



Connecting Talent, Ideas & Capital in
Canada's Fastest Growing Tech City

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In 1981, the Calgary Research & Development Authority was established. The organization was later renamed to Calgary Technologies Inc. (CTI) and it operated the Alastair Ross Technology Centre on the University of Calgary Research Park.

1981



The inspiration for Platform was born out of Rainforest Calgary, to bring about connection and focus in the Calgary tech community, and CTI was rebranded to Platform in March 2019.

2019



On June 6, 2022, Platform Calgary moved from the Alastair Ross Technology Centre to the Platform Innovation Centre in downtown Calgary.

2022

2015

Rainforest Calgary was started in 2015 as a grassroots initiative to foster innovation and build a thriving tech ecosystem in Alberta.



2021

Working with community partners, Platform established the city-wide goal in 2021 to create 30,000 new tech jobs in Calgary at 3,000 companies.

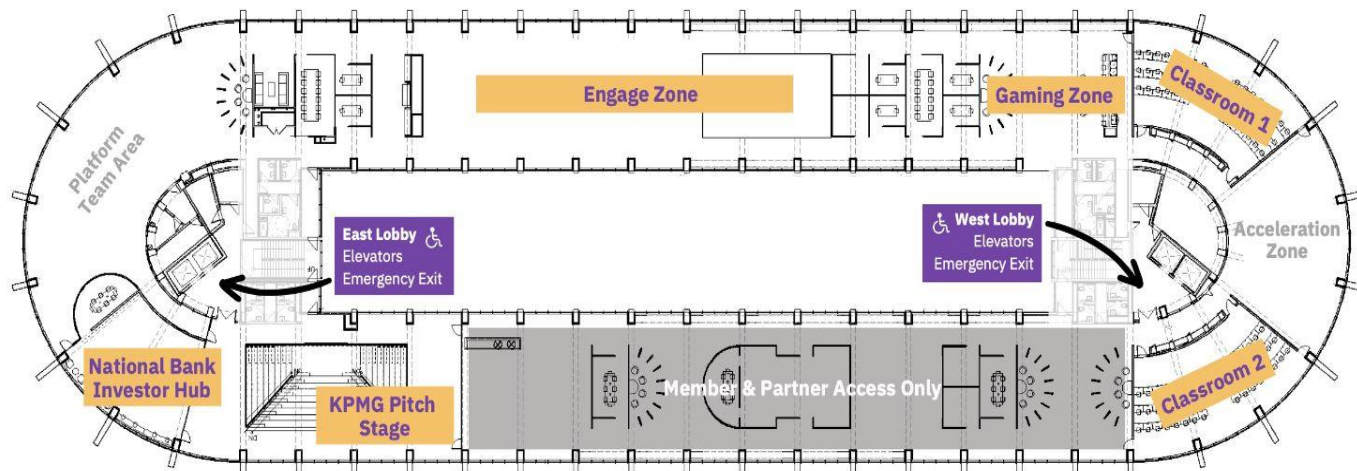


2024

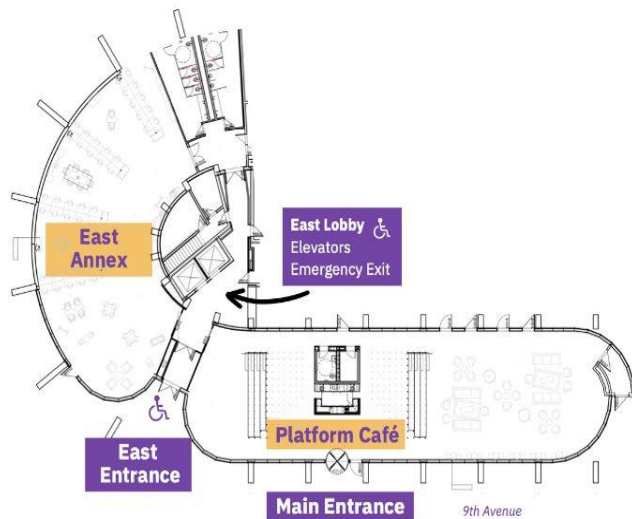
Over 140,000 people went through Platform Calgary's doors in 2024.



