

Ottawa Fact Sheet - January 2007

All figures quoted in \$ Cdn

EMPLOYMENT/TECHNOLOGY

Unemployment Rates December 2006 (StatsCan) Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted

National	6.1% (Nov 6.3%)
Provincial	6.1% (Nov 6.4%)
Local (3-month moving avg)	5.7% (Nov 5.1%)

Overall Employment in Ottawa-Gatineau (StatsCan)

December 2006	628,100
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High Tech Workers in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

<u>January 2007 Disclosed</u>	79,466
January 2006 Disclosed	76,126

Local Employment Outlook (Manpower Inc. Survey 4th Quarter 2006)

Plan to hire:	14%
Plan to layoff:	10%
No change:	76%

HT Companies in Ottawa-Gatineau (OCRI)

<u>January 2007 Disclosed</u>	1,803
January 2006 Disclosed	1,811

HOUSING/REAL ESTATE/CONSTRUCTION

Overall New Home Starts in Ottawa (CMHC)

December 2006 (Unadjusted)	603
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Value of Building Permits (StatsCan)

Ottawa-Gatineau (ON/QC)	\$182.2 million
November 2006 (adjusted)	

Average Sale Price (Ottawa Real Estate Board)

December 2006	\$247,833
Units Sold in December 2006	682

Office Vacancy Rate (Cushman & Wakefield Lepage)

Q3 2006- 7.1%

VENTURE CAPITAL/FUNDING

Venture Capital Investment (Revised, OCN)

1999: \$274M
2000: \$1.3B
2001: \$921M
2002: \$734M
2003: \$241.71M
2004: \$189.58M
2005: \$359.40M
2006: \$246.65M

Recent Venture Capital Investments

Q1 2006

<u>Airwide Solutions</u>	\$28.65 million
<u>StemPath Inc.</u>	\$1.00 million
<u>Galazar Networks</u>	\$7.55 million

Q2 2006

<u>Zelos Therapeutics Inc.</u>	\$10.00 million
<u>logen Corporation</u>	\$30.00 million
<u>Spotwave Wireless</u>	\$2.8 million
<u>Firsthand Technologies</u>	\$7.80 million
<u>neurolanguage</u>	\$2.70 million
<u>SolaCom Technologies</u>	\$4.00 million

Q3 2006

SiGe Semiconductor	\$21.85 million
BelAir Networks	\$24.00 million
MODASolutions	\$12.30 million
Group IV Semiconductor	\$9.10 million

Q4 2006

Natural Convergence	\$11.40 million
Liquid Computing	\$31.60 million
Variation Biotechnologies	\$41.90 million

[Click here](#) for a detailed list of 2006 funding in the NCR.

OCRI GLOBAL MARKETING RECENT BLOG POSTS

- [OCRIRADIO'S YEAR-END PODCAST: THE EDITORS OF TIME MAGINE SHOULD TUNE IN](#)
- [BILL GATES COMES TO OTTAWA](#)

AWARDS

U of O Heart Institute receives \$10M grant (Ottawa Business Journal, 12/14/06)

The Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) has awarded more than \$10 million to two national cardiac research centres at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute (UOHI) to identify and treat the causes of coronary artery disease.

Les Suites hotel general manager named Hotelier of the Year (Ottawa Business Journal, 12/04/06)

Steve Georgopoulous, the general manager of Les Suites hotel, has been honoured as Hotelier of the Year by the Ottawa Gatineau Hotel Association.

CONTRACTS

Telesat sold for \$3.42B (Ottawa Business Journal, 12/18/06)

Canada's largest telecommunications services provider has sold Ottawa-based Telesat for \$3.42 billion to Canada's Public Sector Pension Investment Board and U.S. satellite firm Loral space & Communications Inc..

March signs up Giant Tiger (Ottawa Business Journal, 12/18/06)

March Networks, the specialist in digital video surveillance and data technology, has signed up Ottawa-based retail chain Giant Tiger Stores Ltd..

Enablence gets early order for transceiver, receives third patent (Ottawa Business Journal, 12/14/06)

Ottawa-based Enablence Technologies, which develops fibre-to-the-home transceivers for optical modems, has announced that it has received its first purchase order for its new diplexer transceiver earlier than expected.

Calian signs more than \$8M in new contracts (Ottawa Business Journal, 12/14/06)

Kanata-based Calian Technologies Ltd. has signed several new contracts in both Canada and the U.S. for its business and technology services, totaling more than \$8 million.

Wi-LAN shares jump 64% on \$49M Nokia deal (Ottawa Business Journal, 12/05/06)

Shares of Ottawa-based Wi-LAN soared more than 64 per cent as it announced that Nokia Corporation has paid almost \$50 million for its patent portfolio.

Allen-Vanguard wins \$3.5M contract to provide bomb detection equipment (Ottawa Business Journal, 12/01/06)

Allen-Vanguard has won a \$3.75-million contract to provide its advanced digital electronic counter measures (ECM) equipment to another NATO country.

EDUCATION

Carleton team finds room for award (Ottawa Sun, 12/29/06)

The Acuity Adaptable Patient Room Prototype Project, developed by Carleton University in collaboration with Clemson University in South Carolina for U.S.-based Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, has won in the professional conceptual design category of the Healthcare Environment Awards competition sponsored by Contract magazine.

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