PASCO PROFILE

NORTH TAMPA BAY | FLORIDA



PASCO COUNTY, features a pro-business government leadership in a right to work state with local incentives, low operating costs, and no personal state income tax, ranking the fourth best tax climate in the United States. The location provides easy access to the Tampa Bay region which features, Tampa International Airport, one of the top 5 international airports in the United States, as well as Port Tampa Bay, the closest U.S. deep-water port to the Panama Canal.

TOTAL MSA POPULATION:
3.2 MILLION
TOTAL PASCO POPULATION:
592,669
TOTAL PASCO WORKFORCE:
328,932

Office of Economic & Demographic Research

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Lightcast's 2022 Talent Attraction Scorecard

OF YOUNG ADULTS
MIGRATING TO TAMPA
FROM OUTSIDE FLORIDA
MOVED FROM MAJOR
NORTHEAST CITIES

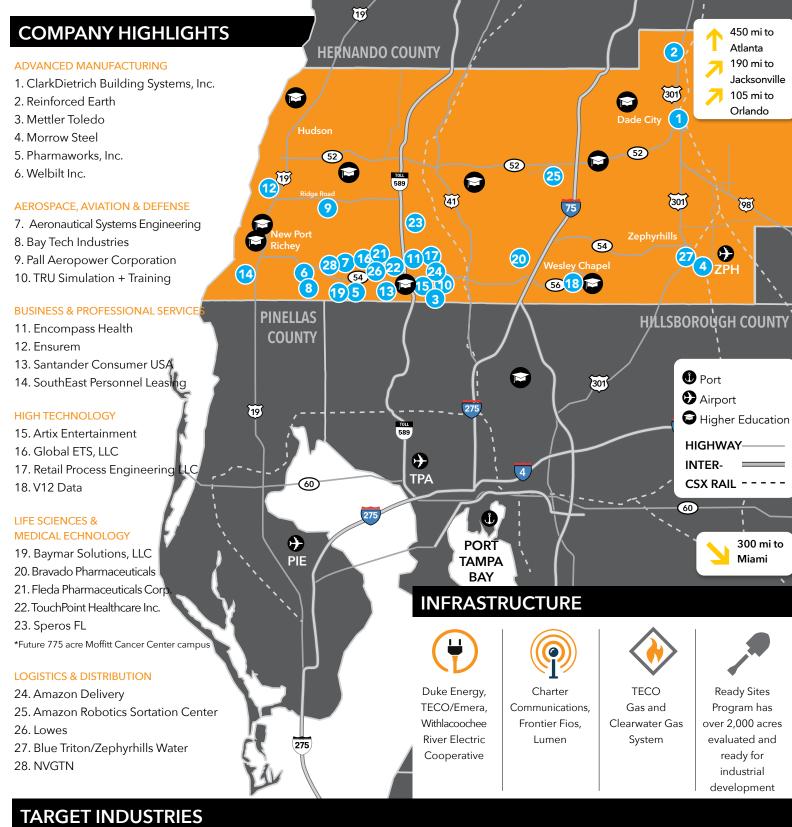
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IN NATION FOR ATTRACTING
AND DEVELOPING A
SKILLED WORKFORCE!

U.S. News and World Report







Number of employed workers within 30-minute drive of SR-54 & US-41.





ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

61,646



AEROSPACE, AVIATION & DEFENSE

267,849



BUSINESS &
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES

80,744



HIGH TECHNOLOGY

16,025



LIFE SCIENCES & MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

53.517



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Source: JobsEQ®, Data as of 2022 Q4

TALENT

Our award-winning workforceCONNECTpasco.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. It also allows job seekers the opportunity to discover and explore various career pathways in a diverse economy of fast-growing industries

- Hiring & Training/Upskilling
- Labor Market Data
- Internship Guide & Resources
- Training Grants

EDUCATION SYSTEM

PASCO COUNTY SCHOOLS serves serves 87,877 students everyday and was College Board's Advanced Placement District of the Year for 2020

- Pasco's A-rated schools include 40 pathways in Career and Technical Education programs through partnerships with local industry
- Access to the University of South Florida which ranks
 23rd in the world among universities granted U.S.
 utility patents and is one of Florida's Preeminent State
 Research University
- Saint Leo University ranked #14 for Veterans in the South by U.S. News and World Report



QUALITY OF PLACE

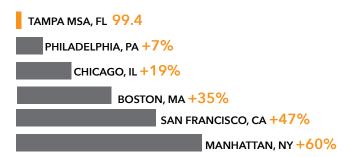
HOUSING COST INCREASE COMPARED TO TAMPA, FL*



Philadelphia, PA +9%
Chicago, IL +38%
Boston, MA +58%
San Francisco, CA +70%
Manhattan, NY +81%



COST OF LIVING COMPARED TO TAMPA, FL*



*Nerdwallet.com - The Cost of Living Index - COLI from the Council for Community and Economic Research

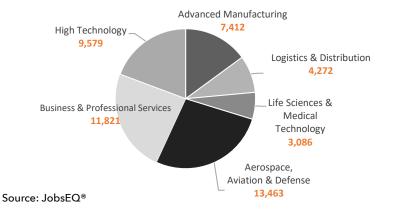


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



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Total awards earned for each target industry for the Tampa -St. Petersburg MSA during the 2020-2021 academic year.



BUSINESS CLIMATE

PASCO COUNTY is a business-friendly community with strong, proactive governmental support for five elected county commissioners and a county administrator. Lower tax rates benefit both Pasco corporations and residents.

- ♦ 0% state personal income tax.
- Florida's coporate income taxes are 5.5%, less a \$50,000 exemption, and S-corporations are exempt from corporate income tax.
- Retail sales tax is 7.0% with no sales or use tax on the labor component of qualified research and development.



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 to qualify for Pasco County incentives such as:

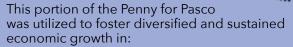
- Job Creation Incentive (JCI) Grant
 - \$2,000-\$5,000 per job (minimum 10 new jobs)
 - Job wages at least 115% of Pasco County's average annual wage, 2023 average \$47,721, (Florida Department of Economic Opportunity)
- Transportation Mobility Impact Fee Waiver
- Ad Valorem/Tangible Tax Reimbursement

WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS

- Penny for Pasco Workforce Training Grant
- On the Job Training (OJT)
- Employed Worker Training (EWT)
- Incumbent Worker Training (IWT)
- Veterans Florida Business Training Grant
- Quick Response Training

- Florida has no inventory tax on raw materials, work in progress or finished goods in inventory.
- Total ad valorem millage rate in Pasco County is 13.0279 with no state level ad valorem tax on buildings or land.
- Florida is the 3rd most populous state in the U.S. and has the 4th best tax climate in the U.S.

OVER \$56 MILLION INVESTED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN PASCO COUNTY



- Entrepreneurship and small business programming
- Speculative office and industrial building development
- Business park infrastructure
- Workforce training grants
- Industrial site evaluation

PERMITTING ASSISTANCE

- Rapid Response Team
- Expedited Permitting
- Expedited Processing
- Building Permit Fee Waiver

FLORIDA STATE INCENTIVES

- Sales & Use Tax Exemptions on Manufacturing Equipment
- Tax Exemption for R&D Equipment
- Clean Energy Incentives
- High Impact Performance Incentive
- Capital Investment Tax Credit
- Aviation Tax Exemption



