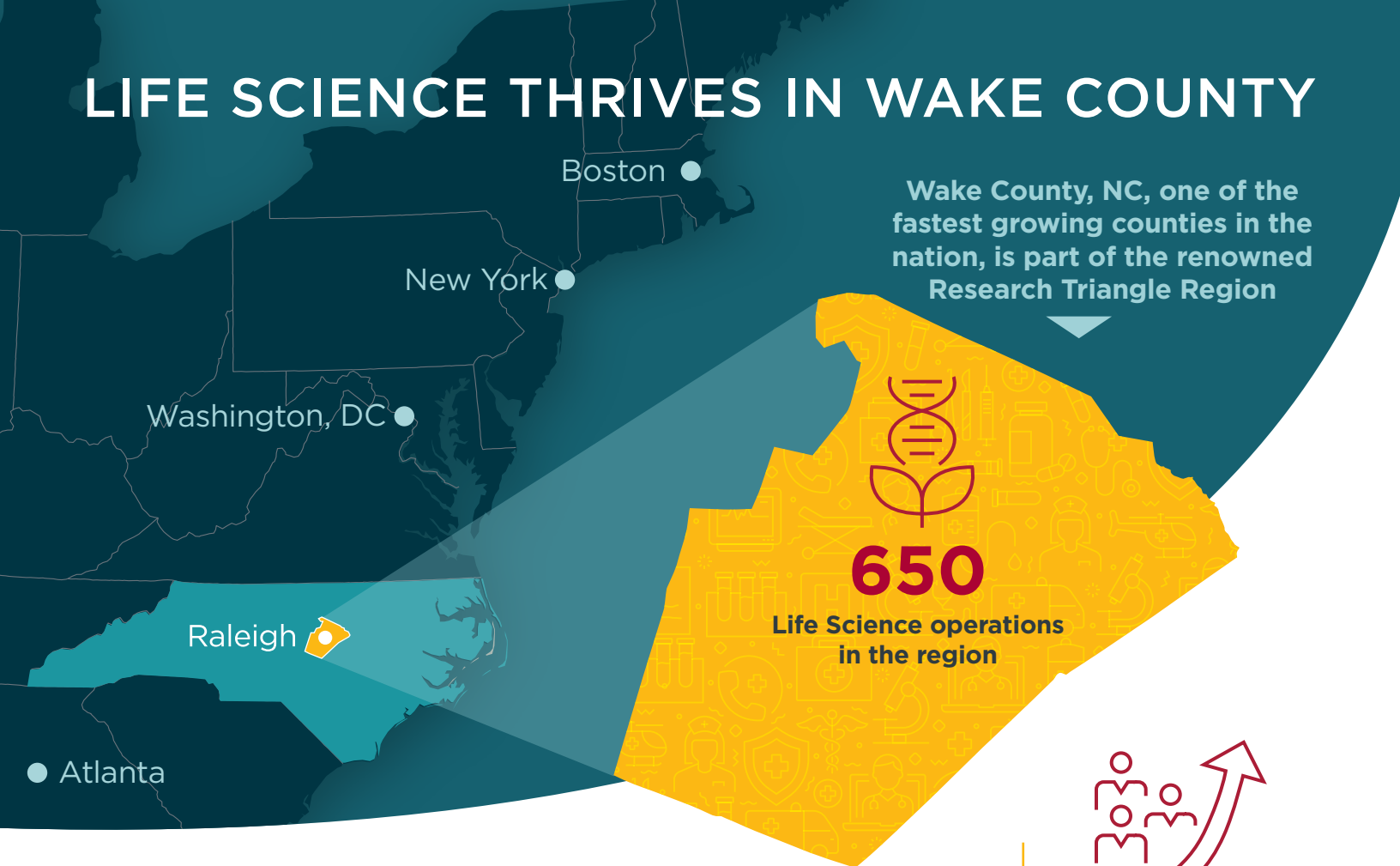
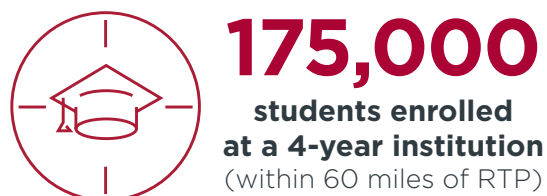
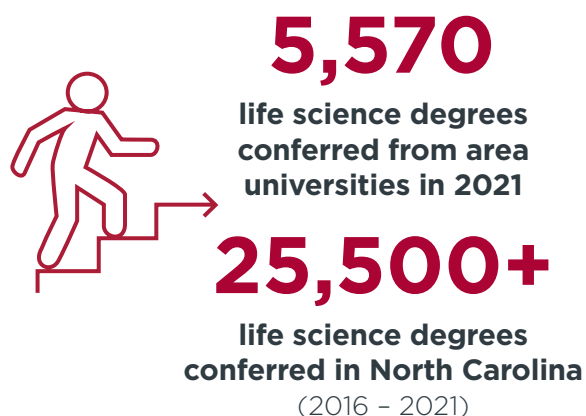


