Cambridge innovation in numbers

The Cambridge Cluster
There are currently...

5,000+ knowledge intensive firms

61,000+ people employed by knowledge intensive firms

£15.5bn in total turnover of knowledge intensive firms

3rd most successful University innovation ecosystem in the world (MIT Skoltech Initiative Report, 2014)

29% of people work in the knowledge intensive sectors

316 patent applications published per 100,000 residents

Highest in the UK and more than the next two cities combined

790+ knowledge intensive services companies

660+ high-tech manufacturing companies

440+ life science services and healthcare companies

3,100+ information technology and communication companies
The University

11,900+ people employed directly by the University

University expenditure of £1,911m

University income of £1,965m

109 Cambridge affiliates have been awarded the Nobel Prize since 1904

1,800+ researchers supported by Cambridge Enterprise (the University’s knowledge and technology transfer office) in academic year 2018

19,100+ students at the University of Cambridge

87% of submissions deemed world leading or internationally excellent in research according to the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF)

£1.7bn in follow-on funding raised by University of Cambridge spin-outs in the Cambridge Enterprise portfolio since 1995

97.4%...the 5-year survival rate of Cambridge Enterprise portfolio companies*

£90.2m The total for translational research funding won with the support of Cambridge Enterprise, 2011-18

260+ firms founded by Cambridge University Computer Lab alumni

89.9% Cambridge recent leavers are in employment or full-time study, no matter the degree. A further 6.4% are travelling or not looking for work


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