



**YOUR**

**GLOBAL BUSINESS**

**DESTINATION.**





Cork is projected to be the fastest growing region in Ireland in the next 20 years with the City's population to grow by 50%. Over 200 foreign investors have decided to locate in Cork, building strong industry clusters and employing over 50,000 people in the region. Ideally situated between USA and Asia-Pacific markets, Cork delivers top class talent and, as Ireland's maritime haven and food capital, offers an attractive work-life balance. Cork can be your solution!

### Strong Clusters

Industry clusters supported by world-class research groups and centres of excellence

- Ireland's second centre for financial services
- Life Sciences cluster spans the pharmaceutical, bio-pharma & medical device sectors
- Growing offshore renewable energy cluster with huge potential for exponential growth
- Multiple EMEA operations servicing multiple markets in the local language

### BIG ON LIFE

Cork's strong regional industry clusters offer high quality roles to grow a rewarding professional career

- Compact city-living
- Among 100 cities participating in EU Mission for climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030
- Cork City centre's night-time economy has retained it's Purple Flag accreditation (ATCM, 2024)
- Spectacular rural and coastal environment
- Festival city-region
- Ireland's gastronomic capital
- Found to be the most active city across Ireland in 2022
- Ireland's maritime haven
- Ranks in the top 4% of cities for cleanest air quality in Europe (European Environmental Agency, 2024)
- A UNESCO Learning City

### 580,000+ Population

Ireland's second largest city with a population over 220,000 and 580,000+ in Cork County

- Cork City's population is set to increase by 50% by 2040
- 30% of Cork's population under 17 years of age
- Located on the south coast of Ireland with direct access to EU markets
- EU's second largest English-speaking city
- Ideally situated between USA and Asia-Pacific markets
- Only 2.5 hours from Dublin

### Strong Talent Pipeline

Cork delivers top class talent with its two regional universities

- UCC and MTU have over 40,000 students and 13,200 graduates combined
- Excellence in R&D and innovation through third-level research institutes
- UCC is in the top 1.1% of universities in the world and is home to CUBS – Ireland's largest business school
- MTU, Ireland's highest ranked technological university, works closely with industry to develop relevant, industry focused courses
- Four other third level institutes within a 2-hour commuting distance
- Cork produced 15.4% of the total graduate population in Ireland in 2022

40,000  
third level students

580,000+  
population

office  
rental

Highly competitive  
comparable rates

### Office Rental

Prime Cork City centre office rents are 58% that of Dublin City centre office rents (Savills Research – Review and Outlook 2024)

- Highly competitive rates
- New state of the art office space in the city centre
- Gold and Platinum LEED offices
- 17 innovative co-working hubs in the county

transport  
links

### Transport Links

Flights to hub airports in London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt, Rome & Manchester

- 50+ destinations served from Cork International Airport
- World's second largest natural harbour with new routes to Belgium, France & the US
- Hourly trains between Cork & Dublin

Pro-business  
environment

### Cork for Business

Cork ranked 2nd small European Small City for Economic Potential, 2nd Overall, 3rd for Business Friendliness and 5th for FDI Strategy (FDI Intelligent European Cities and Regions of the Future 2025).

- Cork City generates the highest revenue per person in Ireland
- Strong pro-business environment
- Collaborative, inter-agency partnerships
- Thriving start-up community and entrepreneurial spirit and with first class accelerator initiatives
- 100 Gbps fibre connectivity between Cork & the US & UK

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CONNECTING  
CORK

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ICT, pharma, cyber security,  
renewable energy, financial  
and professional services,  
maritime, agri-food



200+  
overseas  
companies

50,000+ employees in FDI businesses

### 200+ Overseas Companies

FDI investors employ over 50,000 people in the region

- Multicultural workforce from over 100 different countries
- Cork is home to several strong industry clusters built on a mix of FDI investment and indigenous companies
- Strong track record of successful international investment and re-investment



## Cork is a creative, innovative and vibrant region.

As Ireland's second city region, it is an international gateway to Europe and lies at the centre of the global economies of Asia and the Americas. Cork has a strong track record in attracting and retaining investment. There is a positive can-do attitude with a strong talent pipeline and collaborative inter-agency that inspires confidence in international investors and makes visitors feel instantly welcome.

Offering the perfect combination of vibrant and compact city-living, with spectacular rural and coastal scenery on the doorstep, Cork is full of character and offers a perfect work-life balance.

## Come join us!

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