

AUSTIN BIO & HEALTH REPORT 2024

# Austin is a Bio & Health Innovation Leader

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# A Snapshot of the Growing Austin Ecosystem Building Momentum

### Footprint

 **21,000**  
People in Bio & Health

 **1,100**  
Companies

 **9.6 Million**  
Sq Ft of Bio & Health Space

### Valuations

 **40**  
Companies > \$100M

 **\$3.5 Billion**  
Raised in 5 Years

 **\$42 Billion**  
Total Ecosystem Valuation

### Momentum

 **Top 10**  
In VC Funding

 **10x**  
Valuation Growth in 10 yrs

 **70% Rise**  
Educated People Moving Here

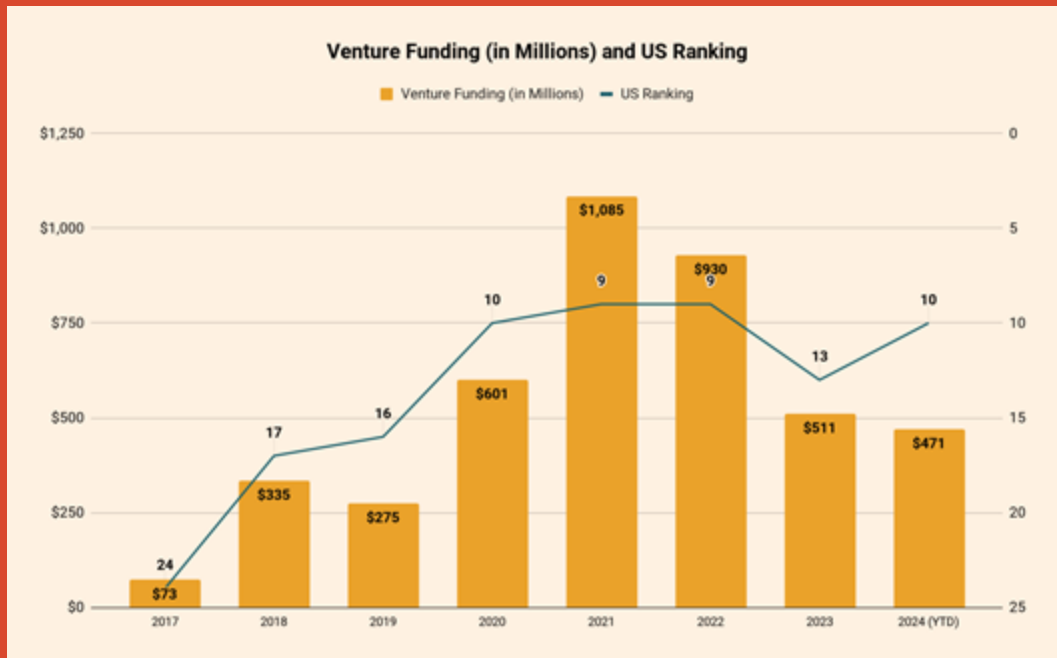
## CAPITAL FUNDING

# Austin's Bio & Health funding has set a new baseline

Strong growth trajectory since 2017, with 2024 only falling below peak bubble years.

Catapulted in national rankings from mid-20s to consistently around 10th.

Bio & Health funding has shown a strong upswing since 2017, with recent softening reflecting the broader US-wide industry



