



Focus on

CANADA



DETAILED RESULTS FOR CANADIAN CITIES

- Detailed results are shown for 42 Canadian cities.
- To maintain balance in the international comparisons, the number of Canadian cities included in the international report was limited to 13. However, all 42 cities have been researched on a comparable basis.
- · Detailed results for all cities included in the international KPMG study are available on-line at www.CompetitiveAlternatives.com.

CANADIAN VERSUS US COSTS

- Costs for Canadian cities are generally 10% to 20% lower than for their regional US counterparts.
- Overall costs in all Canadian cities are lower than in every city in the continental United States. Even higher-cost Canadian cities such as Toronto and Vancouver rank ahead of the lowestcost continental US cities.
- Even with a 20% increase in the value of the Canadian dollar, Canada's cost advantage would still average more than 5%.

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NATIONAL RESULTS BY INDUSTRY AND OPERATION

| | | NATIONAL INDEX AND RANK | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| INDUSTRY | OPERATIONS MODELED | AUSTRIA | FRANCE | GERMANY | ITALY | NETHERLANDS | UK | CANADA | US | JAPAN | |
| COMPOSITE IND | USTRIES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Auto parts | Metal components (75%) | 91.5 (5) 91.1 | 91.7 (6) 91.3 91.1 | 101.6 (8) 101.3 100.4 | 87.8 (2) 87.4 87.9 | 89.4 (4) 89.0 87.9 | 87.0 (1) 86.6 86.4 | 89.0 (3) 88.9 89.0 | 100.0 (7) 100.0 100.0 | 121.9 (9 122.0 121.7 | |
| Aerospace | Plastic components (15%) Electronic subassemblies (10%) | 90.9 95.7 93.0 (6) | 95.5 92.3 (5) | 105.9 | 91.1 87.4 (2) | 95.0 90.6 (4) | 91.1 87.2 (1) | 89.4 87.8 (3) | 100.0 | 121.6 | |
| | Precision parts (45%) Electronic subassemblies (40%) Plastic components (15%) | 91.2 95.7 90.9 | 89.8 95.5 91.1 | 102.7 105.9 100.4 | 83.9 91.1 87.9 | 87.5 95.0 87.9 | 83.9 91.1 86.4 | 86.0 89.4 89.0 | 100.0 100.0 100.0 | 117.5 121.6 121.7 | |
| MANUFACTURIN | G * | | | | | | | | | | |
| Building products (hardware) Plastics Agri-food Telecom & electronics equip. Precision manufacturing Pharmaceuticals Chemicals | Metal components Plastic products Food processing Electronics assembly Precision components Pharmaceutical products Specialty chemicals | 91.1 (5) 90.9 (5) 93.4 (5) 95.7 (6) 91.2 (6) 95.4 (6) 95.2 (4) | 91.3 (6) 91.1 (6) 94.4 (6) 95.5 (5) 89.8 (5) 95.3 (5) 95.5 (6) | 101.3 (8) 100.4 (8) 99.5 (7) 105.9 (8) 102.7 (8) 103.2 (8) | 87.4 (2) 87.9 (2) 91.3 (2) 91.1 (3) 83.9 (2) 91.9 (3) 92.6 (3) | 89.0 (4) 87.9 (3) 92.1 (3) 95.0 (4) 87.5 (4) 94.4 (4) 95.3 (5) | 86.6 (1) 86.4 (1) 90.9 (1) 91.1 (2) 83.9 (1) 90.7 (1) 92.4 (2) | 88.9 (3) 89.0 (4) 92.5 (4) 89.4 (1) 86.0 (3) 90.9 (2) 89.6 (1) | 100.0 (7) 100.0 (7) 100.0 (8) 100.0 (7) 100.0 (7) 100.0 (7) 100.0 (7) | 122.0 (9 121.7 (9 109.6 (9 121.6 (9 117.5 (9 115.0 (9 111.4 (9 | |
| R & D - Laboratory research Product testing | Biomedical R&D Electronic systems devit/testing | 84.1 (6) 81.4 (6) | 82.0 (5) 75.2 (5) | 97.8 (7) 88.8 (7) | 80.4 (3) 74.3 (3) | 82.0 (4) 74.8 (4) | 78.7 (2) 71.0 (2) | 72.2 (1) 66.9 (1) | 100.0 (8) 100.0 (8) | 124.5 (9 114.3 (9 | |
| SOFTWARE' | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Software design Web development | Advanced software Content development | 93.9 (6) 96.6 (6) | 91.5 (5) 87.1 (4) | 99.6 (7) 97.1 (7) | 89.1 (3) 85.4 (3) | 90.1 (4) 87.6 (5) | 82.0 (2) 80.7 (2) | 77.8 (1) 77.6 (1) | 100.0 (8) 100.0 (8) | 108.8 (9 115.6 (9 | |
| CORPORATE SEI | RVICES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate services | Shared services center | 111.8 (7) | 104.2 (6) | 123.4 (8) | 91.6 (3) | 100.9 (5) | 90.0 (2) | 80.3 (1) | 100.0 (4) | 154.2 (9 | |
| | 12-operation average | 93.7 (6) | 92.2 (5) | 101.9 (8) | 88.6 (3) | 90.8 (4) | 86.9 (2) | 85.5 (1) | 100.0 (7) | 117.8 (9 | |

1 Due to the more complex nature of these industries, results are calculated based on composite results for multiple operations as indicated. Weightings are based on industry research, although different approaches may give different weightings and results. As these results are based on other operations, they are not included in determining the overall, 12-operation average. 2 Industries represented by a single operation

