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Report: Life Science Industry on the Rise in Southeast Michigan

Automation Alley, Southeast Michigan's technology business association, has released its fourth annual technology industry report, *Driving Southeast Michigan Forward*.

The report, prepared by the Anderson Economic Group, found that employment in the life science sector grew by 13.2 percent from 2005 to 2006, and the average wage for workers grew in 2006 by 4.4 percent to over \$97,000.

The study shows that “despite overall economic declines and significant restructuring in the automotive industry, Automation Alley's technology industry has remained strong,” according to a statement. “From 2005 to 2006 there was a 2 percent employment gain outside the advanced automotive sector, with life sciences and advanced manufacturing leading the way.”

In 2006 there were a total of 12,194 science and engineering graduate students enrolled in Automation Alley universities, which is 335 more students than the prior year, and 64 percent of the total science and engineering graduate student enrollment in the state, the organization said.