Cambridge innovation in numbers

The University sits at the heart of one of the world’s most successful innovation and technology clusters.

- **23** billion-dollar businesses born in Cambridge
- **£21bn** in total annual turnover generated by knowledge-intensive firms
- **5,000+** knowledge-intensive firms
- **72,000+** people work for knowledge-intensive firms
- **6.5%** year-on-year increase in knowledge-intensive jobs in Cambridge City region over last 6 years
- **258.5** patent applications per 100,000 residents
- **820+** knowledge-intensive services companies
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**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**
£29.8bn  Contributed annually to UK economy

86,000  Jobs supported across the UK

£693m  Contributed through teaching and learning of UK students

3  One of the world's top 3 universities

121  Cambridge affiliates awarded the Nobel Prize

#1  Top university in the world for producing successful tech founders

2,500+  Researchers supported by Cambridge Enterprise (the University’s knowledge and technology transfer office)

£119m  In translational research funding won with the support of Cambridge Enterprise 2011–22

£3.1bn  In follow-on funding raised by University of Cambridge spin-outs in the Cambridge Enterprise portfolio since 1995

96%  Of Cambridge Enterprise portfolio companies have a 5-year survival rate

300+  Firms founded by staff and alumni of the University’s Department of Computer Science and Technology

This information has been collated from Cambridge Enterprise; Centre for Business Research, Cambridge Judge Business School; Centre for Cities; Department of Computer Science and Technology; Dimensions; Economic Impact of University of Cambridge report, London Economics; The next generation of tech ecosystems, Dealroom; QS World University Rankings.

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