Second Floor



First Floor



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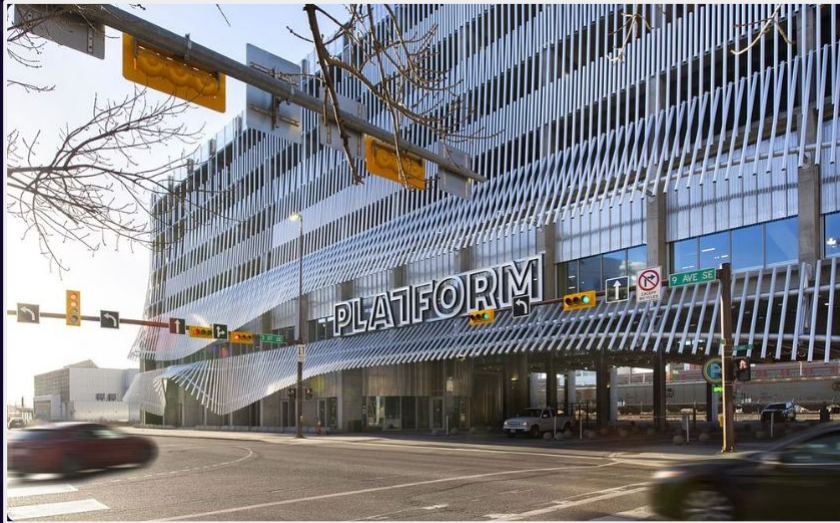


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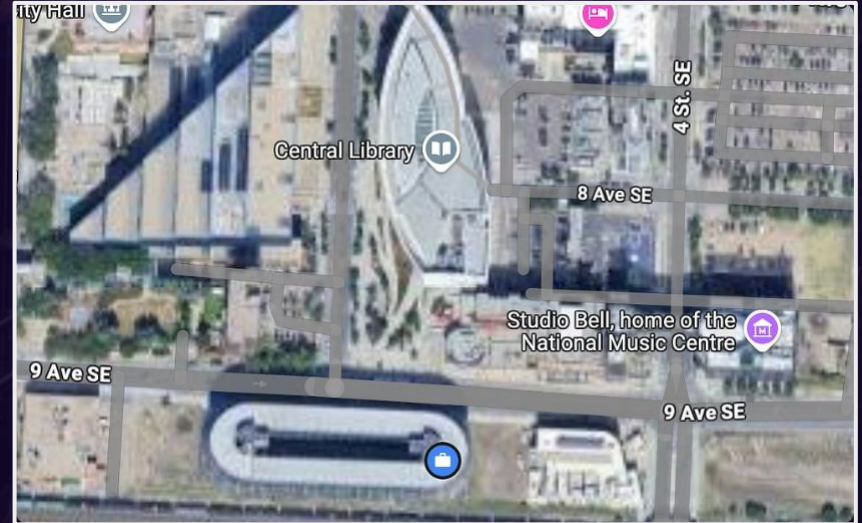
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Essential Civic Infrastructure



Single Point of Access

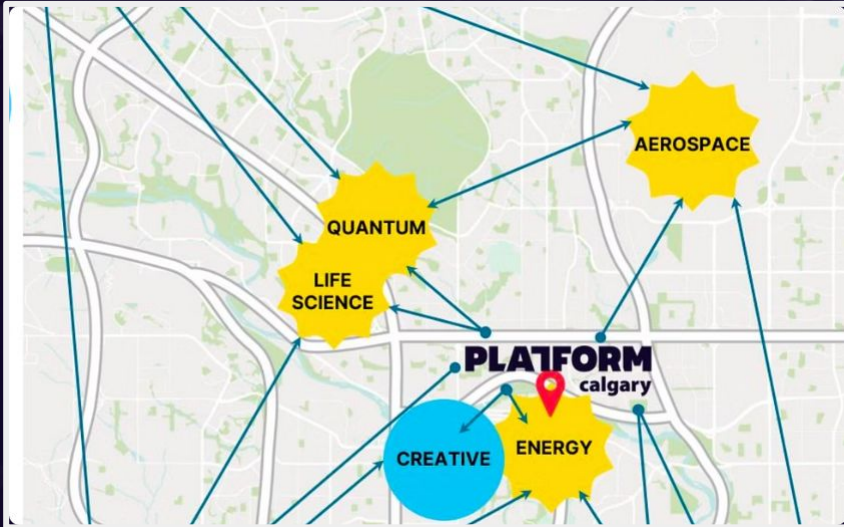
Platform Calgary operates as the front door to Calgary's innovation ecosystem, connecting **ALL Calgarians** to the city's tech and innovation resources.



