

# WHAT IS KENDALL SQUARE?



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**“Kendall Square is to science what New York is to finance, what Paris is to culture, what Washington is to government.”**



– Jay Bradner, Physician-Scientist and Former President  
of Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research

# KENDALL SQUARE OVER THE YEARS

The story of how an abandoned rail yard came to be the home of tech and biotech innovations comparable to the social media revolutionaries of Silicon Valley.



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## THE EARLY YEARS: 1912 - 1966

**1912**

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T station opens



**1961**

President Kennedy, a native of Massachusetts, assumes office and looks close to home for locating NASA's headquarters



**1966**

NASA's research center grows to employ 850 people



**1916**

MIT relocates from Boston to Cambridge



**1964**

NASA establishes an Electronics Research Center in Cambridge





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## THE GROWTH CONTINUES: 1970 - 1999

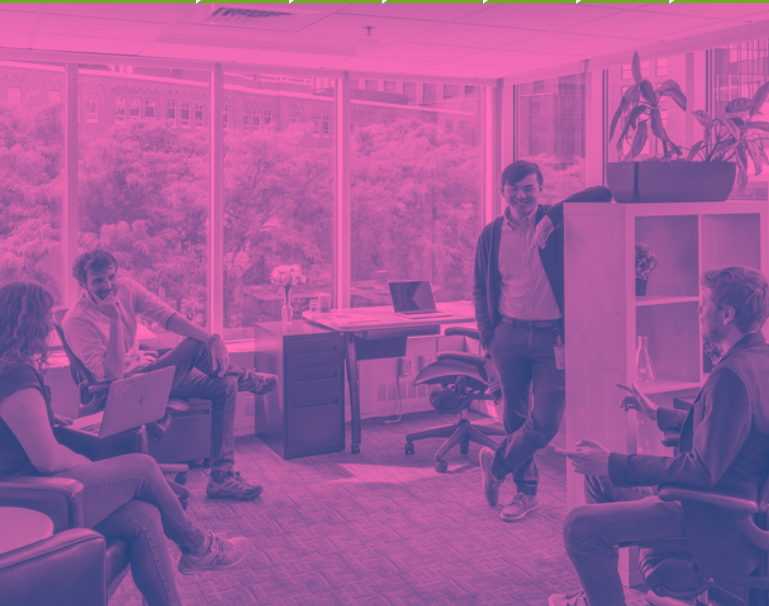
1970

The Department of Transportation takes over former NASA facilities, creating a research center now known as the Volpe Center



1981

Boston Properties begins building the Cambridge Center complex, which now houses Google, VMware, Akamai Technologies, Biogen, and Microsoft



The New York Times

March 29, 1970

U.S. Transit Agency  
Taking Over Center  
Operated by NASA

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP) — President Nixon has formally authorized the Department of Transportation to take over the Cambridge, Mass.,

In addition, he said, the installation would probably continue to operate at its old pace because in addition to transportation research, he expected NASA and perhaps the Air Force to use portions of the center under contract arrangements.

Asked if the move to Cambridge would affect transportation research now conducted in Oklahoma City and Atlanta

1978

MIT geneticist & molecular biologist, Philip Sharp, and Harvard University biochemist, Wally Gilbert, found Biogen



1999

CIC is founded - One Broadway has previously housed more startups than any other building on Earth



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## THE TURN OF THE CENTURY: THE EARLY 2000S - 2010S



