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### Summary



- Following on 2020's record breaking year, biopharma companies headquartered in Massachusetts received \$13.66 billion in venture capital funding in 2021—a 70% increase year over year—setting a new record and eclipsing the combined VC funding from 2019 and 2020.
- This growth mirrors the national data where VC funding into biopharma companies accelerated in 2021 as the world saw first-hand the power of biopharma companies to change the course of human health through vaccines and therapeutics.
- Combined with the 25 Massachusetts headquartered biopharma companies that went public in 2021, this large influx of capital in the Massachusetts ecosystem will continue to drive significant growth in new lab and biomanufacturing space across the Commonwealth. With lab space vacancies at 0% in Cambridge and Boston, much of that expansion will happen outside Massachusetts' traditional biopharma clusters.
- As more lab and biomanufacturing space comes online, the demand for talent will keep growing, necessitating an aggressive and comprehensive public-private partnership toward educating and training the next-generation workforce no matter their background or location.
- Massachusetts is uniquely positioned to receive continued, significant investment in our biopharma cluster as new and exciting companies are regularly created and launched out of our world-leading universities, hospitals, and VC firms.

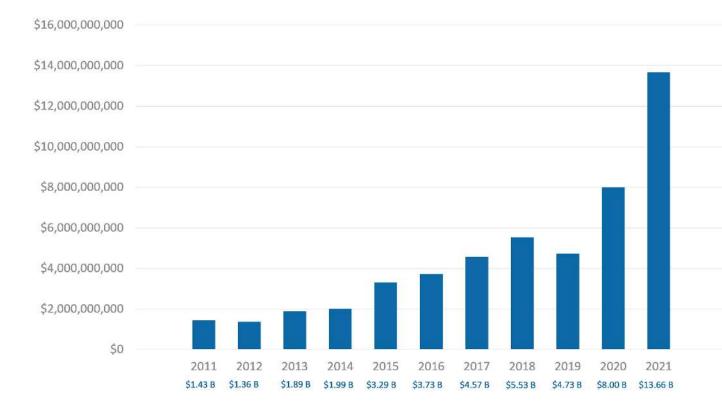


#### VC Investment in Massachusettsbased Biopharma Companies



VC investment in
Massachusetts
companies grew
by just over <b>70%</b>
from 2020.

36% of all US biopharma venture funding went to Massachusetts-based biopharma companies, up from 29% in 2020.



Source: Pitchbook, January 2022



#### **Top 15 VC Financing Rounds in Massachusetts in 2021**



**236** companies received **253** rounds of investment.

The average amount raised per round was \$53.9m.

Company	Financing (\$ million)	Investment Round
ElevateBio	525.0	Series C
EQRx	500.0	Series B
Laronde Inc.	440.0	Series B
Neumora	400.0	Series B
XtalPi	400.0	Series D
Generate Biomedicines	370.0	Series B
Adagio Therapeutics	335.5	Series C
Cardurion Pharma	300.0	Series B
Valo Health	300.0	Series B
Centessa	250.0	Series A
Tessera	230.0	Series B
Affinivax	226.0	Series C
Odyssey Therapeutics	218.0	Series A
Arbor Biotechnologies	215.0	Series B
Prime Medicine	200.0	Series B

Source: Pitchbook and EvaluatePharma January 2022

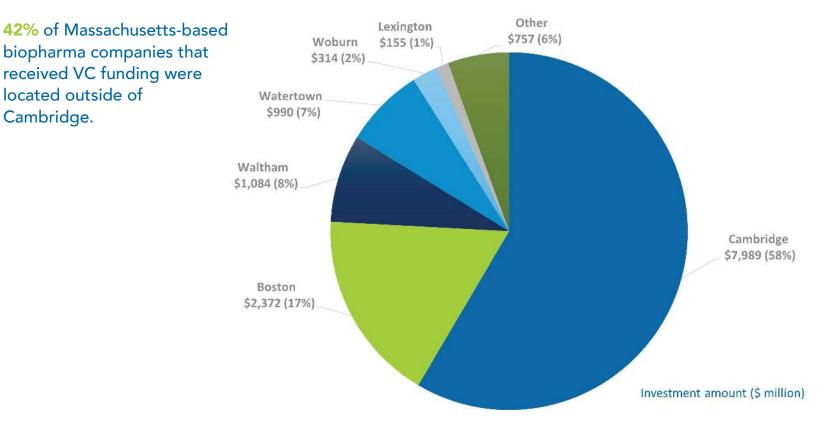


#### **Location of VC-Backed** Companies

located outside of

Cambridge.





Source: Pitchbook, January 2022



#### Massachusetts IPOs



There were **25 IPOs** from Massachusetts-based biopharma companies in 2021, up from 21 in 2020.

**28%** of all US-based biopharma IPOs in 2021 were from Massachusettsbased companies.



Note: Figures refer to "offer amounts" (investment secured) at time of IPO. Source: EvaluatePharma and Pitchbook, January 2022



#### Massachusetts IPOs Continued



Massachusetts-based biopharma companies raised a total of **\$3.8B** by IPO in 2021.

The average amount raised by Massachusettsbased biopharma companies by IPO in 2021 was \$154 MM.



Note: Figures refer to "offer amounts" (investment secured) at time of IPO. Source: EvaluatePharma and Pitchbook, January 2022.



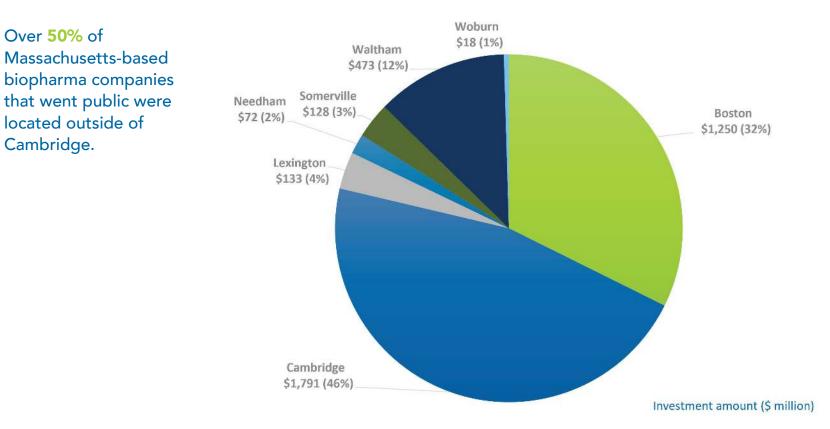
#### **Locations of Companies** with IPOs

Over 50% of

Cambridge.

located outside of





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#### Top 2021 Massachusetts Biopharma Mergers and Acquisitions



In 2021, **34** Massachusetts biopharma companies were acquired, up from **28** in 2020. The combined value of the acquisitions was **\$63.86 billion**, up from **\$15.63 billion**.



Source: Pitchbook, January 2022



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