Cambridge innovation in numbers

The Cambridge Cluster
There are currently...

4,700+ knowledge intensive firms

60,000+ people employed by knowledge intensive firms

£12bn+ in total turnover of knowledge intensive firms

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

30% of people work in the knowledge intensive sectors

341.1 patents granted per 100,000 residents
Highest in the UK and more than the next four cities combined

690+ knowledge intensive services companies

570+ high-tech manufacturing companies

430+ life science and healthcare companies

3000+ information technology and communication companies

University of Cambridge
The University

11,000+ people employed directly by the University

University expenditure: £1,734m

University income: £1,799m

96 Cambridge affiliates have been awarded the Nobel Prize since 1904

1,600+ researchers supported by Cambridge Enterprise (the University’s knowledge and technology transfer office)

18,900+ 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)

£1.5bn follow-on funding raised by University of Cambridge spin-outs in the Cambridge Enterprise portfolio

64.6%...the 5-year survival rate of Cambridge Enterprise investments (compared to 41.4% nationally)

£99.3m in translational research funding won with the support of Cambridge Enterprise, 2011-16

250+ firms founded by Cambridge University Computer Lab alumni

90.5% 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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