

How Are Life Sciences Companies Addressing the Great Resignation?

Talent shortages are a top issue facing 86 percent of the HR professionals that responded to our eighth global HR pulse survey (conducted in December 2021 and January 2022 with 812 participants). What's more, **three-quarters say they are losing key skills** to remain agile and adaptable for the future. Here is a snapshot of how life sciences companies compare to all industries in today's competitive labor market.

Why are people on the move?



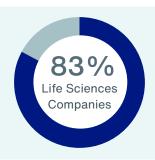
Percentage of companies that attribute rising **turnover** rates to:

- 78% better career opportunities
- 77% higher pay



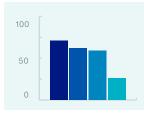
Life sciences employees

want to understand their **growth opportunities** within and across job families to help with retention. Open communication and formal rotation programs are on the rise, as well as a focus on **job architecture**.



Percentage of respondents concerned about hiring for experienced talent in the areas of machine learning and data scientists.





To address hiring and retention challenges, businesses are adjusting:

- 71% total rewards (compensation and benefits)
- 62% culture and diversity programs
- 59% skills and development (upskilling and promotions)
- 26% workforce agility (gig workers, acquisitions)



The life sciences talent market will continue to thrive and expand. Over the next several years, we expect to see:

- An increase in biomanufacturing spaces, leading to more jobs
- Continued demand for hot skills in gene/cell therapy and artificial intelligence
- A more dispersed workforce with new satellite locations, creating opportunity to expand talent pools

For more insights from our survey or to speak with one of our experts about these topics, please contact us at **humancapital.aon.com/contact-us.**