

# **WE ARE HERE**



# **PEOPLE ARE OUR CAPITAL**





Number of women





**492,739** Working age

# **132,773** Pre-working age



**180,689**Post-working age

## **WE HAVE POTENTIAL**

Krakow is one of Poland's largest academic centres





including **3,807** with the title of full professor and associate professor

**132,000** students including more than 9,500

international students

nearly 32,300 graduates per year



# WE HAVE POTENTIAL

# superkomputer

**Athena** and **Ares** are the two Krakow supercomputers on the TOP 500 list of supercomputers with the highest computing power in the world. **The Jagiellonian University** - the best among Polish universities in the Center for World University Rankings 2024 (CWUR) and the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2024 (ARWU), the so-called Shanghai Ranking. **The AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow** was also featured in both rankings.



**Mateusz Hołda** is the youngest scientist in Poland with the title of professor in medicine. Professor Hołda is affiliated with the Jagiellonian University, where he created, among other things, the HEART team for cardio-morphology. The so-called heart map, developed by Professor Hołda's team, contributes to safer and less invasive cardiovascular interventions.

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#### In Krakow, there are, among others:

The National Science Centre.The Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences.The Polish Academy of Sciences (PAS) Branch in Krakow with 22 institutesand laboratories.25 research units, including those belonging to the Łukasiewicz Research Network.The Malopolska Centre of Biotechnology at the JagiellonianUniversity.The SOLARIS National Synchrotron Radiation Centre.Innovation Centres.Technology Transfer Centres.The Space Technology Centre (AGH).• Krakow Technology Park.Clusters, including the LifeScience Cluster in Krakow – National Key Cluster.• The COGITEON Malopolska Science Centre

## WE HAVE CAPITAL

### Krakow ratings - Standard & Poor's (March 2024)

Long-term international rating in foreign currency outlook A-/ stable

Long-term international rating in local currency outlook A-/ stable



# 1.9 %

registered unemployment rate



77.6 %

of residents in pre-working and working age



# 242,700

average employment in the business sector (up 2.3% compared to the previous year)

( 176,900

national economy entities (5.2% more than last year)



sole traders (up 5.9% year on year)

# 49,700

companies, including 38,000 commercial companies of which 5,600 have foreign capital

# **THIS IS WHERE IDEAS ARE BORN**



150+ estimated number of start-ups in Krakow
60% of start-ups were founded in the last 5 years
11 number of start-up exits in the last 6 years
22 international unicorns with R&D teams
2nd place on the start-up scene in Poland (after Warsaw), according to Startup Blink Report 2024
500+

30+ IT companies employing 300+ IT specialists each
60,000 IT employees/specialists
60% of IT employees have more than 5 years of work experience and 80% of IT professionals have worked in multinational organisations
2,600 computer science graduates in Krakow each year
75% of IT specialists in Krakow have a degree in IT or a related field
500+ IT companies



There are several thriving institutions in Krakow that support the creation and development of start-ups, including **the Krakow Technology Park**, **#OMGKRK**, **hubraum** (Deutsche Telekom incubator), the Krakow City of Startups Foundation, **#Start-up Malopolska**.



Krakow is also one of the most important Polish cities for the gaming industry. Around 70 video game companies operate here.

Digital Dragons - one of the largest gaming industry conferences in Europe

# **THEY CHOSE US**

Technological and business service centers in Krakow (1993-2024)

Comarch

1993



# **WE FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT**

Krakow is the largest business service in Poland

288 centres 101,000 employees, including:

48,500 in SSC/GBS centres

**20,300** in IT centres

**18,600** in BPO centres **12,300** in R&D centres 25

centres employ a minimum of **1000** people (58.6% of total employment in the sector in Krakow)



average employment rate (highest in Poland)



centres employ a minimum of **500** people



new centres established in 2023 and 2024





projected jobs in the sector in Q1 2025

Krakow leads Poland regarding the number of people employed in centres specialising in Research and Development (R&D)

# **MILLION SPACES**

Modern office space in Krakow (as of Q1 2024)



#### **Krakow for Business**

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# WE ARE THE BEST

In the **fDi's European Cities and Regions of the Future 2024** ranking, in the Top 10 Large European Cities of the Future 2024, Krakow was awarded in the following categories:





Top 10 Large European Cities of the Future 2024 category: **overall**  Top 10 Large European Cities of the Future 2024 category: Human Capital & Lifestyle



Top 10 Large European Cities of the Future 2024 category: **Economic Potential** 

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Krakow in the rankings



The city ranked **2nd in the Business-Friendly Cities 2023** ranking, in the category of cities over 300,000 residents, organised by Forbes.

