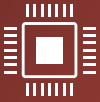


TORONTO GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY



Toronto Region ranked in the top three best global tech hubs to live and work, ahead of Silicon Valley, Los Angeles, Boston and Tel Aviv.

(Expert Market, 2016)

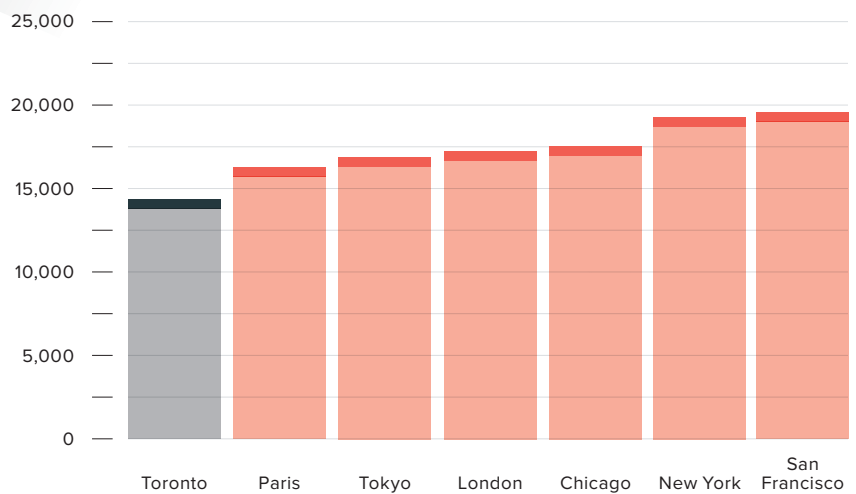
BEST CITY

Toronto Region named best city in the world for software developers (Teleport, 2016) and the 2016 Top Momentum Tech City (Tech-Thirty Report, CBRE Research)

Software Design Costs

KPMG Competitive Alternatives 2016

USD \$'000



WHY TORONTO REGION?

- The Ontario Film & Television Tax Credit (OFTTC) is a refundable tax credit available to eligible Ontario-based Canadian corporations for film and television production.
- Cluster of incubators and accelerators: MaRS, VentureLAB, Research Innovation Commercialization (RIC) Centre, HalTech, Spark Centre
- The Ontario Computer Animation & Special Effects (OCASE) Tax Credit is a refundable tax credit for digital animation and digital visual effects created in Ontario for film and television productions.
- The Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Program offers tax credits or refunds from 15 percent to over 45 percent to encourage businesses to conduct research and development in Canada



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Thomson Reuters Toronto Technology Centre

Thomson Reuters Corp. is undertaking a major expansion to its Canadian operation with a plan to build a technology hub that will add 400 high-tech jobs in downtown Toronto over the next two years. The company expects to add 1,500 jobs in the longer term, mostly by hiring from the local market.

“Frankly, the multicultural aspect of Toronto is attractive to us. It’s an environment that looks like our client base around the world,” says Jim Smith, chief executive officer of Thomson Reuters.



TALENT

The Toronto Region’s biggest asset is its people:

51% of the population of the City of Toronto is foreign-born

Most educated talent pool among countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)



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IBM recently opened a SoftLayer data center in Markham, York Region – the first SoftLayer facility in the country.

“Toronto is the fourth-largest city in North America and a vital financial and technological hub—not only for the province of Ontario but for all of Canada. We have hundreds of existing Canadian customers that can now have SoftLayer services deployed closer to home, and thousands of customers that will take advantage of the facility to get closer to end users in this market.”

Lance Crosby, SoftLayer, CEO

