

Ottawa Fact Sheet - May 2009



All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

Unemployment Rates April 2009 (StatsCan) Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted

National	8.0% (March 8.0%)
Provincial	8.7% (March 8.7%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	5.4% (March 5.2%)

Overall Employment in Ottawa-Gatineau (StatsCan)

March 2009 646,300

High Tech Workers in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

January 2009 Disclosed	79,132
January 2008 Disclosed	81,910

Local Employment Outlook (Manpower Inc. Survey 1st Quarter 2009)

Plan to hire:	15%
Plan to layoff:	3%
No change:	78%
Not sure:	4%

HT Companies in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

January 2009 Disclosed	1,850
January 2008 Disclosed	1,819

HOUSING/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

Overall New Home Starts in Ottawa (CMHC)

April 2009 (Unadjusted)	350
April 2008 (Unadjusted)	813

Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

April 2009	\$298,150
Units Sold in April 2009	1,594
April 2008	\$295,144
Units Sold in April 2008	1,561

Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC) \$233.0 million
March 2009 (adjusted)

Office Vacancy Rate (Cushman & Wakefield Lepage)

Q1 2009 6.2%

VENTURE CAPITAL/FUNDING

Venture Capital Investment (Revised, OCRI)

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

Recent Venture Capital Investments

Q1 2009

[OneChip Photonics](#) \$23.86

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2009: \$23.86M

AWARDS

Ottawa festivals get \$1.4M in provincial funding (Ottawa Business Journal 15/04/2009)

Fifteen Ottawa festivals and events are getting a total of more than \$1.4 million in provincial funding as part of the Celebrate Ontario program, the Ontario Ministry of Tourism announced Wednesday.

Women's Business Network announces award winners (Ottawa Business Journal 23/04/2009)

The best female businesspeople of the year were honoured at the 2009 Business Women of the Year Awards - sponsored by the Women's Business Network - were announced Thursday at the annual gala held at the Hampton Inn & Conference Centre.

CONTRACTS

Intelcan extends air traffic control system in west Africa (Ottawa Business Journal 15/04/2009)

Airport surveillance technology maker Intelcan has signed a contract with an air navigation service provider for three western African countries for new technology to supplement the former's existing systems in the region.

Genum increases offer for Tundra to \$112M (Ottawa Business Journal 17/04/2009)

Genum Corp. (TSX:GND) has upped its offer for Tundra Semiconductor Corp., raising the total worth of the deal to \$112 million, but the bid is still at the low end or short of the analyst-estimated value.

Oracle to buy Sun for \$7.4B (Ottawa Business Journal 20/04/2009)

Just weeks following IBM (NYSE:IBM)'s snubbing of a deal that would have seen it pay \$7 billion for Sun Microsystems, Oracle announced Monday morning it will acquire the latter for \$7.4 billion.

Plaintree wins more than \$1M in orders for construction tech (Ottawa Business Journal 21/04/2009)

Plaintree Systems Inc. (CNSX:NPT) has received more than US\$1 million in foundation construction contracts over the past four months, the company said Monday.

MOSAID updates patent agreement with Oki (Ottawa Business Journal 24/04/2009)

MOSAID Technologies Inc. (TSX:MSD) has signed a new five-year patent deal with Japan's Oki Semiconductor Co. Ltd., extending a relationship begun in 2001.

RIM building new Kanata office (Ottawa Business Journal 27/04/2009)

Waterloo-based Research in Motion (TSX:RIM) appears to be building a new five-storey office building in Ottawa adjacent to its existing Innovation Drive office, city documents show.

AMCC licenses Elliptic's security technology (Ottawa Business Journal 01/05/2009)

Major chip maker Applied Micro Circuits Corp. (NASDAQ:AMCC) has licensed Ottawa-based Elliptic Semiconductor's security technology for the former's new cellphone processors.

DragonWave's shares up 8% on North American deal wins (Ottawa Business Journal 04/05/2009)

Shares of DragonWave Inc. (TSX:DWI) enjoyed a healthy increase as it released news that it has received more than \$15 million in orders this fiscal year from one of its major customers.

Wi-LAN stock up 10% as company announces 15 new deals in Q2 (Ottawa Business Journal 04/05/2009)

Patent licensing firm Wi-LAN Inc. (TSX:WIN) has signed 13 new deals for its three technology lines in the past month and a half, bringing its total for the fiscal year so far to 27.

Enableness brings fibre network to rural New York State (Ottawa Business Journal 08/05/2009)

Enableness Technologies Inc. (TSX-V:ENA) is helping to overhaul a copper-based network for a rural New York town in a US\$1-million deal, the Ottawa-based company announced Friday.

EDUCATION

Teams ready pitches for Tech Venture Challenge (Ottawa Business Journal 12/05/2009)

Three teams of student entrepreneurs are sharpening their pitches and gearing up for Tuesday evening's final of the Technology Venture Challenge, a yearly event designed to give students an opportunity to launch or accelerate viable commercial enterprises

On offer: \$300,000 worth of training (Ottawa Business Journal 12/05/2009)

A local company says it will donate \$300,000 worth of training to recently laid-off tech workers in Ottawa, equating to around 150 participants to be instructed over the coming summer months.

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