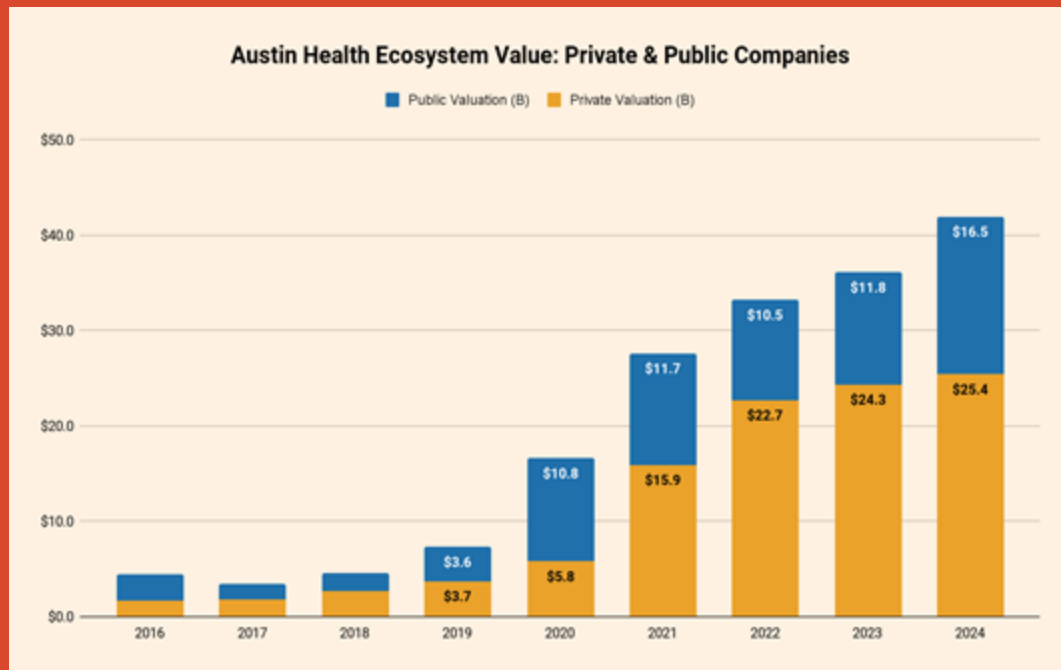
## ECOSYSTEM VALUATION

# The ecosystem value has also hit an inflection point

Combined valuations have grown from \$4.4B in 2016 to over \$41.9B by end of 2024.

Public company growth signals ecosystem maturity while a growing private market highlights a highly positive outlook.

Combined startup and public company valuations have grown ~10x since 2016, now exceeding \$40B



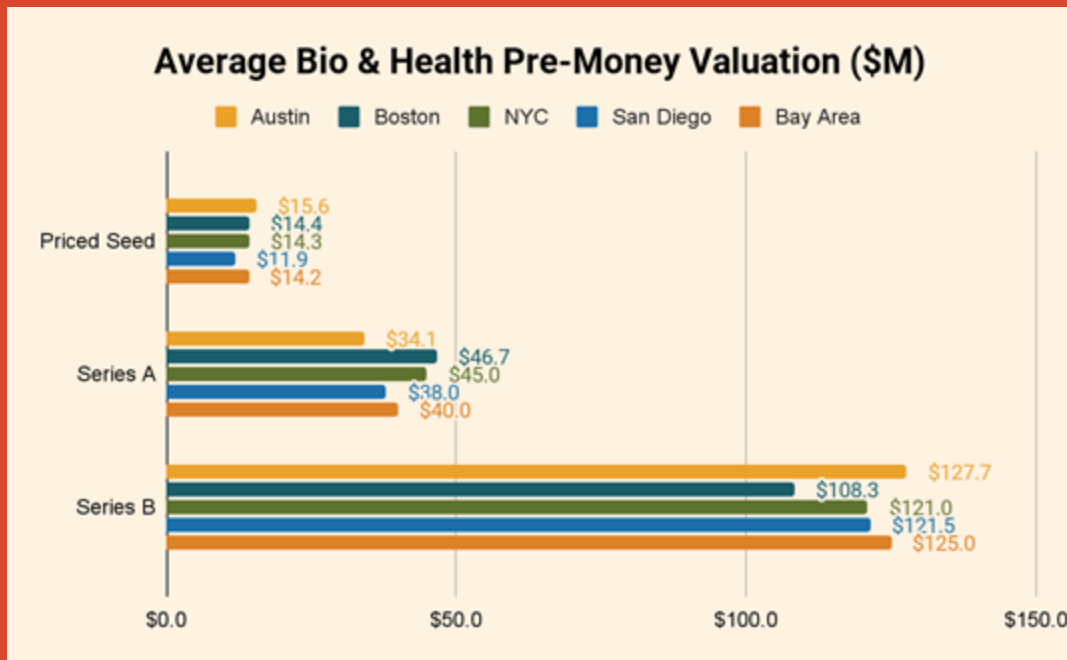
## STARTUP VALUATIONS

# Austin is pacing alongside SF, SD, NYC and Boston valuations

The average Austin startups valuation is higher in priced seed & Series B.

