



# Tampa, FL



Tampa, Florida, is located between the Tampa Bay and the Hillsborough River. Although the Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon first arrived in the Tampa Bay area in 1513, the Spaniards did not develop this area. The U.S. Army established Fort Brooke to protect the strategic harbor at Tampa Bay in 1824 shortly after the arrival of the first American settler. Tampa's port is currently the seventh largest in the country.

Tampa has three art museums: the Tampa Museum of Art, the Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, and the University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum. Other museums include the Glazer Children's Museum, the Tampa Bay History Center, the Tampa Firefighters Museum, the Tampa Police Museum, and the Museum of Science and Industry. The historic Tampa Bay Hotel hosts the Henry B. Plant Museum, which contains original furnishings and artifacts from America's Gilded Age and portrays the life and contributions of its namesake to the development of Florida and Tampa Bay. The University of Tampa shares this location.

Other attractions include J.C. Newman Cigar Company, which is America's oldest family-owned cigar company, and the American Victory Mariners Memorial & Museum Ship, which depicts life on merchant ships during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

The David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts has four theaters that host a Broadway series, Opera Tampa, Tampa Bay Symphony, Florida Orchestra, speakers, and other theatrical performances. Tampa Bay Times Forum hosts concerts and events. Stageworks Theater is a local professional theater company.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

Many of Tampa's cultural centers are clustered downtown along the Hillsborough River. This area also offers various residential options ranging from rentals to luxury lofts. Located next to downtown, the Channelside District features many new multi-story condominium projects.

South Tampa is comprised of many distinctive neighborhoods. Single-family homes, townhouses, and condominiums are available. The Palma Ceia, Hyde Park, and New Suburb Beautiful neighborhoods primarily consist of large homes constructed before 1940. Culbreath Isles' traditional style homes dating from the 1960s overlook Old Tampa Bay. Parkland Estates and Sunset Park offer modern designs and renovated older homes. The Sunset Park and Bayshore Boulevard neighborhoods have condominiums and single-family homes. Davis Island was developed during the 1920s and features Mediterranean revival styles and custom estates, as well as high-rise apartment buildings. Harbour Island is a private, gated, master-planned community of single-family homes, townhouses, and condominiums.

New Tampa is an area of rapid growth and features many master-planned residential communities. Tampa Palms is the largest community in the city, with single-family homes, apartments, townhouses, and custom estates in an area that features 45 lakes and acres of nature preserves. Homes in Hunter's Green have been built in a variety of styles along 34 lakes.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Tampa has 151 parks with amenities that include art studios, ball fields, beaches, boat ramps, canoe launches, pools, fitness facilities, gymnasiums, golf courses, playgrounds, after school activity programs, tennis/racquetball courts, dog parks, skate parks, and trails. Tampa's four beaches are Picnic Island, Ben T. Davis Beach, Cypress Point Park, and Davis Island. Gadsden Park offers many amenities including one of Tampa's Greenway Trails, ball fields, a dog park, playground,

and fishing lake. The Al Lopez Park Playground offers challenging play opportunities and promotes physical fitness.

Ybor City Museum State Park focuses on the culture and history of Ybor City, Tampa's National Historic Landmark District, and has exhibits on the immigrant groups who settled the community, the area's renowned cigar industry, and a recreated cigar worker's home.

Other attractions in Tampa include The Florida Aquarium, Lowry Park Zoo, Busch Gardens, and Adventure Island.

Professional sports teams include the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (football) and the Tampa Bay Lightning (ice hockey). Tampa's George M. Steinbrenner Field is home for the New York Yankees' spring training. Tampa Bay Downs hosts thoroughbred horse racing. Tampa Bay Rowdies (soccer) and Tampa Bay Rays (baseball) play their home games in nearby St. Petersburg.

## EDUCATION

Hillsborough County Public Schools educates over 194,000 students in 142 elementary schools, 44 middle schools, 2 kindergarten through grade 8 schools, and 27 high schools. Families can choose from educational options that include many traditional and magnet schools as well as a virtual school.

Higher education is available at the University of South Florida, which offers 89 undergraduate degree programs and 139 programs at the graduate, specialist, and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine from the USF Morsani College of Medicine. The University of Tampa offers undergraduate degrees and several professional master's degree programs. Hillsborough Community College offers associate degrees. Argosy University, Tampa, offers professional certificate programs, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in several fields.

Career-focused education opportunities are offered at the Art Institute of Tampa, International Academy of Design and Technology—Tampa, Keiser University, Everest College, Remington College Tampa Campus, and the Fortis College campus in Tampa.

## HEALTH CARE

Tampa has eight hospitals with almost 3,000 licensed acute care beds that include a free-standing cancer center and a children's hospital. Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Tampa focuses on treating children with orthopedic and neuromusculoskeletal conditions. The James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital provides primary, tertiary, and long-term care for veterans. Long-term acute care is also available in Tampa.

### CITY STATS

2010

City Population	335,709
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	2,788,151
Per Capita Personal Income, Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, MSA	\$37,003