**Krakow tops the ranking of Poland's most beautiful cities.** Krakow has topped the ranking of Poland's most beautiful cities once again! This time, this title was awarded to the capital of Malopolska by Poles, confirming the strong position of Krakow's brand in the country as well.





According to the annual British Post Office Travel Money City Costs Barometer survey, the city ranked 4th among the most attractive cities for a city break in Europe.

The City of Krakow has once again been honoured with the titles of **"Złota Gmina na 5!"** ["Golden First Class Municipality!"] and **"Gmina na 5!"** ["First Class Municipality!"]. The titles are awarded on the basis of the results of annual surveys conducted by the Institute of Enterprise at the Collegium of Business Administration of the SGH Warsaw School of Economics. The research involved the activities of individual municipalities in the field of business services.





The city's **"Przedsiębiorcze krakowianki"** ["Entrepreneurial Women of Krakow"] programme ranked **2nd** at the national stage of **the European Enterprise Promotion Awards 2023 (EEPA 2023) competition** in the "Promoting entrepreneurial spirit" category. The "Entrepreneurial Women of Krakow" is a programme created in cooperation with an NGO, the "Mamo Pracuj" ["Mummy, work if you want to"] Foundation, which has been actively supporting women in their return to the labour market for more than 12 years.

# **NETWORK OF OPPORTUNITIES**

Sustainable development of Krakow's public transport







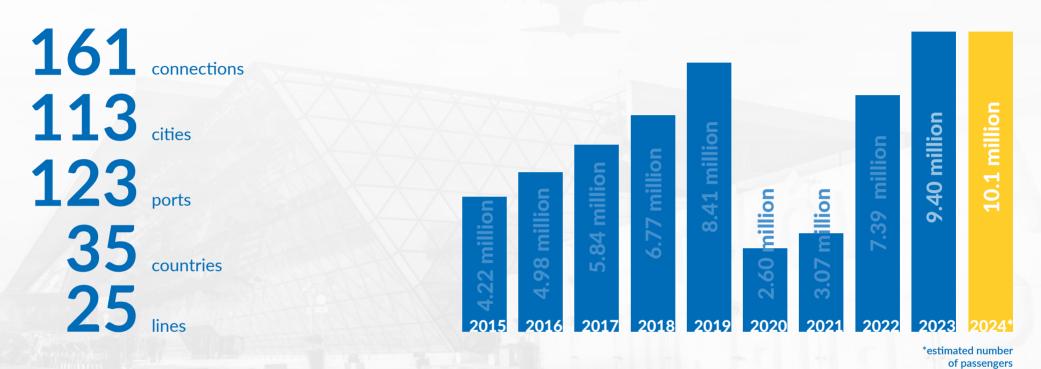


**173** bus routes: 154 day service and 19 night service ones

27 tram lines: 24 day service and 3 night service ones

# **KRAKOW AIRPORT**

#### Number of passengers at KRKOW AIRPORT



First rank among Polish regional airports. 10 km from the city centre lies Poland's largest regional airport, **Krakow Airport**.

Krakow Airport's direct impact area covers approximately **14.5 million people**, including Czechs and Slovaks.

Access to the airport from the city centre: **20 min by train** (SKA), **25 min by taxi, 40 min by bus**.

Krakow Airport has received the prestigious Level 2 accreditation in the ACI World Airport Customer Experience Accreditation programme for the third consecutive year. This award is given to the world's best airports that strive to raise the standards of service to travellers in their operations.

