

Examples of recent business investment decisions in Laval include the following:

- Servier Canada, an independent laboratory, is building a head office and research institute. The company is investing CDN \$10 million in a 140,000 square foot complex.
- The Institute for Research in Industrial Pharmacy has completed construction of a new CDN \$6.5 facility for basic and applied research in industrial pharmacy.
- Space Camp Canada Corporation will be building a CDN \$32 million facility that includes a museum and a training centre for space technologies.
- Hydro Quebec will be building a 102,000 square foot network distribution centre, at a cost of CDN \$258 million.
- The Armand Frappier institute is building a 58,000 square foot experimental biology facility, at a cost of CDN \$13 million.

5. London, Ontario

London, the regional center of southwestern Ontario, located on the strip of land lying between Lake Erie and Lake Huron. London is located centrally between Toronto, 118 miles to the north-east, Detroit, 120 miles to the south-west, and Cleveland, approximately 120 miles to the south.

Between 1986 and 1991, the population of the City of London grew at an average annual rate of 2.41% to 311,900. In the same year, the Greater London metropolitan area had a recorded population of 381,500. The city's population is expected to reach 366,000 by the year 2021.

London is located in the heart of the North American central industrial region. Manufacturing plays a major role in the economy of the city, and in June 1994 there were 14 manufacturers in London with more than 500 employees each. The most significant industries are automotive and transportation equipment, food processing and building products. The three largest manufacturing employers in London are Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd, General Motors of Canada Ltd and Cami Automotive Inc. Other major employers, include 3M Canada Inc., Kellogg Canada Inc. and Labbatt's Ontario Breweries.

London International Airport is located adjacent to prime industrial land. Four regional airlines service London, providing direct flights to Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Sarnia, Pittsburgh and Detroit. Connecting flights are available to New York and Washington DC. Full charter and air freight services are also provided. Port facilities are 24 miles away in Port Stanley, on Lake Erie. The nearest port capable of handling container cargo is Toronto, 118 miles away by road. In winter,