Municipal Partnership

A joint commitment to animating a neighbourhood, fostering local innovation and economic growth in a 73% City-owned parkade.

Essential Civic Infrastructure



City's Innovation Strategy

Key component of Calgary Economic Development's comprehensive Innovation Strategy, strengthening the city's network of innovation nodes.




Trusted & Thriving Community

Central nexus linking 800+ companies, 180+ partner organizations and thousands of individuals to create a vibrant, collaborative, inclusive innovation community.



Our vision is to make Calgary the best place in the world for anyone to start and grow a tech company.

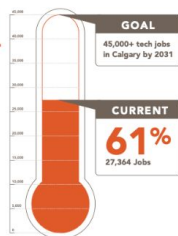
We believe tech is driving Calgary's future economy. Innovation across all sectors is key to a diversified, resilient, and inclusive economy that creates opportunities for everyone.



Tech In Calgary has researched and created this document, showing the distribution of Calgary tech companies by number of employees. There are clear 10-year goals for each category of company size.

Tech In Calgary is a grassroots organization that endeavours to be as accurate as possible in our information gathering and reporting. We welcome your updates, suggestions, corrections, and ideas at: sonja@znc.ca

COMBINED JOBS GOAL



TRACKING REPORT

Since January 2021, Tech In Calgary has been tracking tech companies. Here's where we are:

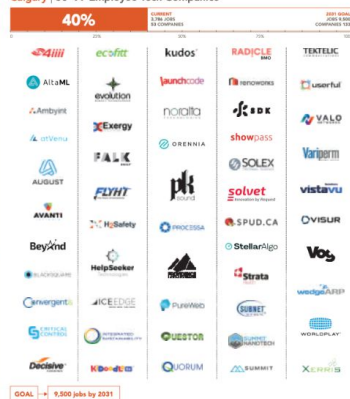
DATE	COMPANIES REMOVED	COMPANIES ADDED	START UP + CORE TRIP TOTAL
Feb 14, 2021			721
Apr 14, 2021	-17	+112	816
Sept 20, 2021	-18	+66	864
Jan 19, 2022	-8	+56	912
April 19, 2022	-28	+81	965
Jan 20, 2023	-14	+76	1,027
May 30, 2024	-103	+140	1,064
May 16, 2025	-95	+200	1,169
TOTAL TRACKED	-283	+731	

Other sources for new tech companies in Calgary:
AEC 2023 Deal Flow Study: 1490 | Start Alberta: 1400+

Scan QR code for a PDF of the Tech In Calgary Goals



Calgary | 50-99 Employee Tech Companies



Calgary | 100-499 Employee Tech Companies



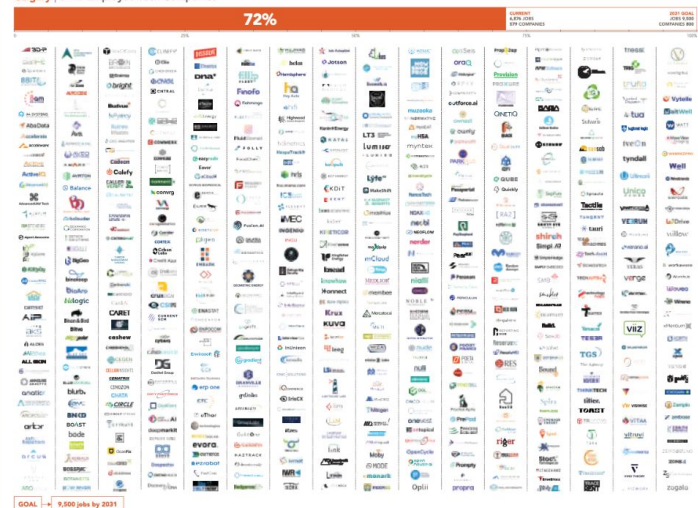
Calgary | 500+ Employee Tech Companies



Calgary | 1-4 Employee Tech Companies



Calgary | 5-49 Employee Tech Companies



Proven Impact & Economic Value

The Platform community is creating significant economic value for Calgary's economy, quickly becoming one of the leading organizations in Canada. Our focus on inclusive innovation has helped Calgary emerge as North America's fastest growing tech hub, now ranking among the top 50 emerging regions globally.

