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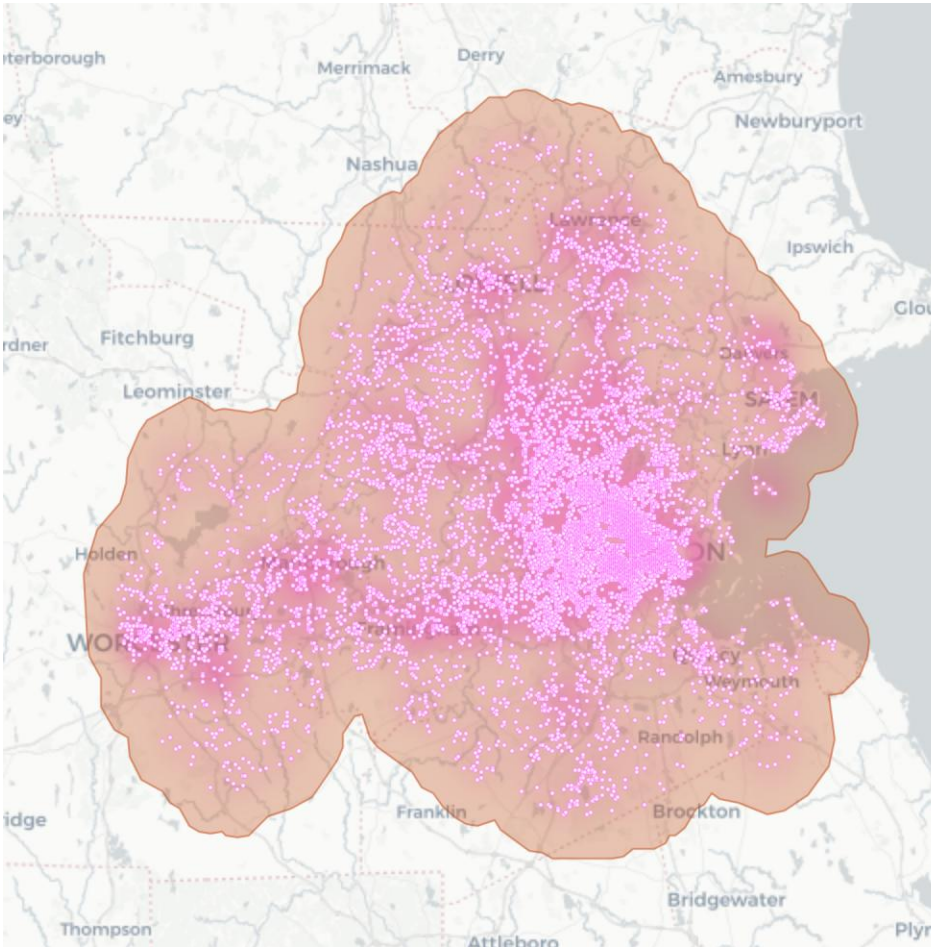


Boston–Cambridge, United States

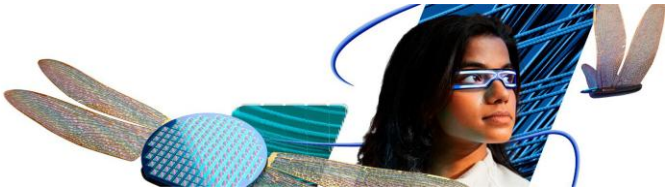
Boston–Cambridge is the third-ranked cluster, out of 20 American clusters, that falls within the top 100 innovation clusters in 2026. Over the most recent five-year period, this cluster filed a total of **24,575 PCT applications**, published **186,302 scientific articles** and had **4,553 venture capital deals**, making it:

9th in the World's Top 100 Innovation Cluster Rankings for 2026

(Also the 4th innovation cluster by intensity)



Note: Points represent the location of an inventor, author, or VC deal. Map created with Leaflet.
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Source: WIPO Statistics Database, June 2026.



Top PCT applicants

		Patents	Share
1	MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	753	4%
2	GENERAL HOSPITAL CORPORATION	435	2%
3	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	425	2%

Top publishing organizations

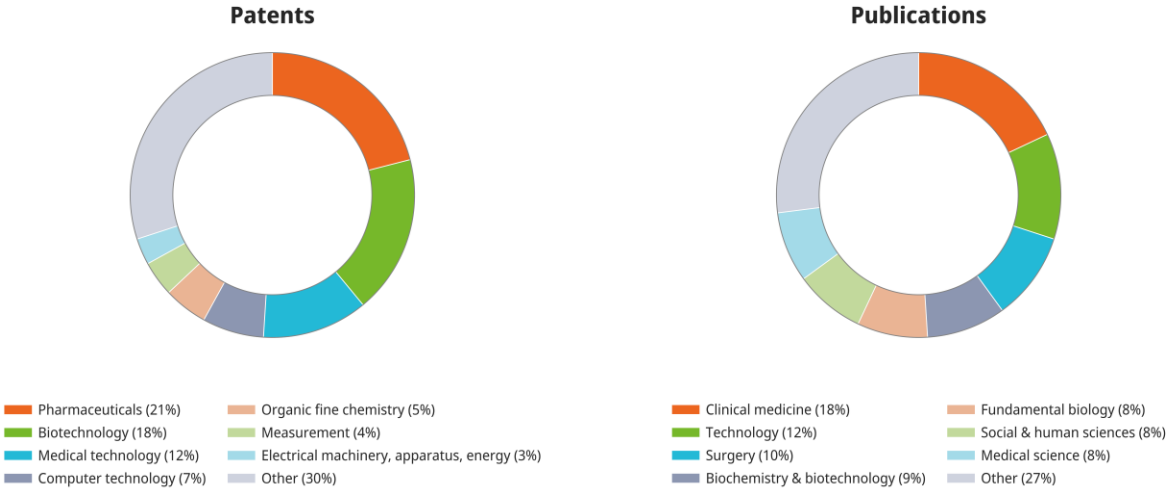
		Articles	Share
1	MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)	6,049	16%
2	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	5,892	15%
3	HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL	4,311	11%

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Top technology fields in Boston–Cambridge



40% of Boston–Cambridge's PCT patent applications are filed in collaboration with other inventors located outside the cluster, with **New York City**, **San Jose–San Francisco** and **Philadelphia** emerging as the top collaborative locations.

85% of Boston–Cambridge's scientific articles are published in collaboration with other organizations located outside the cluster, with the top three collaborating locations being **New York City**, **Washington DC–Baltimore** and **San Jose–San Francisco**.

Estimated cluster population	4,290,782

Innovation Metric	Five-year total (#)			Collaborative outputs (#)	
	Unique count	Fractional count	Per 1 million inhabitants	Total	Outside cluster
PCT applications	24,575	19,326	4,504	22,041	9,739
Scientific publications	186,302	74,838	17,442	183,264	158,378
Venture capital deals	4,553	n/a	1,061	n/a	n/a

Visit the dedicated cluster landing page for the full report and cluster-briefs: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/global-innovation-index/2026/innovation-clusters