

# GREAT GAMES MADE HERE

## NEW YORK'S CAPITAL REGION



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Home of industry's 1<sup>st</sup> billion-dollar title – Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock

Winter 2024 Survey Results

## DIGITAL GAMING CLUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

### 20 studios (8 large, 12 indie)

- New studios: MiniTuna Studios, Yurisoft
- Rushdown Studios moved into 19 Railroad Pl. in Saratoga Springs

### 510 workers

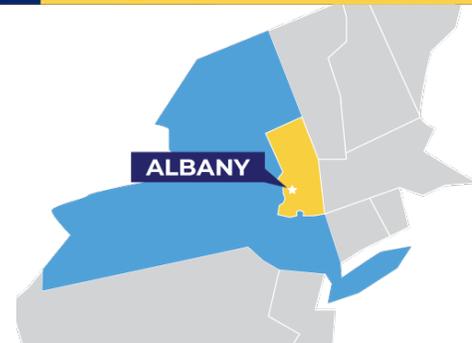
- Large studios employ 476 with approx. 25% working remotely outside NYS

### High School-PhD Game Design Talent Pipeline Expands

- 453 students enrolled in gaming programs from high school to PhD, up 19% Y/Y
- 21<sup>st</sup> Top Game Design School in the U.S. – RPI GSAS (*Animation Career Review*)
- UAlbany plans standalone BS & MS degrees in Game Design & Development
- Capital Region BOCES partners with CanCode Communities for QA and project management training

### Major 2024 Releases

- 2 Titles incorporating Velan Studios' own IP (End of 2024)
- Diablo IV: Vessel of Hatred: Blizzard (Fall 2024)



## COME CREATE IN THE CAPITAL REGION



Hot Wheels: Rift Rally by Velan Studios

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Yurisoft                          | 14. Velan Studios       |
| 2. Blizzard Albany                   | 15. WB Games NY         |
| 3. Capital Region BOCES              | 16. Wolfjaw Studios     |
| 4. University at Albany              | 17. Crescent Moon Games |
| 5. 1st Playable Productions          | 18. Nonage              |
| 6. Astronauts                        | 19. Rushdown Studios    |
| 7. Clockworks Games                  | 20. Grimbar Interactive |
| 8. Eco Resilience Global Games Group | 21. Catapult Games      |
| 9. Ironsilk Games                    | 22. Jahnel Group        |
| 10. MedKit                           | 23. Rocket Science      |
| 11. MiniTuna Studios                 | 24. SUNY Schenectady    |
| 12. Questar III                      | 25. ToothPike Games     |
| 13. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute |                         |

### TROY INNOVATION DISTRICT

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KEY: ● Large Studios ● Independent Studios ● GameDev Ed



Diablo IV by Blizzard

## CLUSTER PROFILE

20 studios with 510 workers total

**8**  
LARGE STUDIOS  
(≥10 employees)  
476 total workers

**12**  
INDEPENDENT STUDIOS  
(<10 employees, contractors, volunteers)  
34 total workers

## 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

- Informatics Concentration in Game Design & Development Bachelors & Minor
- Standalone B.S. & M.S. degrees in Game Design & Development (forthcoming)

### SUNY Schenectady

- Programming for Game Design A.S.

### Capital Region BOCES, Colonie

- Game Design & Implementation 2-year sequence

### Questar III, Troy

- Gaming & Multimedia

### Game Tech Innovate Hotspot

- 38 video game-related patents listing local inventors awarded 2008-2021

### Gaming Community

- Tech Valley Game Space
- RPI Level Upstate games incubator (now year-round)
- RPI Digital Gaming Hub
- Game Workers Alliance Albany

## POPULAR GAMES BY CAPITAL REGION STUDIOS



Hot Wheels: Rift Rally: Velan Studios  
 Mario Kart Live Home Circuit: Velan Studios  
 Diablo II: Resurrected: Blizzard  
 Diablo IV: Blizzard  
 Yum Yum Cookstar: 1st Playable Productions  
 Tempo: Astronauts  
 PowerBots Builders: Nonage  
 PowerBots RETRO: Nonage  
 Short Fuse: MiniTuna Studios  
 VRPD (Virtual Reality Police De-escalation): Catapult Games  
 Algae Bloom Dynamics: Eco Resilience Games  
 Load Roll Die: ToothPike Games  
 Beats to Kill To: Ironsilk Games

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