428

5+ employee companies since 2021

On track to exceed a goal of 1000+ by 2031.

6,750

Jobs

Employment associated with Calgary-based Platform members

\$709M

Wages Generated

Salary impact from Platform member companies in 2024

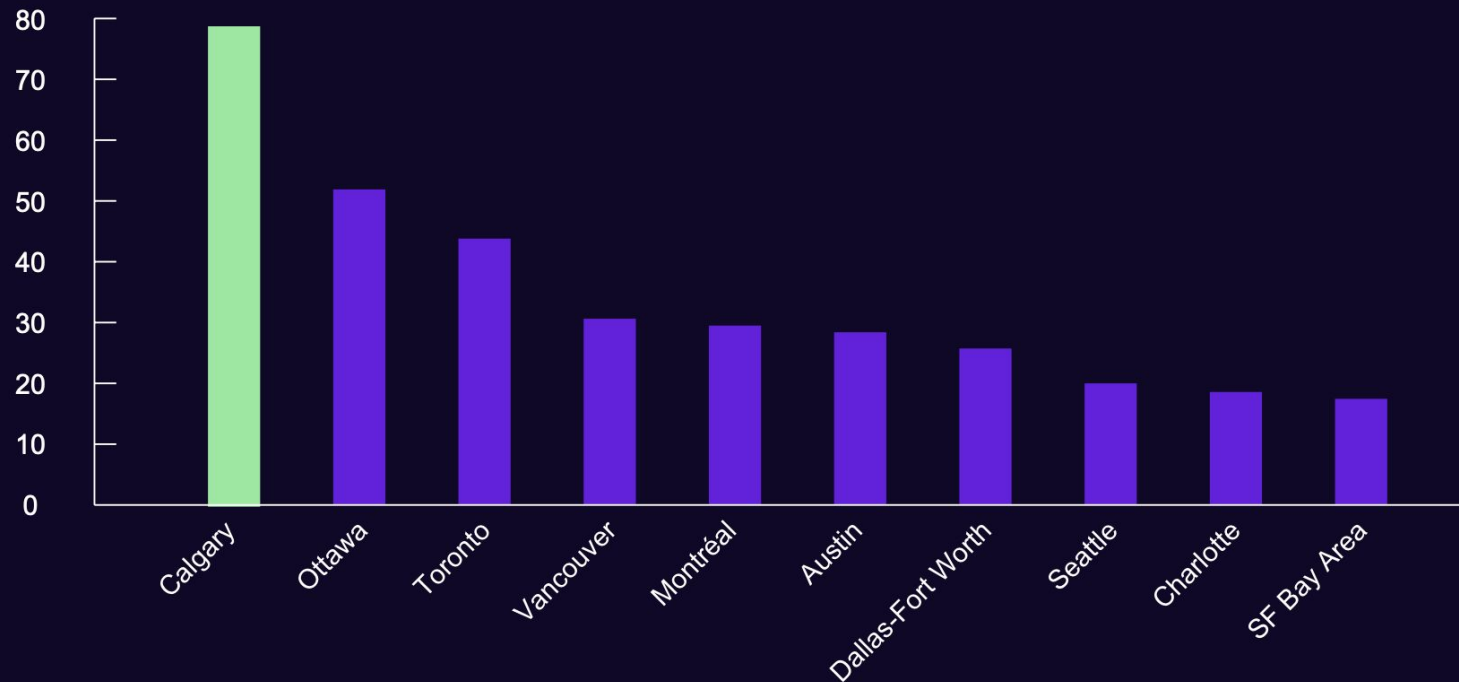
237.5%

Ecosystem Value Growth

Calgary tech ecosystem now valued at \$8.1 billion

Ten Fastest Growing Tech Workforces

Large tech talent markets (>50K workforce) % change 2018-2023



Source: CBRE



Platform Calgary transforms the entrepreneurial landscape in our city, turning the loneliness of being a founder into a vibrant community of support, innovation, and collaboration. They truly are shaping a brighter future for Calgary's startup ecosystem

Kyle Friedman

CEO & Co-Founder, Quickly Technologies

Merci!



Terry Rock
CEO, Platform Calgary



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