

KNOWLEDGE BASED INDUSTRIES (KBI)

By the Numbers

Ottawa's knowledge-based industries (KBI) include, Aerospace, Defence and Security; Clean Technologies; Communications Technologies; Digital Media; Life Sciences; and Software.

1,800+



KBI COMPANIES

68,000+



KBI EMPLOYEES

65+



FEDERAL
RESEARCH LABS



OTTAWA HOSTS

74%

of the global optical telecom market.

90%

of Canada's industrial telecommunications R&D.

44%

Bilingualism, providing multilingual talent.

Source: Statistics Canada



Ottawa remains the most affordable among major U.S. and Canadian cities.

Source: Mercer Worldwide Cost of Living Survey 2016

1,430+



Knowledge-based Institutions with less than 50 employees igniting our innovative ecosystem.



Network Simplicity



Flight radius from major North American cities and +200M people



Commute across Ottawa



Embassy and Consulates

#1

IN CANADA

With 1 in 5 students enrolled in STEM, Ottawa has the 2nd highest concentration of scientists and engineers in North America (after California's Silicon Valley) and the most educated workforce in Canada.

Source: Statistic Canada

MOST BUSINESS Friendly

MID-SIZE CITY

Of 421 North and South American locations, Ottawa ranked #1 for business friendliness, #2 economic potential, #10 human capital and lifestyle, and #3 overall - one of only two mid-size cities from Canada in the top ten.

Source: FDI Intelligence, 2015

BEST PLACE TO LIVE

Ottawa ranked Best Place to Live in Canada and Best Place to Live for Newcomers. The capital city is prosperous, affordable, safe and easy to get around, with plenty of amenities.

Source: Money Sense, 2016

Innovation

LIVES HERE

Of the top 250 Canadian ICT companies, Ottawa is home to more than Vancouver, Montreal, Calgary or Waterloo.

Source: fDi Magazine, 2016

Economic ENGINE

In the last five years, Ottawa technology companies have raised more money in the public markets than every other city in Canada combined.

Source: Stats Canada, 2016