There is no valuation haircut to founders for building a Bio & Health startup in Austin.

Austin valuations are competitive with other major Bio & Health hubs across all early & late stages



## BIO & HEALTH SUCCESS STORIES

# Companies valued at \$100M+ showcases strong diversity across Innovation Sectors

### Bio Innovation Tech Stack



colossal



FORM  
BIO

biotechne

### BioPharma



### Devices and Diagnostics



pattern



### Business of Health



Harbor Health



wheel



sa•na



everly health



SEASON



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## REDEFINING HEALTHTECH

# What is Healthtech?

The new Healthtech is the **Business of Health** and the **Bio Innovation Tech Stack** that is foundational to drugs, devices, and diagnostics, to which **AUSTIN** is the leader in healthtech.

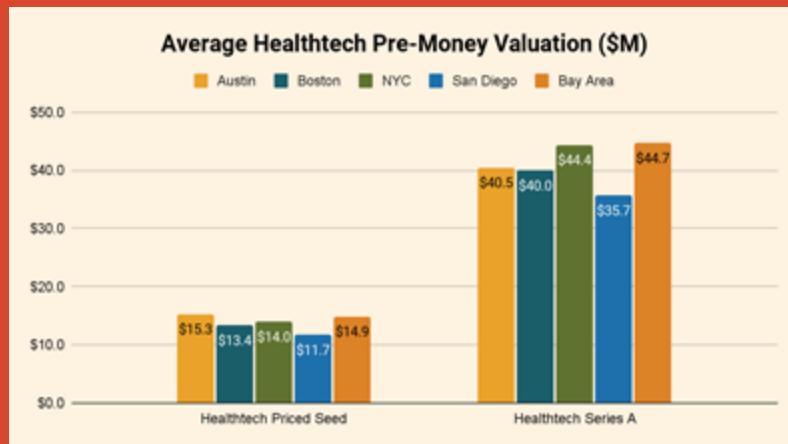
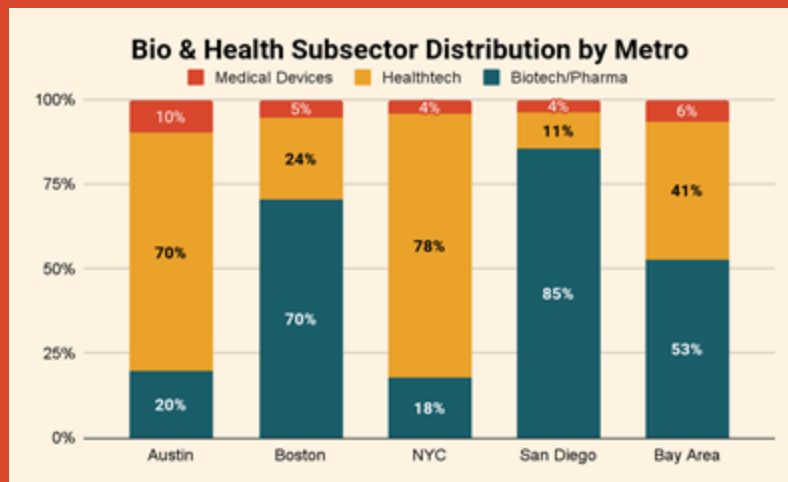


## AUSTIN HEALTHTECH ECOSYSTEM

# Austin has established itself as a Healthtech leader

Austin and NYC have the highest **concentration** of Healthtech startups.

