# BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT PASCO COUNTY, FL



# **WHO WE ARE**

The Pasco Economic Development Council (Pasco EDC) is a private, non-profit organization that promotes growth and prosperity through the development of a sustainable and diversified economy.

Our county-wide economic development efforts are funded by corporate and public investors, and represent a strong partnership which is focused on economic vitality and making Pasco County a great place to live and work.

# PASCO'S COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

- TALENT Pasco County Schools serves 86,685 students everyday and received the designation as a System of Distinction from Cognia in 2022.
  - Pasco County Schools has 42 pathways in Career and Technical Education programs through partnerships with local industry

Access to the University of South Florida, which ranks #45 among public universities in the United States by U.S. News and World Report 2025

Saint Leo University ranked **#24 for Veterans** in the United States by *Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges* 2022



- WORKFORCE Our workforceCONNECT pasco.com platform allows employers to find programs that produce talent that will thrive in their industries, and explore resources that can help their business stand out to top candidates, as well as helping job seekers discover and explore various career pathways in a diverse economy of fast-growing industries
- BUSINESS CLIMATE Stable, pro-business government leadership in a right to work state with local incentives
- TAXES Low operating costs and no personal state income tax
- TRANSPORTATION Five major regional commuter arteries intersect Pasco County: I 75, FL 589, US 41, US 19 and US 301

TOTAL MSA POPULATION: 3.3 MILLION TOTAL PASCO POPULATION: Source: Florida Office of Economic &

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27. Raymond James Financial

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**PASCO COUNTY** 

Source: JobsEQ 2024 Q3

TECO

Gas and

Clearwater Gas

System

The Ready Sites

Program has

over 2,000 acres

evaluated and

ready for industrial development

Charter

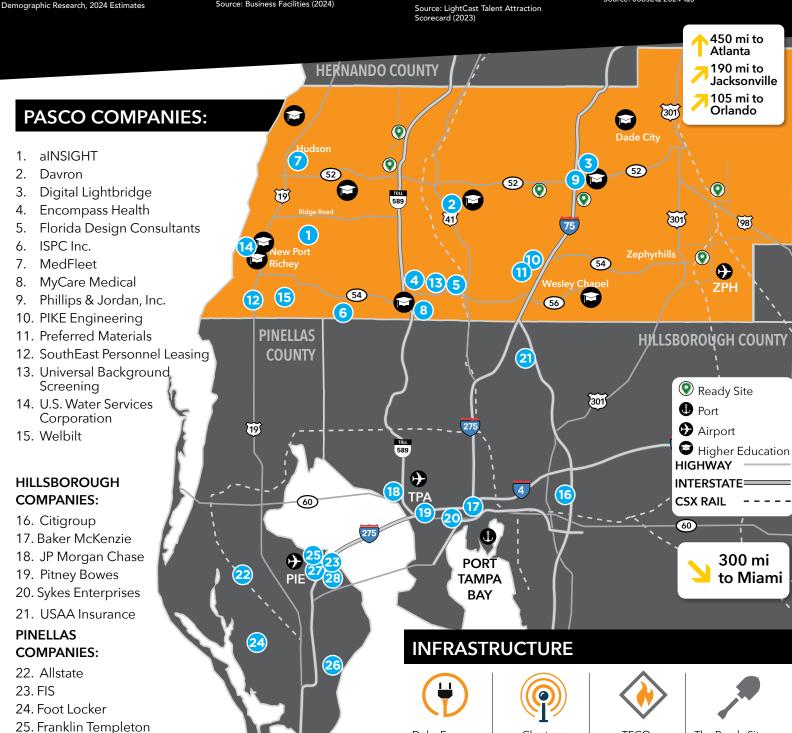
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IN THE U.S. BY NET MIGRATION

Source: Business Facilities (2024)



Duke Energy,

TECO/Emera,

Withlacoochee

River Electric

Cooperative

275





2500
OF YOUNG ADULTS
MIGRATING TO TAMPA
FROM OUTSIDE
FLORIDA MOVED FROM
NORTHEAST STATES
Source: Migrationpatterns.org (2023)



**WORKFORCE** 

### **AVERAGE INDUSTRY WAGES:**

**Business and Professional Services** 

PASCO \$63,018

FLORIDA \$66,213

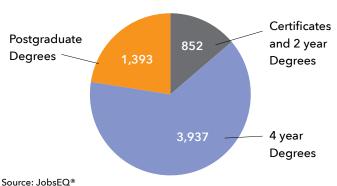
U.S. \$72,609

Source: JobsEQ® (2024 Q4)



# **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

**6,182** total degrees and certificates were earned in programs related to Business Services careers in the Tampa MSA during the 2022-2023 academic year.



