

For Entrepreneurs

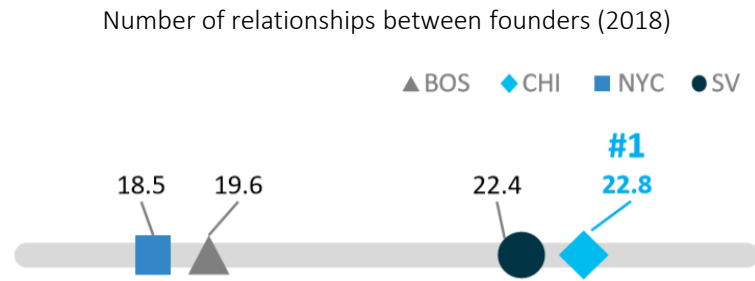
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We talked to founders across various growth stages and a few common pain points and values rose to the top: concern about the future and how conducive the city's environment will be to startup growth, finding customers and funding, expanding networks within established firms.

We are building strategies to address the specific pain points we've seen in our startup ecosystem to help close gaps by supporting entrepreneurs in hard tech, growth stage and in diverse communities.

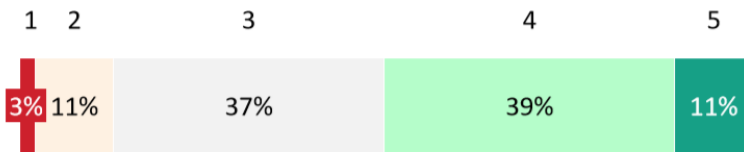
# Things we learned from your peers...

Chicago founders feel more connected with each other than those in most other tech hub cities...



Source: Startup Genome, Global Ecosystem Report (2018)

**Chicago founders' rating of overall level of collaboration in the city**  
Scale of 1 to 5 (1 = not at all collaborative; 5 = extremely collaborative)

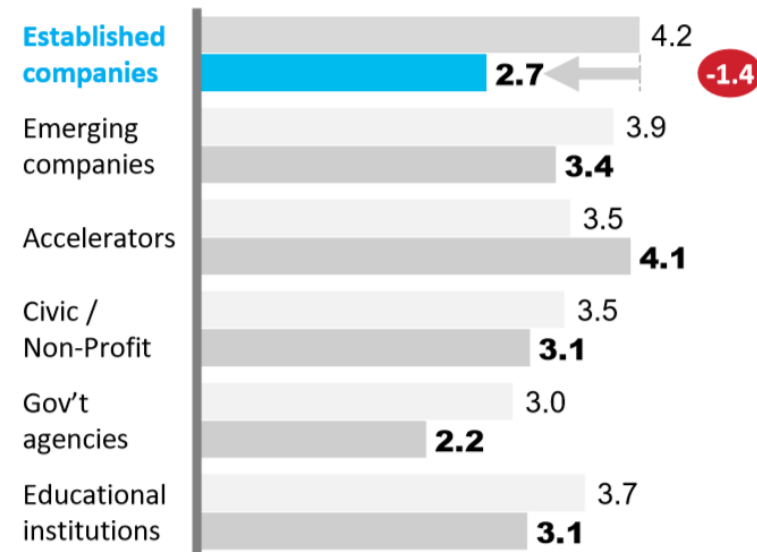


Source: P33 City Tech Survey (2018)

...but Chicago needs to double-down on increasing their connection to established companies

How important is it for you to collaborate & connect with the following types of organizations?

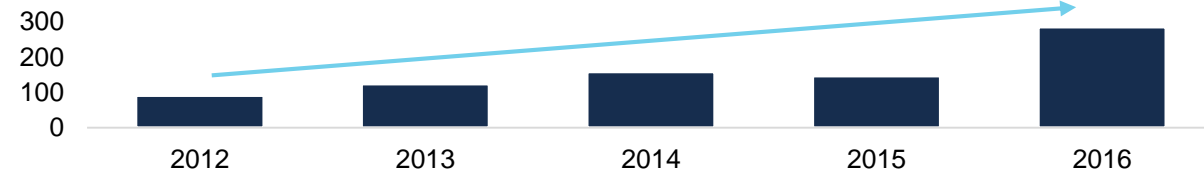
How connected do you feel to the following organizations in Chicago?



# Things we're proud of and thought you should know...

- Chicago has 3 of the top universities in the world, and startup creation at universities in Illinois is on the rise

Startup Creation at Universities in Illinois



78%

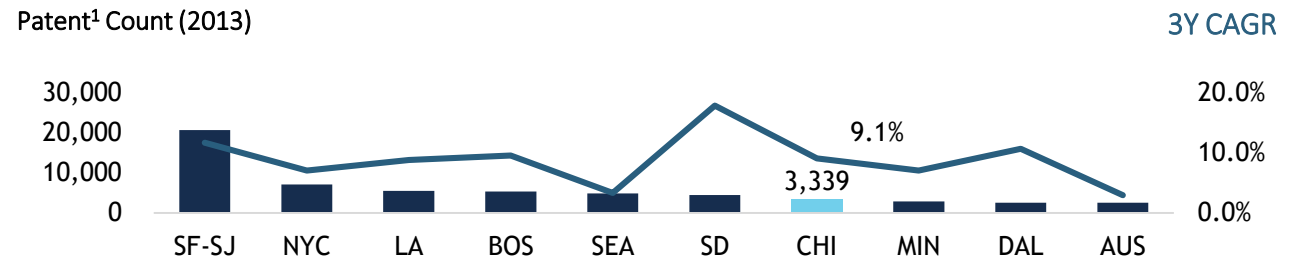
are active or acquired

81%

are still in Chicago

## Things we're proud of and thought you should know...

- #1 University affiliated incubator in the world
- #4 in US for number of accelerators
- #7 largest producer of patents nationally, with a growth rate of 9.1%



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