



Canada's Cybersecurity Capital



The capital advantage

OTTAWA'S CYBERSECURITY ECOSYSTEM HAS MULTINATIONALS, STARTUPS, INNOVATIVE COMPANIES OF ALL SIZES AND LOTS OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Ottawa has a thriving cybersecurity industry. Anchored by multinationals including India's Aujas, Microsoft, Hewlett Packard and Accenture, the Ottawa-Gatineau cybersecurity cluster includes some 100 companies. Their work spans several domains, including vulnerability defence, identity and access management, encryption, security operations, risk and compliance, cybersecurity services and ancillary services. Ottawa is home to 90 per cent of Canada's industrial telecom R&D, so there are also plenty of potential customers. The capital is also home to a robust defence sector, 65 federal R&D labs and several venture capital and angel investment firms.

THE REGION AT A GLANCE

1,440,000
Total
population

1,750
Knowledge-based
companies

74,000
Tech
employees



- Cost-effective, multilingual IT workforce, strong AI presence, related research programs
- 165,000 students in Ottawa-Gatineau, with 29,000 enrolled in STEM programs
- G7 capital, home to 65 government research labs and 136 embassies

Our immigration advantage

-  Get work permits in as few as two weeks
-  Global Talent Stream and Global Skills Strategy
-  No quotas or caps
-  Pathway to permanent residency



INDUSTRY

Sector stars and startups

- **Adga Group Consultants Inc.** is a veteran in the industry. It has been delivering strategic consulting, professions services and world class security since 1967.
- **Fortinet**, a multinational company headquartered in California, counts most Fortune 500 companies among its 500,000 customers and has offices around the world.
- **Field Effect** has ambitious plans to become the best cybersecurity company in the world. It has tripled its employee roster in recent years and established new offices globally, including one in the U.K., the U.S. and Australia.
- **Crypto4A Technologies** was founded on 300 years of combined experience in cybersecurity and provides “innovative and disruptive quantum-ready cybersecurity foundations for a trusted digital world.”
- **Bluink’s** tool offers instant identity verification on Canada’s first verified digital ID platform.

ACADEMIA

Tech talent-feeders

- **Carleton University** has a Cyber Reference Lab, which aims to foster collaborative cyber research and innovation between government, researchers and industry. It was established by Ottawa mainstay General Dynamics Mission Systems–Canada.
- **The University of Ottawa’s** hub for cybersecurity and cyber safety partners with IBM to address critical government, public- and private-sector needs for advanced cybersecurity, specializing in research, solutions, skills and services.
- **Willis College’s** cybersecurity analyst diploma program helps launch cybersecurity careers and builds talent.

GOVERNMENT

Support systems

- Ottawa is home to the Communications Security Establishment, Canadian Center for Cyber Security, Public Safety Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Department of National Defence and CyberSecure Canada.
- Invest Ottawa builds relationships with peer international organizations and partners to promote the Ottawa-Gatineau cyber cluster. It signs memorandums of understanding with like organizations, such as Hague Security Delta and the Dutch security cluster.
- The Business Development Bank of Canada invests in innovative, knowledge-based companies and Export Development Canada provides direct venture capital and other financing for Canadian technology businesses.

Industry Leaders



accenture

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security to be free

ADGA

FIELD EFFECT
SOFTWARE

bluink

CRYPTO4A

CALIAN

Lightship Security

FORTINET

Academia



Government



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Three reasons to locate your business in Ottawa

- Most affordable major North American city
- Highest concentration of engineers and scientists in North America per capita
- Nearly 20 million consumers within a 450-kilometre radius