DIGITAL GAMING CLUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

26 studios (8 large, 18 indie)
- New indie studios: Rocket Science, MedKit, Ironsilk Games
- New incubator, Capital District Gaming Studio, being developed in Glenville

511 workers
- Large studios employ 470 with approx. 16% working remotely outside NYS

380 students in game design & development programs
- 9th Best Undergrad Game Design Program – RPI GSAS (US News & World Report)
- 18th Best Graduate Game Design Program – RPI GSAS (Princeton Review)

448 students playing in national collegiate esports leagues (ECAC, NACE, NECC)

Major 2023 Releases
- Hot Wheels: Rift Rally: Velan Studios (March 14)
- Diablo IV: Blizzard (June 6)

COME CREATE IN THE CAPITAL REGION

1. Questar III (Hudson)
2. Askiisoft
3. Blizzard Albany
4. Capital Region BOCES
5. University at Albany
6. 1st Playable Productions
7. Aestronauts
8. Clockworks Games
9. Dang!
10. Eco Resilience Global Games Group
11. Ironsilk Games
12. MedKit
13. Network Next
14. Pine Drake Games
15. Queenship Game Studio
16. Questar III (Troy)
17. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
18. Spooky Bird
19. Velan Studios
20. WB Games NY
21. Wolfjaw Studios
22. Crescent Moon Games
23. Nonage
24. Rushdown Studios
25. Grimbar Interactive
26. Capital District Gaming Studio
27. Catapult Games
28. Jahnel Group
29. SUNY Schenectady
30. ToothPike Games

KEY: ⬣ Large Studios ⬤ Independent Studios ⬤ GameDev Ed
TALENT PIPELINE

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Games and Simulation Arts and Sciences (GSAS)
• Critical Game Design: Master’s & Doctorate
• Games and Simulation Arts and Sciences: Bachelor’s
• Critical Game Design - Co-terminal Program: Master’s

University at Albany
College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity
• Game Design and Development: Bachelor’s & Minor

SUNY Schenectady
• Programming for Game Design A.S.

Capital Region BOCES, Colonie
Game Design & Implementation 2-year sequence

Questar III, Troy (Hudson forthcoming)
• Gaming & Multimedia

Game Tech Innovate Hotspot
38 video game-related patents listing local inventors awarded 2008-2021

Gaming Community/Esports
Gaming Community
• Tech Valley Game Space
• Independent Game Developers Association Albany
• RPI Digital Gaming Hub
• Game Workers Alliance Albany

Esports Teams
• ECAC: UAlbany, College of Saint Rose, RPI
• NACE: Russell Sage College
• NECC: Siena College
• SUNY League: UAlbany, SUNY Schenectady, SUNY ADK, HVCC, CG-CC

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www.GameOnNY.org

CLUSTER PROFILE

26 studios with 511 workers total

8 LARGE STUDIOS
 (>10 employees)
470 total workers

18 INDEPENDENT STUDIOS
 (<10 employees, contractors, volunteers)
41 total workers

POPULAR GAMES BY CAPITAL REGION STUDIOS

Hot Wheels: Rift Rally: Velan Studios
Mario Kart Live Home Circuit: Velan Studios
Tony Hawk’s Pro Skater 1+2: Blizzard
Diablo II: Resurrected: Blizzard
Diablo IV: Blizzard
Yum Yum Cookstar: 1st Playable Productions
Tempo: Aestronauts
PowerBots Builders: Nonage
PowerBots RETRO: Nonage
The Phantom Keeper: Pine Drake Games
The Department of the Devil: Pine Drake Games
Open Spaces: Queenship Games Studio
VRPD (Virtual Reality Police De-escalation): Catapult Games
Algae Bloom Dynamics: Eco Resilience Games
Shakespeare or Die: Clockwork Games
BoomerangX: DANG! Studios
Load Roll Die: ToothPike Games
Beats to Kill: Ironsilk Games
Katana ZERO: Askiisoft

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