

## **Report: California's biotech, device firms hired more people in 2009**

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Biotech and medical-device companies in California were able to employ 280,508 workers and commercialize 1,754 medical products in 2009 despite the economic downturn, according to a report released by trade group BayBio at a conference in San Francisco. Industry leaders, however, advised state officials to provide more funding to state and community colleges and review their tax policies in order to maintain its lead in the life sciences industry.