

WHERE THE WORLD OF CYBERSECURITY IS GOING.

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As cyber threats grow in scale and sophistication, the Metro Vancouver region is strengthening its position as a global hub for cybersecurity.

Our region boasts more than 120 firms whose principal business is cybersecurity or that maintain a dedicated cybersecurity practice. The ecosystem includes one of the largest AI hubs in the country, top university educated talent, a thriving tech community, and globally significant centres for cybersecurity research and threat intelligence. We have leading firms in identity verification and fraud prevention, and deep capabilities in network, cloud and endpoint security, governance, risk and compliance, and security operations and threat response.

With businesses and governments worldwide experiencing trillions of daily attacks, cybersecurity is no longer an I.T. cost centre but a critical part of organizational resiliency. Canadian government support for cybersecurity and AI adoption has never been higher, and with the government making generational investments in Canada's Defence Industrial Strategy, cybersecurity is a major beneficiary of its enabling Canadian Industrial and Technological Benefits (ITB) policy.¹



A deep pool of talent that has more than doubled in the last 5 years.

The stakes keep climbing. Our talent builds the defence systems of tomorrow, keeping the firms who hire them ahead of constantly evolving threats.

3rd Largest

concentration of
tech talent in Canada

133%

cybersecurity specialist
growth, 2021–2026

1,400+

computer science and
related program graduates

Global Leader

quantum computing and Canada's
most diverse applied AI hub

Tech employment in the Metro Vancouver region grew by 20%, increasing from 103,500 jobs in 2021 to 124,400 jobs in 2026. Growth in cybersecurity occupations was even more significant, with the number of cybersecurity specialists rising by 133%, from 1,100 jobs in 2021 to 2,560 jobs in 2026.²

The University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, the British Columbia Institute of Technology and the other public post-secondary institutions in the region contribute to a robust talent pipeline that includes over 1,400 career, technical, and professional training program graduates, almost 1,300 undergraduate degree graduates, and 64 graduate degree holders in computer science and related fields in 2023.³

1. Government of Canada, 2026

2. Lightcast 2026

3. Lightcast, 2026



Our innovation ecosystem helps cybersecurity companies build the solutions that prepare for the threats of tomorrow.

From global anchor companies and local champions to dedicated cybersecurity consultancies and diversified professional-services firms, organizations across the cybersecurity spectrum can access the talent, research expertise, and strategic partnerships needed to innovate, grow, and succeed.

LEADING COMPANIES INCLUDE:

MasterCard Global Intelligence and Cyber Centre of Excellence (Vancouver): Accelerating innovation in digital and cybersecurity, MasterCard's \$510-million initiative created 380 jobs and one hundred new co-op positions. The Centre is backed by a \$49-million investment from the Canadian Government's Strategic Innovation Fund.

Fortinet (Burnaby): A global leader in enterprise-class cybersecurity and networking innovation, Fortinet's largest global campus is in Burnaby, where it houses its largest threat research group, FortiGuard Labs, and half of its global product management team.

Trulioo (Vancouver): The connected risk intelligence platform for fraud and financial crime, Trulioo delivers business and person verification in 195 countries.



The Metro Vancouver region is a global leader in quantum computing and offers Canada's most diverse applied AI hub, giving you the power to test ideas quickly.

COMMUNITY & INDUSTRY GROUPS

Our vibrant cyber community is where data sharing, joint cyber defence, networking, and problem solving lead to the incubation of new business ideas and capabilities.

The National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC) is a dynamic community offering a unique space where members benefit from collaboration, training, funding opportunities, and cross-pollination from peers within the Canadian cybersecurity ecosystem.

ISACA-Vancouver is the largest cybersecurity community in Western Canada offering professional development support, networking events and hosts job boards for employers seeking new hires.

In-Sec-M is a pan-Canadian cybersecurity cluster that regularly hosts international trade missions for Canadian cybersecurity companies to showcase cybersecurity capabilities to global audiences.





Government programs and incentives that power up cyber defence.

The Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) Program

Tax credits for eligible R&D activities. Qualifying Canadian-controlled private corporations receive a 35% credit on the first \$6 million of eligible expenditures and 15% thereafter, while other corporations receive a 15% credit.

British Columbia SR&ED Tax Credit

Supplementing the Federal SR&ED tax credits, this program offers 10% credit on expenditures for work in BC.

The Mitacs - Elevate Program

Firms hiring top ranked, highly trained research talent can access matching funds for post-doctoral fellowships.

National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC IRAP)

The National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC IRAP) is Canada's leading innovation assistance program for small and medium-sized businesses. Build your innovation capacity and take your ideas to market with financial assistance, advisory services and connections to the best business and R&D expertise in Canada.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

We provide tailored services to help you
grow and expand into the region's market.

Visit our website for more information
about Metro Vancouver's regional and
cybersecurity advantages.

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