# LIFE SCIENCE THRIVES IN WAKE COUNTY



## WHERE INNOVATION AND TALENT MEET AFFORDABILITY

From CROs to CDMOs and cell & gene therapy, and startups to global leaders, companies flourish in this global life science hub. Wake County brings together the research, talent and community to scale the industry and move ideas to market.



Average asking rents for lab and R&D space (NNN SF)

**\$99.02**



Boston

**\$46.32**



Raleigh-Durham

Cost of living

**135.4**



Boston

**97.0**



Raleigh-Durham



Region growing daily

**by 100 people**



**38%**

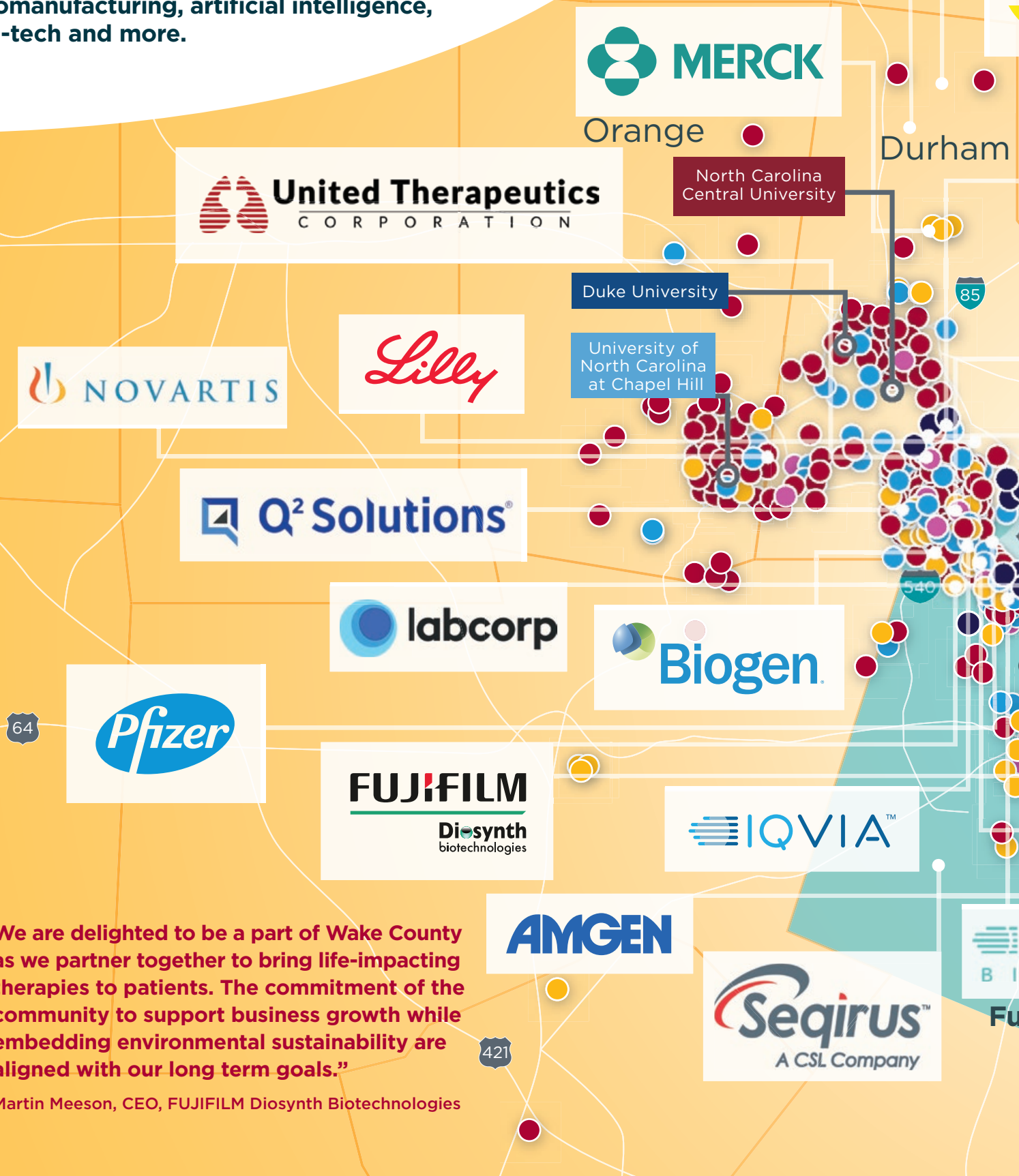
employment growth in the last 5 years



WAKE COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# 4,600+ LIFE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES

employ 89,000+ employees throughout the region.  
Industry convergence propels innovation across  
cell & gene therapy, precision health,  
biomanufacturing, artificial intelligence,  
ag-tech and more.



“We are delighted to be a part of Wake County as we partner together to bring life-impacting therapies to patients. The commitment of the community to support business growth while embedding environmental sustainability are aligned with our long term goals.”

Martin Meeson, CEO, FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies



Research Triangle Park



Wake Forest

Morrisville

Rolesville

Cary

Zebulon

Apex

Raleigh

Wendell

Knightdale



North Carolina State University



Holly Springs

Garner

Johnston



**Legend of Organizations**

- Contract Research and Testing
- Production and Manufacturing
- Research and Development
- Sales and Operations
- Cell & Gene Therapy

# ACCESSIBILITY AND ROOM TO GROW

## A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION

Since the inception of Research Triangle Park, this region has blossomed thanks to a uniquely collaborative spirit. While many of the region's universities and companies can easily succeed on their own, there is an inherent understanding that we are stronger together.