# **QUALITY OF PLACE**

### HOUSING COST INCREASE COMPARED TO TAMPA, FL\*



Philadelphia, PA +2.9%
Chicago, IL +46.8%
Boston, MA +124.7%
San Francisco, CA +190.3%
Manhattan, NY +440.1%

### COST OF LIVING COMPARED TO TAMPA, FL\*\*

TAMPA MSA, FL 94.7

PHILADELPHIA, PA +12.8%

CHICAGO, IL +16.6%

BOSTON, MA +52.5%

SAN FRANCISCO, CA +79.3%

MANHATTAN, NY +70.7%

\* Cost of Living Index for Major Metropolitan Area Cities

### **RECREATION**



Home to four amazing cities to explore and 742 square miles of rolling green hills, scenic coastlines, countless amateur sports venues and complexes, picturesque trails and rich culture, Florida's Sports Coast offers game-changing experiences for everyone to enjoy.



394 Miles of Hiking and Biking Trails24 Miles of Coastline to Explore21K Acres of Natural Parks and Preserves

<sup>\*\*</sup>Jobs EQ 2024 Q4

# **BUSINESS CLIMATE**

PASCO COUNTY features a pro-business county government in a right to work state with no personal income tax. Customized incentive packages provide savings and benefits to companies creating high wage jobs, and making capital investments in new and existing facilities, new machinery, and training their employees.

0% PERSONAL INCOME TAX

5.5% CORPORATE INCOME TAX LESS \$50,000 EXEMPTION

4TH BEST TAX CLIMATE IN THE U.S.

# PASCO COUNTY INCENTIVES



Pasco County offers local incentives to induce Target Industries to locate and expand their businesses in the community. The Pasco EDC assists Target Industry projects in applying for Pasco County incentives such as:

- JOB CREATION INCENTIVE (JCI)
  - Eligible companies can receive \$2,000 to \$5,000 per job with a minimum of 10 new jobs
  - Job wages must exceed 115% of Pasco County's average annual wage of \$51,734\* \*Source: Florida Commerce, January 2025
- CAPITAL INVESTMENTS
  - Transportation Mobility Impact Fee Waiver
  - Ad Valorem Tax Equivalency Grant on real or tangible business property
  - Building Permit Fee Waiver

### PERMITTING

- Rapid Response Team
- Expedited Permitting
- Expedited Processing

# **WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS**

LOCAL

### Pasco County

- Discretionary Workforce Training Funds

### REGIONAL

### CareerSource Pasco Hernando

- On the Job Training (OJT)
- Incumbent Worker Training (IWT)

### STATE

# CareerSource Florida

- Quick Response Training
- Incumbent Worker Training (IWT)

### Veterans Florida

 Veterans Florida Workforce Training Grant

# FLORIDA STATE TAX INCENTIVES

# SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS

- Machinery & Equipment used in Manufacturing, Research and Development
- Electric & Steam used to Operate Machinery in Manufacturing
- Aircraft Repair & Maintenance
- Machinery and Equipment Used in Semi-Conductor, Defense, or Space Technology Production

### CORPORATE TAX CREDITS

- Capital Investment Tax Credit (up to 20 years)
- Research and Development for Target Industries
- Renewable Energy Technologies

# GRANT PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES

- Florida Job Growth Grant Fund
- High Impact Performance Incentive

"We are excited to continue our growth in the state of Florida having found a perfect site right off of I-75 that is so close to the skilled workforce we are looking to attract. This site is strategically located close to Connected City and Wesley Chapel in north Tampa Bay, and it provides a larger operation base for P&J to serve all of our clients throughout Florida."

Art Phelps,Vice PresidentPhillips & Jordan



