

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

**EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY**

**Unemployment Rates July 2008 (StatsCan)  
Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted**

National	6.1% (June 6.2%)
Provincial	6.4% (June 6.7%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	5.1% (June 5.4%)

**Overall Employment in Ottawa-Gatineau  
(StatsCan)**

July 2008	672,500
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**High Tech Workers in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)**

<u>January 2008 Disclosed</u>	81,910
January 2007 Disclosed	79,466

**Local Employment Outlook  
(Manpower Inc. Survey 3rd Quarter 2008)**

Plan to hire:	20%
Plan to layoff:	5%
No change:	73%
Not sure:	2%

**HT Companies in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)**

<u>January 2008 Disclosed</u>	1,819
January 2007 Disclosed	1,803

**HOUSING/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION**

**Overall New Home Starts in Ottawa (CMHC)**

July 2008 (Unadjusted)	696
July 2007 (Unadjusted)	672

**Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)**

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC)	\$200.3 million
June 2008 (adjusted)	

**Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)**

July 2008	\$294,410
Units Sold in July 2008	1,390
July 2007	\$269,245
Units Sold in July 2007	1,451

**Office Vacancy Rate (Cushman & Wakefield  
Lepage)**

Q2 2008	6.3%
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**VENTURE CAPITAL/FUNDING**

**Venture Capital Investment (Revised, OCN)**

**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: \$81.99M

#### Q1 2008

<a href="#">VoIPShield Systems</a>	\$6.0 million
<a href="#">Sidense Corp</a>	\$6.0 million
<a href="#">Distil Interactive</a>	\$1.5 million
<a href="#">Kleer Semiconductor</a>	\$28.76 million
<a href="#">GridIron Software</a>	\$0.53 million

#### Q2 2008

<a href="#">Nakina Systems</a>	\$1.2 million
<a href="#">Zeligsoft Inc</a>	\$5.0 million
<a href="#">Impath Networks</a>	\$3.0 million

#### Q3 2008

<a href="#">Cyrium Technologies</a>	\$15.0 million
<a href="#">Diablo Technologies</a>	\$15.0 million

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## AWARDS

### **Enablence technology eligible for U.S. government funding program (Ottawa Business Journal, 28/7/2008)**

The Ottawa-based photonics company said it has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service division to deploy its Trident7 Optical Line Terminals and Optical Network terminals under the Rural Development Broadband Loan program.

### **Ottawa clean-tech firms share in green grants (Ottawa Business Journal, 28/7/2008)**

Cutting-edge work in biodiesel production, solar cell manufacturing, engine oil recycling and electric vehicle transistors has helped four Ottawa clean-tech consortiums secure a share of \$57 million in government grants.

### **Telesat wins approval for six satellite frequencies (Ottawa Business Journal, 28/7/2008)**

The Ottawa-based satellite company said Industry Canada has awarded six satellite approvals-in-principle following a public process, with four in the 17-gigahertz broadcasting satellite service (BSS) band, one in the extended Ku-band, and one in the Ka-band spectrum, which Telesat is currently using for two of its satellites as well as the soon-to-be-launched Nimiq 4 satellite.

### **Eight Ottawa-area scientists receive funding (Ottawa Business Journal, 31/7/2008)**

Wood-boring beetles, bacteria division and the effects of disease on our genetic systems were all featured in a \$1.2 million funding announcement for research grants Thursday, awarded to eight Ottawa projects.

## CONTRACTS

**Zarlink shipping large quantities of chips to Minnesota firm (Ottawa Business Journal, 16/7/2008)**

The Ottawa-based company said it is shipping "production quantities" of its ZL70101-based radio system-on-a-chip modules to St. Jude, which provides products and services that treat cardiac, neurological and chronic pain patients worldwide.

**BTI partners with South African reseller (Ottawa Business Journal, 21/7/2008)**

BTI Systems is reaching out into the South African market through a new reseller partnership with telecom network solutions provider Powertech IST Telecom.