Austin startups average valuations are higher in priced seed & right in the middle for Series A.





A large crowd of people is walking on a wide, reflective walkway in a modern, glass-walled building. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The walkway is flanked by lush greenery and trees with autumn-colored leaves. The glass walls of the building reflect the sky and the surrounding environment. The overall atmosphere is one of a vibrant, active community.

**It's the people that  
drive the ecosystem**

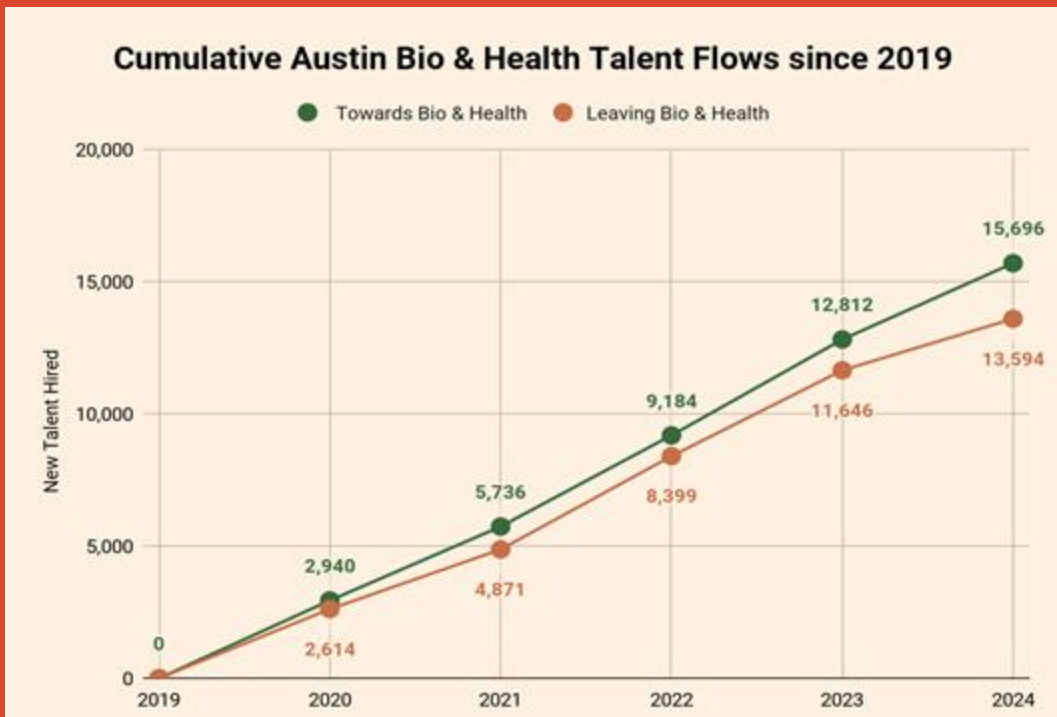
## TALENT STORY

# Austin's Bio & Health sector is winning the talent race

**Engineers** are the top talent moving from other sectors, supporting tech-driven innovation.<sup>1</sup>

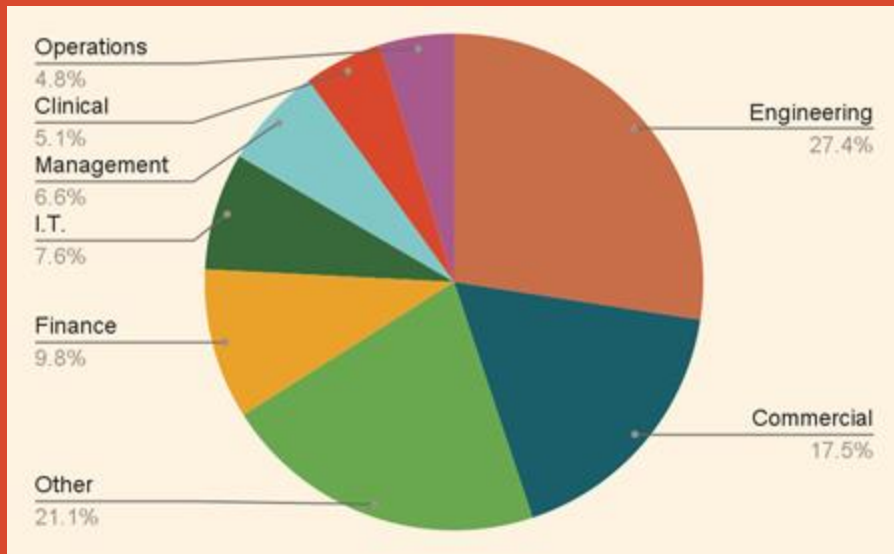
Austin is **5th in the US** for brain gain with a 70% rise in college educated adults.<sup>2</sup>


