

Ottawa Fact Sheet - August 2009



All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

Unemployment Rates July 2009
(StatsCan) Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted

National	8.6% (June 8.6%)
Provincial	9.3% (June 9.6%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	5.9% (June 6.1%)

Overall Employment in Ottawa-Gatineau
(StatsCan)

July 2009 654.4

High Tech Workers in Ottawa-Gatineau
(OCRI)

<u>January 2009 Disclosed</u>	79,132
January 2008 Disclosed	81,910

Local Employment Outlook
(Manpower Inc. Survey 3rd Quarter 2009)

Plan to hire:	15%
Plan to layoff:	8%
No change:	77%
Not sure:	0%

HT Companies in Ottawa-Gatineau
(OCRI)

<u>January 2009 Disclosed</u>	1,850
January 2008 Disclosed	1,819

HOUSING/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

Overall New Home Starts in Ottawa (CMHC)

July 2009 (Unadjusted)	537
July 2008 (Unadjusted)	696

Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

July 2009	\$300,016
Units Sold in July 2009	1,577
July 2008	\$294,410
Units Sold in July 2008	1,414

Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)
Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC) \$181.1 million
June 2009 (adjusted)

Office Vacancy Rate (Cushman & Wakefield LePage)
Q2 2009 6.5%

VENTURE CAPITAL/FUNDING

Venture Capital Investment (Revised,
OCRI)

Recent Venture Capital Investments

1999: \$274M
2000: \$1.3B
2001: \$921M
2002: \$734M
2003: \$241.71M
2004: \$189.58M
2005: \$359.40M
2006: \$266.10M
2007: \$184.45M
2008: \$130.21M
2009: \$23.86M

Q1 2009

[OneChip Photonics](#)

\$23.86

[Click here](#) for a detailed list of 2009 funding in the NCR

AWARDS

Mobile Detect wins Most Innovative Product
(The Security Network Newsletter July 2009)

Congratulations to Ottawa's Mobile Detect who took home the award for "Most Innovative Products & Services" Sensors & C4ISR: at the 6th The Security Summit held on May 21 in San Diego,CA.

CONTRACTS

Lixar Energy bought by GridPoint
(Ottawa Business Journal 29/06/09)

Grid management technology company GridPoint Inc. has acquired a local competitor's energy business for an undisclosed sum, in order to establish its Canadian presence.

Espial signs U.S. reseller for video-on-demand technology
(Ottawa Business Journal 16/07/09)

Espial Group Inc. (TSX:ESP) has partnered with a Memphis reseller with a presence in 11 U.S. cities to distribute the former's video-on-demand technology to telecommunications service providers south of the border.

Paramount announces \$80M takeover of Klondex Mines
(Ottawa Business Journal 20/07/09)

Topping a rival bid for a B.C. mining firm, Ottawa-based Paramount Gold and Silver Corp. (TSX:PZG) has made an \$80-million offer for Vancouver's Klondex Mines Ltd.

UPDATE: Wi-LAN buys 125-patent wireless portfolio
(Ottawa Business Journal 21/07/09)

Wi-LAN Inc. has bought a set of more than 125 wireless patents, including some pertaining to 4G technologies, the company announced Tuesday.

UPDATE: Nortel sells wireless assets to Ericsson for \$1.13B
(Ottawa Business Journal 27/07/09)

Ericsson has prevailed with its US\$1.13-billion offer in the battle for Nortel Networks Corp.'s most profitable wireless businesses, although the companies must still seek court approvals for the deal.

Globalive chooses technology built at Alcatel-Lucent's Ottawa facility
(Ottawa Business Journal 29/07/09)

Technology developed at Alcatel-Lucent's Ottawa research facility will form the backbone for Globalive

Wireless's new countrywide 3G mobile network, Globalve announced Wednesday.

Mitel technology in use by Ohio's Colerain Township

(Ottawa Business Journal 30/07/09)

Mitel's unified communications solutions have been chosen by the largest township in Ohio, the Ottawa-based telecom firm said Thursday.

Wi-LAN and Agilent sign wireless licensing deal

(Ottawa Business Journal 31/07/09)

Wi-LAN Inc. has inked a new wireless technology licensing agreement with Santa Clara's Agilent Technologies Inc.

Calian stock reaches new all-time high on European Space Agency win

(Ottawa Business Journal 04/08/09)

Calian Ltd. (TSX:CTY) has won a deal to become the prime contractor for a \$39-million contract to provide a space antenna system in South America for the European Space Agency.

BMT Fleet wins \$58M contract with DND

(Ottawa Business Journal 04/08/09)

A Kanata company has won a 10-year contract worth nearly \$58 million to provide services to the Department of National Defence, Public Works announced Tuesday.

QNX system to be in 2010 Land Rover

(Ottawa Business Journal 04/08/09)

Ottawa-based QNX Software Systems' real-time operating system will be a key part of the 2010 Land Rover Ranger Rover, the company said Tuesday.

OSI goes Dutch with \$1.3M order

(Ottawa Business Journal 04/08/09)

OSI Geospatial Inc. has won its first project with the Dutch military, which will see the Ottawa-based company selling 12 of its navigation systems.

Plaintree's Triodetic takes on \$1.3M engineering contract

(Ottawa Business Journal 11/08/09)

Plaintree Systems Inc. has won a US\$1.3-million deal to build an "architectural structure" for the downtown core of a major U.S. city.

IDC's PROFline scores upgrade contract with SBS

(Ottawa Business Journal 12/08/09)

International Datacasting Corp.'s satellite system has been chosen to upgrade two of Romania's major radio networks.

Envision subsidiary wins \$1.7M construction project in Sylvan Lake

(Ottawa Business Journal 12/08/09)

The envision Group has scored yet another Alberta construction project, this time for its Western Construction and Combustion Services Inc. subsidiary.

DEW chosen as prime contractor for \$130M DND order

(Ottawa Business Journal 13/08/09)

DEW Engineering and Development ULC has won a deal to become prime contractor for a \$130-million contract to build 895 military shelters for the Department of National Defence.

EDUCATION

Tough times, tough class

(Ottawa Citizen 15/07/09)

When Carleton University professor Tony Bailetti started the Lead to Win program in 2002, the Ottawa technology scene was in desperate shape. He created a free boot camp for startups that helped new companies like Nakina, Trigence and Liquid Computing find a path through the bust. The result was more than 300 jobs and \$90 million in venture capital.

Go ENG Girl

(Ottawa Citizen 15/08/09)

On Saturday, October 17th, 2009 explore the exciting field of engineering through this special event for girls in grades 7 to 10 and their parents!

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