

# Hernando County Fact Sheet

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## LOCATION

Hernando County is located at the geographic center of the state of Florida, providing easy access to Tampa, Orlando & Gainesville. Located at the northern portion of Tampa Bay, Hernando County benefits as a major part of a metropolitan area yet is able to maintain a suburban and rural lifestyle.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Hernando County is one of the fastest growing counties in the country. With a population of 198,000 and a median age of 47, the county offers excellent opportunities for workforce.

## WORKFORCE

A workforce of more than 300,000 within 30 mile radius. The Tampa Bay Region provides access to more than 1.3M potential employees. CareerSource, our workforce experts, can provide workforce procurement assistance to include: advertisement, recruitment, assessment, screening, interviews, hiring and training.

## EDUCATION

Hernando County is taking the lead in workforce education with the new Dr. Dennis Wilfong Center for Success, a campus shared by Suncoast Technical Education Center and the Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC). Located next to the busy American Aviation Flight Academy, flexible programs will feature high demand skills to support industry recruitments.

Post secondary institutions offering technical as well as two and four year degrees include PHSC, St. Leo University, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg College and University of Tampa.

Hernando County is home to five high schools, including a \$40M technical high school specializing in manufacturing, technology, healthcare and culinary arts. The schools offer a partnership for placement of employees and/or interns.

- Located in the geographic center of the state of Florida
- Within the Tampa Bay Region and part of the Tampa, Clearwater, St. Pete MSA
- 40 minutes north of Tampa International Airport - just two traffic lights!
- 90 minutes west of Orlando
- 90 minutes south of Gainesville
- Excellent transportation network, including I-75, FL589, SR50, US41 and US19
- Foreign Trade Zone 193
- Lowest cost of living in the Tampa Bay Region
- Quality workforce of more than 300,000 within 30 miles
- County exports more than 18,000 workers each day to other areas of Tampa Bay, providing a great opportunity to recruit workers to their hometown
- Hernando County main industries include: advanced manufacturing, logistics and healthcare
- Manufacturing, Logistics and Aviation/Aerospace are targeted industry clusters
- Jobs & Education Partnership with CareerSource Pasco Hernando available for workforce procurement assistance and job training incentives.
- Workforce training delivered at Suncoast Technical Education Center and PHSC corporate college, as well as the Nature Coast Technical High School.
- Office of Economic Development is available to assist with business relocation and expansion needs. Some services include: site location assistance, demographics and workforce information, incentives overview and eligibility, governmental point of contact
- Economic Development Investment Incentive Program for targeted industries
- Job creation and investment incentives may be available to qualified industries
- Expedited Permitting, Inspection and Certification (EPIC) Program
- Industrial Revenue Bonds Program for manufacturers
- Hernando County property tax varies by district between 16.41-22.31/mil
- No personal property tax
- No local income tax
- No corporate franchise tax levied on capital stock
- No tax on goods in transit
- No state sales tax on electricity used in manufacturing

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