REGION AND CITY RESULTS (12-OPERATION AVERAGE)

| LO | CATION | COUNTRY | OVERALL INDEX | LO | CATION | COUNTRY | OVERALL INDEX | L O | CATION | COUNTRY | OVERALL INDEX |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------|------------------|
| CONTINENTAL EUROPE | | | | ORTH AMERICA | | 1 | | | | | |
| 1 | Catania | Italy | 87.2 | NE | W ENGLAND/ATLAN | TIC | | MI | DWEST | | |
| 2 | Naples | Italy | 87.7 | 1 | Halifax, NS | Canada | 83.9 | 1 | Edmonton, AB | Canada | 82.9 |
| 3 | Livorno | Italy | 87.9 | 2 | Moncton, NB | Canada | 84.6 | 2 | Saskatoon, SK | Canada | 84.9 |
| 4 | Turin | Italy | 88.9 | 3 | Lewiston, ME | US | 98.2 | 3 | Calgary, AB | Canada | 85.0 |
| 5 | Vicenza | Italy | 88.9 | 4 | Burlington, VT | US | 99.4 | 4 | Winnipeg, MB | Canada | 86.4 |
| 6 | Groningen | Netherlands | 90.0 | 5 | Hartford, CT | US | 102.9 | 5 | Sioux Falls, SD | US | 96.1 |
| 7 | Mulhouse | France | 90.5 | | UTHEAST | | | 6 | Cape Girardeau, MO | US | 96.3 |
| 8 | Zwolle Region | Netherlands | 90.6 | 1 | San Juan, PR | US | 87.8 | 7 | Salt Lake City, UT | US | 97.8 |
| 9 | Tilburg | Netherlands | 90.7 | 2 | Dothan, AL | US | 94.3 | 8 | Cedar Rapids, IA | US | 97.9 |
| 10 | Maastricht-Heerlen | Netherlands | 90.9 | 3 | Greenville-Spartanburg, SC | US | 95.5 | | Wichita, KS | US | 99.0 |
| 11 | | Netherlands | 91.7 | 4 | Nashville, TN | US | 97.3 | 9 | | | |
| 12 | (The Hague and proxima | France | 91.8 | 5 | Jacksonville, FL | US | 97.6 | 10 | Colorado Springs, CO | US | 99.1 |
| 13 | Grenoble Linz | Austria | 93.1 | 6 | Atlanta, GA | US | 98.3 | 11 | Oklahoma City, OK | US | 99.4 |
| 14 | | Austria | 93.4 | 7 | Raleigh, NC | US | 98.7 | 12 | Phoenix, AZ | US | 100.1 |
| 15 | | France | 94.2 | | RTHEAST | 00 | 50.7 | 13 | St. Louis, MO | US | 101.5 |
| 16 | | Austria | 94.7 | 1 | Quebec City, QC | Canada | 83.5 | 14 | Chicago, IL | US | 101.9 |
| 17 | Chemnitz | Germany | 94.8 | 2 | Montreal, QC | Canada | 85.3 | 15 | Minneapolis, MN | US | 102.6 |
| 18 | | Germany | 104.8 | 3 | Waterloo Region, ON | Canada | 85.7 | 16 | Dallas-Fort Worth, TX | US | 103.3 |
| | Dusseldorf | Germany | 105.9 | 4 | Ottawa, ON | Canada | 86.2 | 17 | Houston, TX | US | 105.0 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | | | 5 | Toronto, ON | Canada | 87.9 | PA | CIFIC | | | |
| - | | | | 6 | Lexington, KY | US | 96.9 | 1 | Kelowna, BC | Canada | 84.7 |
| 1 | Telford | UK | 85.4 | 7 | Indianapolis, IN | US | 97.2 | 2 | Vancouver, BC | Canada | 88.2 |
| 2 | Stoke-on-Trent | UK | 85.8 | | Columbus, OH | US | 98.3 | 3 | Boise, ID | US | 97.5 |
| 3 | Cardiff | UK UK | 86.7 86.8 | 8 | | US | 99.6 | 4 | Portland, OR | US | 100.8 |
| 4 | Plymouth | UK | 88.0 | 9 | Saginaw, MI | US | 99.0 | 5 | San Diego, CA | US | 102.2 |
| 5 | Manchester | UK | 88.6 | 10 | Northern Virginia | 110 | 100.0 | 6 | Las Vegas, NV | US | 102.8 |
| 7 | Birmingham Glasgow | UK | 88.8 | | (Metro DC), VA | US | 100.8 | 7 | Sacramento, CA | US | 103.4 |
| 8 | Edinburgh | UK | 90.0 | | Scranton, PA | US | 100.8 | 8 | Riverside- | US | 103.4 |
| | | OK. | 30.0 | 12 | | US | 103.6 | 0 | | US | 103.7 |
| 71 | APAN | | | 13 | | US | 106.8 | | San Bernardino, CA | | |
| 1 | Hamamatsu | Japan | 113.8 | | Boston, MA | US | 107.6 | 9 | Seattle, WA | US | 105.7 |
| 2 | Fukuoka | Japan | 113.9 | | Newark, NJ | US | 110.5 | 10 | San Jose, CA | US | 115.5 |
| 3. | Yokohama | Japan | 125.7 | 16 | New York City, NY | US | 115.5 | 11 | Honolulu, HI | US | 116.7 |