



KEY INDUSTRY

Medical Devices in Southwest Michigan

In Southwest Michigan, you will find one of the most robust medical device clusters in the United States.

Within the 120-mile radius of Kalamazoo, Michigan, exists a robust infrastructure that is the result of the legacy of The Upjohn Company, founded by Dr. W.E. Upjohn in 1886, and Stryker Corporation formed by Dr. Homer Stryker, a physician, surgeon and inventor. Both companies have had a profound influence on the delivery of modern healthcare around the world and created a community legacy with the resources and talents fundamental to nurturing medical enterprises.

DID YOU KNOW?



Kalamazoo ranks in the top three places in the U.S. with the **lowest cost of living.**



LinkedIn's [Economic Graphic Research Team](#) named **Kalamazoo** second on its list of **top-12 cities with thriving job markets.**



Personal finance website ranked **Kalamazoo** first on its list of **10 best cities for high salaries and low cost of living.**

THE REGION IS HOME TO

- Global Headquarters for Stryker Corporation; division Headquarters of Stryker Instruments, Stryker Medical and Stryker Craniomaxillofacial
- Home to over 200 medical device and life science companies
- [Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine](#)
- Michigan Medical Device Accelerator
- Midwest's 4th largest cluster of medical device suppliers
- One of the nation's strongest and most respected concentrations of contract research organizations
- Over 80,000 employed in the health sciences
- Over 3,500 health science jobs created since 2008
- Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or physically present including Stryker Corporation, Abbott Laboratories, Zoetis, Pfizer, Medtronic and Thermo Fisher Scientific
- More than 303,000 college and university students within a 2-hour driving radius

Source: ¹Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (2017)