# WE ARE OPEN



# Rank 1

in Poland in terms of the number of hotel facilities

# 197 hotels

21 hotels ★★★★★
68 hotels ★★★★
89 hotels ★★★

**Krakow for Business** 

# 12.18 million

visitors

## rank

awarded by **Which** magazine as the best European city for a **city break**  in the list of "**The best** winter getaway destinations for 2023" according to discovercars.com

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in the ranking of Europe's most attractive cities for tourism according to the **Post Office Travel Money 2023** 

rank

in **Booking.com's** 2023 ranking of "10 Foodie Destinations in Europe" and **10th** place in the

"10 Best Places with History and Culture" category rank

in the Traveller's Choice 2023 ranking by Tripadvisor in the "Trending Destinations – World" category Krakow among the 100 "Top European metropolises" in Resonance Consultancy's report: "**Europe's Best Cities for 2023**"

Krakow: European Capital of Gastronomic Culture 2019

As many as four branches of the Museum of Krakow have been awarded **the Traveler's Choice 2023 award by Trip Advisor**. This means that, according to visitor ratings, they are in the top 10% of places worth visiting in the world. The Traveler's Choice 2023 award was granted to **Krzysztofory Palace**, **Schindler's Factory**, **the Rynek Underground** and **the Barbican**.

Krakow's **Zabłocie** was ranked **11th**, out of 38 "coolest" neighbourhoods in the world, in a ranking prepared by **Time Out Travel**. The list was created by journalists, who were asked to select places in the world that boast a specific history, culture, active community or gastronomy.

# **WE ARE OPEN**

Basic data on congress and conference facilities in Krakow in 2023



Data obtained by the **Krakow Convention Bureau** from Krakow's industry players shows that **4,368 group business meetings** were organised in the city in 2023, making it another year of growth in the number of participants in meetings and events in Krakow, both national and international.

Number of participants in the meetings industry in 2023 by type and form of event:



on-site

**1,801** 



20 restaurants in Krakow honoured by the Michelin 2024 guide, including one as the first in the country with two stars

Rank **30** in Europe and **47** in the ICCA 2023 world ranking of global meetings market

Krakow: **"European** Capital of Gastronomic Culture Krakow 2019"

## **ICE Krakow Congress Centre**

3,200 seats, including an auditorium with 2,000 seats ICE Krakow Congress Centre ranked 2nd among the 40 best congress centres throughout Central and

Eastern Europe in the industry's Meetings Star Award competition.



TAURON Arena Krakow 15,000 seats 9,000 standing places

**Tauron Arena Krakow**, the first arena in Poland to be accepted into the **European Arenas Association**, which brings together the largest venues in Europe.





# **WEARE OPEN**

UNESCO City of Literature

Member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network

European Capital of Culture 2000

# KRAKOW is a UNESCO City,

and one of the 12 cities to be included in the **1st UNESCO** World Heritage List in 1978 The headquarters of the Europa Nostra Heritage Hub for Central and Eastern Europe

Krakow, the city to host the 15th World Congress of the OWHC (Organization of World Heritage Cities)

Krakow to host the 61st Congress of the ICCA (International Congress and Convention Association)

## **KRAKOW, THE CULTURAL CAPITAL OF POLAND**



400 cultural events a year, attended by several million people



more than 100 museums and galleries



2 city orchestras: - Orchestra of the Capital Royal City of Krakow

Sinfonietta Cracovia - Capella Cracoviensis



**Krakow** the World Festival and Event City 2016

Nearly **100 festivals** are held in Krakow every year. The biggest events include Misteria Paschalia, Sacrum Profanum, Opera Rara, Unsound Festival, Jewish Culture Festival, the ULICA Street Theatre Festival, the Divine Comedy International Theatre Festival, Film Music Festival, Krakow Film Festival, Off Camera and literary festivals: the Miłosz Festival and the Conrad Festival.



# **WE ARE GREEN**

The Board of Urban Greenery is the municipal unit responsible for caring for almost all green areas in Krakow and carries out a number of innovative activities in the city. For more information, see: www.zzm.krakow.pl



Krakow as one of the greenest cities in the world



Krakow on the list of the "**European** mission to deliver 100 climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030" among cities such as Paris, Lisbon, Munich, Dublin or Milan. Krakow entered into the IMD Smart City Index 2024, a global ranking of smart cities with high quality of life, environmental care and social inclusion **\*** ---

Krakow as the winning city of **"Green Capital** of Europe 2023"

In 2023, Krakow joined the **Green City Accord** – clean and healthy cities for Europe

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# **KRAKOW'S GREENERY IN NUMBERS**



50.4 %

of the city

area is green



75

parks



43

pocket

parks



21

community

gardens



6 Krakow's parks

**376,028** forest seedlings in the years 2015-2023

more than **30 ha** 

of flower meadows

**1,590.39 ha** 

orest area 10

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229.4 km

the length of cycle paths (39.5 km completed in 2023)

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