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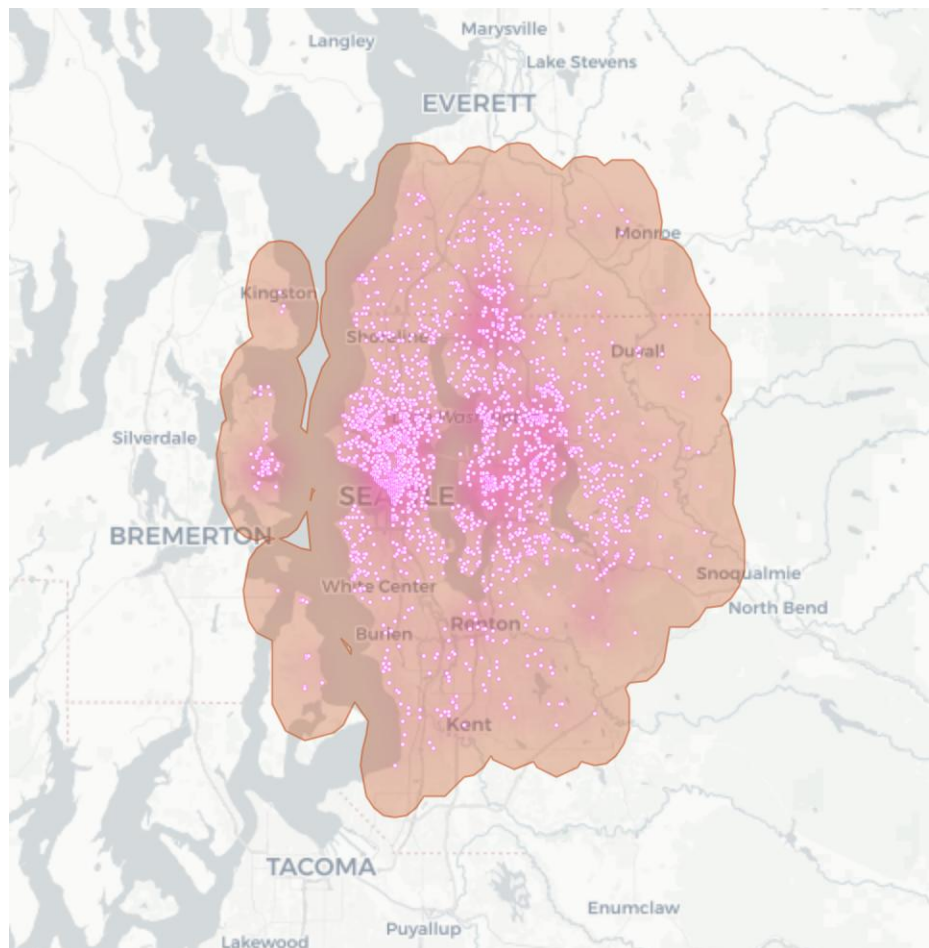
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Seattle, United States

Seattle is the eighth-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 **10,804 PCT applications**, published **55,393 scientific articles** and had **2,047 venture capital deals**, making it:

24th in the World's Top 100 Innovation Cluster Rankings for 2026
(Also the 7th 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.

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Top PCT applicants

		Patents	Share
1	MICROSOFT TECHNOLOGY LICENSING, LLC	5,696	59%
2	AMAZON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	448	5%
3	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	344	4%

Top publishing organizations

		Articles	Share
1	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SEATTLE	6,705	69%
2	FRED HUTCHINSON CANCER CENTER	584	6%
3	SEATTLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	379	4%

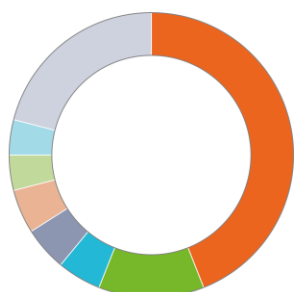
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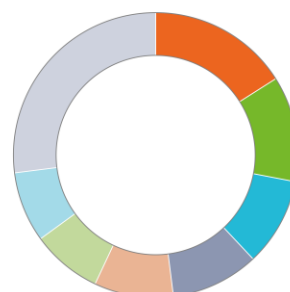
Top technology fields in Seattle

Patents



Computer technology (44%) IT methods for management (5%)
 Digital communication (12%) Audio-visual technology (4%)
 Pharmaceuticals (5%) Medical technology (4%)
 Biotechnology (5%) Other (21%)

Publications



Clinical medicine (16%) Social & human sciences (9%)
 Technology (12%) Fundamental biology (8%)
 Earth sciences (10%) Surgery (8%)
 Medical science (10%) Other (27%)

17% of Seattle's PCT patent applications are filed in collaboration with other inventors located outside the cluster, with **San Jose–San Francisco**, **Boston–Cambridge** and **New York City** emerging as the top collaborative locations.

88% of Seattle's scientific articles are published in collaboration with other organizations located outside the cluster, with the top three collaborating locations being **Boston–Cambridge**, **Washington DC–Baltimore** and **San Jose–San Francisco**.

Estimated cluster population	2,615,232
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Innovation Metric	Five-year total (#)			Collaborative outputs (#)	
	Unique count	Fractional count	Per 1 million inhabitants	Total	Outside cluster
PCT applications	10,804	9,643	3,687	9,290	1,876
Scientific publications	55,393	19,243	7,358	54,573	48,585
Venture capital deals	2,047	n/a	783	n/a	n/a