

Annual Head Office Survey, 2022

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There were 2,654 head office locations across Canada in 2022, a decrease of 1.1% from the previous year. Head office employment also declined slightly (-0.9%) from 210,971 employees in 2021 to 209,029 in 2022.

Among the provinces, head office employment remained concentrated in Ontario (42.8%), Quebec (23.8%) and Alberta (15.5%).

The majority of head offices were located in major census metropolitan areas (CMAs). Toronto had the most head offices (692), followed by Montréal (377), Vancouver (240) and Calgary (198).

Toronto also had the most head office employees (67,503) of any CMA. Montréal was next (38,313), followed by Calgary (25,312) and Vancouver (15,060).

Looking at 2023

Businesses faced multiple economic headwinds in 2023 as the cost of servicing debt rose, economic growth stagnated in the middle of the year and input price pressures remained elevated. However, job creation was positive, and the number of businesses increased in 2023. Against this backdrop, detailed statistics for head offices in 2023 will be available after survey data are collected in 2024.

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Note to readers

Head offices include establishments and locations primarily engaged in providing general management or administrative support services to affiliated establishments. Their activities include corporate functions, such as strategic organizational planning, communications, tax planning, legal services, marketing, finance, human resource management and information technology services. The observed population can include establishments active for only a part of the reference year.

These data and other data related to business and consumer services can be found at the [Business and consumer services and culture statistics](#) portal.

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