**Centennial Campus at NC State University** is home to dozens of private companies which thrive on collaboration with students, faculty and researchers. To date, nearly 200 start-ups have launched from Centennial Campus.

The **Plant Science Initiative at NC State University** brings experts from academia, industry and government to drive research and innovation in AgTech.

The **North Carolina Biotechnology Center** leads life science economic development for North Carolina, advancing ideas from research to marketplace and supporting companies through all of the challenges in between.

The **North Carolina Biosciences Organization** is the trade association for NC's life science industry, advocating for the industry and connecting public and private partners to advance the sector's growth.

**7.4+ million SF**  
of Life Science Space

is currently under construction  
or planned throughout  
the region.



**\$2B+**  
in NIH Research  
grants in 2022



**48.6%**  
of residents have a  
bachelor's degree or higher\*  
(\*aged 25 and older)

## WORLD CLASS RESOURCES AND INDUSTRY-DRIVEN TRAINING

The region is home to 12 Universities and Colleges, including:

- Three Tier One Research Universities
- Two Medical Schools
- Two Schools of Pharmacy
- Two Colleges of Engineering
- One College of Veterinary Medicine
- One College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Three Historically Black Colleges and Universities

**Life Science Workforce Training Programs include:**

- Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprises, *BRITE* (NC Central University)
- Biomanufacturing Training and Education Center, *BTEC* (NC State University)
- Biowork Certificate Program + Customized Industry Training Programs (Wake Technical Community College)
- NC BioNetwork Capstone Center (NC Community College System)

## BE A PART OF WHAT'S NEXT.

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