Cornell University Ithaca Campus

Local economic snapshot – 2022

25,477	Students
10,506	Employees
\$1.12 billion	Payroll
\$464 million	Student spending
\$59 million	Visitor spending
\$334 million	Purchasing in Tompkins County and adjacent counties (by location of vendor).
\$87 million	Construction spending in Tompkins County and adjacent counties (by location of prime contractor).
\$7.2 million	Local contributions to governments, Ithaca City School District, non-profit organizations, and public transit support.
\$4.7 million	Property taxes generated (school taxes \$2.3 million, municipal taxes \$1.3 million). Taxes paid on Cornell-related properties rank third in Tompkins County.
\$5.2 million	Municipal fees (water, sewer, storm water \$3.2 million; other \$1.9 million). Cornell operates its own water system for most of the campus and serves as a backup to municipal water systems.
\$357 million	External federal, state and corporate research funding spent locally.
\$20.7 million	Capital raised in 2022 by the companies of Rev: Ithaca Startup Works, founded by Cornell (with Ithaca College and Tompkins Cortland Community College). Rev companies created 116 new jobs in 2022.
\$9.4 million	Capital raised by Cornell's Center for Life Science Ventures' Ithaca-based clients in 2022. These companies created 12 new local jobs in 2022, total of 59 local jobs.
\$7.6 million	Capital raised by Cornell's Praxis Center for Venture Development Ithaca based clients in 2022. These companies created 4 new local jobs, total of 17 local jobs.

NOTE: Numbers for students, employees, and payroll are for Cornell's Ithaca Campus only. Data points other than REV, Center for Life Sciences, and Praxis are Cornell Fiscal Year, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.