**BelAir partners with Maryland wireless products supplier (Ottawa Business Journal, 22/7/2008)**

BelAir Networks is working with Maryland-based supplier TESSCO Technologies to supply broadband wireless mesh networking solutions to businesses around the world.

**Titus Labs wins \$1M deal to protect Australian Defence data (Ottawa Business Journal, 22/7/2008)**

The Ottawa-based company said the Australian military has selected Titus Labs Message Classification to force the classification of all e-mails in Microsoft Outlook, Outlook Web Access and Windows Mobile for 100,000 users.

**Plaintree division lands \$5M follow-on deal (Ottawa Business Journal, 24/7/2008)**

One of Plaintree Systems acquisitions has paid off today with the announcement of a mining infrastructure project in British Columbia worth more than \$5 million.

**QNX forms partnership with Indian company (Ottawa Business Journal, 25/7/2008)**

Embedded systems products maker QNX Software Systems is teaming up with India's Global Edge Software Ltd., a deal which will give QNX access to a range of Internet protocol technologies that will complement its telecom products.

**Cyrium closes \$15M funding round (Ottawa Business Journal, 30/7/2008)**

Cyrium Technologies has scored \$15 million in a series-B round of funding, the second Ottawa-area company to do so in as many days. The solar cell concentrator maker said The Quercus Trust of Costa Mesa, Calif. led the financing round, with participation from BDC Venture Capital, Chrysalix Energy Venture Capital and Pangaea Ventures Ltd.

**BelAir helps beef up security in two Southern towns (Ottawa Business Journal, 5/8/2008)**

Wireless networking products maker BelAir Networks has helped two Georgia towns deploy wireless surveillance systems for their local police departments.

**Mxi's Maintenix used by KLM fleet (Ottawa Business Journal, 5/8/2008)**

Mxi Technologies avionics maintenance system has gone live with the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines fleet of A330 aircraft, as the first step in moving toward implementation of the software across the carrier's various fleets.

**Allen-Vanguard gets new \$7.3M order (Ottawa Citizen, 6/8/2008)**

Allen-Vanguard Corp. said yesterday that the U.S. military is buying \$7.3 million in additional bomb-jamming equipment for delivery by the end of September.

**TenXc ships out antennas to India (Ottawa Business Journal, 6/8/2008)**

TenXc Wireless has won a deal with Indian telecom operator Reliance Communications to supply antennas for its nationwide GSM network.

**Halogen pegged to plot employee appraisals (Ottawa Business Journal, 13/8/2008)**

Banner Corporation Banks announced Wednesday that it will use the Ottawa-based company's talent management software to track employee performance appraisals and learning plans. The corporation has more than 1,200 employees spread across 86 branch offices in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

**Nortel acquires Pingtel (Ottawa Business Journal, 13/8/2008)**

Nortel on Wednesday announced its purchase of Pingtel Corp., a U.S.-based designer of software-based unified communications solutions owned by Bluesocket Inc., for an undisclosed amount.

**Calian detects \$11.7M radar parts contract (Ottawa Business Journal, 14/8/2008)**

The Kanata company, which was founded by Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien, said its systems engineering division (SED) had been chosen by Florence, Ky.-based DRS Sustainment Systems to manufacture 227 aerial head assemblies (AHAs) and associated electronics.

## EDUCATION

**Carleton, U of O lay groundwork for expansion (Ottawa Business Journal, 6/8/2008)**

The University of Ottawa recently issued a request for proposals to house its library warehouse in a 30,000-square-foot structure that will include 12,000 square feet of office space. At 18,000 square feet, the new warehouse will be almost a third larger than the old structure, said Ms. Racine. The new property will also have the potential for a future expansion as the university population increases.

**University of Ottawa earns top conservations grades from Ottawa Hydro (Press Release, 11/8/2008)**

The University of Ottawa's campus size and population may have grown by 50 percent since 1993, but you wouldn't know it by the University's energy consumption, which has grown by only eight percent over the same period. In recognition of this considerable achievement, and the numerous energy-conservation measures implemented across its campus, Hydro Ottawa is adding the U of O to its Companies for Conservation honour roll this month.

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