Talent inflows consistently outpace outflows, showing sector strength



## TALENT STORY

# Austin's Bio & Health ecosystem is attracting top Engineering and Commercial talent from leading Tech & Finance firms



A workshop scene featuring a dark brown pegboard wall filled with various tools like wrenches, sockets, and screwdrivers. A technical drawing is pinned to the board. Below the board is a red workbench with drawers. The lighting is warm and focused on the tools.

**An ecosystem thrives  
when the right tools  
are in place**

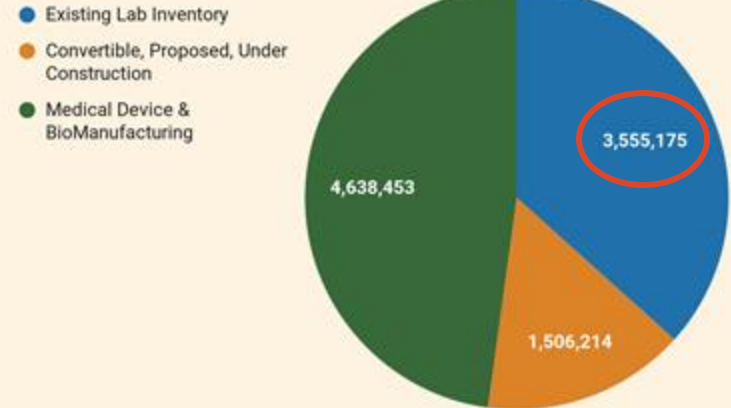
## INFRASTRUCTURE STORY

# Austin is quietly building more Bio & Health infrastructure than stories suggest and many industry experts believe

### Existing Lab Inventory by Region (sqft)



### Austin Bio-Science Inventory (9.6M Sqft)



## VENTURE CAPITAL LANDSCAPE

# Austin's Bio & Health scene is creating a venture capital triple convergence

1. Existing **Texas VCs** are expanding their thesis.
2. National firms are **building new offices** in Austin.
3. New and specialized funds are **launching** in Austin.

<b>Bio &amp; Health as the Sole Focus</b>	4D Capital, Create Health Ventures HealthQuest Capital, KdT Ventures Revival Healthcare Capital Sante Ventures, Spindletop Capital TXV Partners, Virtue VC
<b>Bio &amp; Health as a Key Focus</b>	8VC, Breyer Capital, Ecliptic Capital Learn Capital, Lontra Ventures Next Coast Ventures, S3 Ventures True Wealth Ventures
<b>Have made Bio &amp; Health Investments</b>	ATX Venture Partners, Bedrock Capital Capital Factory, Chicago Ventures, Drive Capital Ensemble VC, GigaFund, Live Oak Ventures Mark VC, Silverton Partners Sputnik ATX VC, Trust Ventures Tuesday VC, Wild Basin



# We are planting a flagpole and making a **CLAIM** for Austin

- ✓ A **Gravity** for People, Ideas, & Capital
- ✓ Produces **Creative Collisions**
- ✓ Convergences of **Atoms, Bits, & Intelligence**
- ✓ A **Bio, Health, & Tech Innovation Leader**

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