**2003**

The completion of the  
Human Genome Project



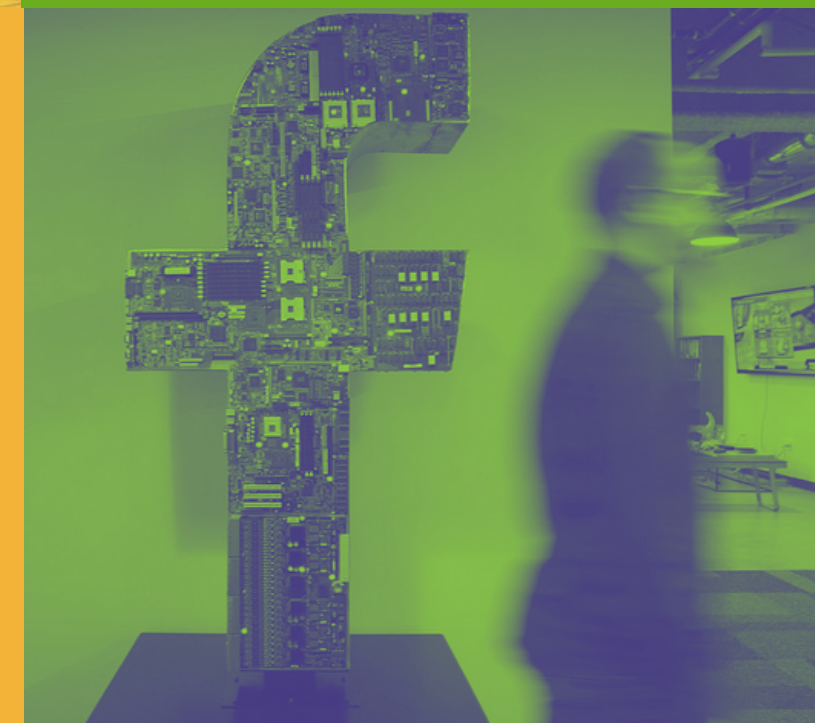
**2013**

Amazon and Facebook  
(now Meta) both make  
the move to Kendall  
Square



**2008**

Both Google and Microsoft open  
offices in Kendall Square - Google  
now has almost 2,000 staff at  
their Kendall office alone



**2014**

Twitter acquires two  
Boston-based startups  
and begins to grow its  
Kendall Square footprint



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## ON THE FRONT-LINES OF THE PANDEMIC: 2020 - 2021



**March 2020**

Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine becomes the first to be tested on healthy volunteers



**October 2020**

LabCentral announces partnership with BioLabs & E25Bio to launch the Cambridge Consortium for Rapid COVID-19 Tests



**Sept 2021**

Broad Institute partners with CDC to enable pathogen genomic surveillance across the U.S.

moderna



**May 2020**

Operation Warp Speed is announced, involving several KSA member-organizations Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, and Sanofi



**May 2021**

CIC Health announces it has surpassed 1 million COVID-19 vaccines





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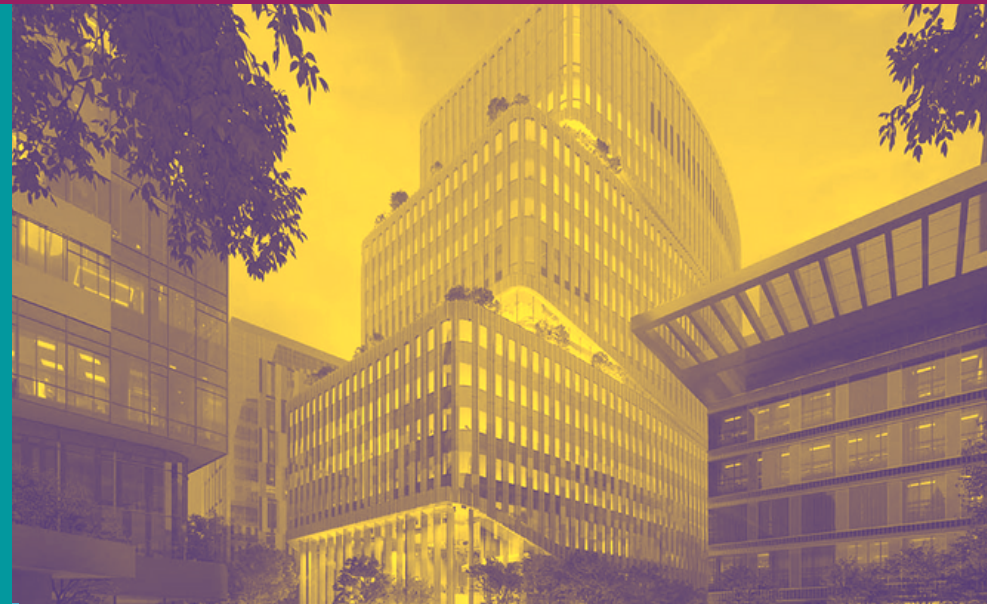
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## A GROWING NEIGHBORHOOD: 2022 - PRESENT



### MAY 2022

Sanofi unites its business units and acquires brands under a single identity, naming Cambridge Crossing as home base



### SUMMER 2022

New publicly accessible spaces welcome Kendall and greater Cambridge back!



### JUNE 2022

Takeda expands its footprint in Kendall Square to create an R&D facility to advance company innovation



### JANUARY 2023

A global hub of life science companies and pharmaceuticals finally gets... a pharmacy!

