

INTERNATIONAL TRADE & LOGISTICS

**TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY
WASHINGTON (USA)**



THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST'S GATEWAY TO THE WORLD

As a major gateway to Asia for outbound trade and to the U.S. interior for inbound cargo, Tacoma-Pierce County hosts one of the strongest logistics networks on the North American West Coast. Intermodal transportation hubs, the deep-water Port of Tacoma, East-West and North-South interstate highways, and growing SeaTac International Airport ensure the efficient transfer of goods. It is why our region is an epicenter for containerized cargo, bulk, breakbulk, aerospace components, automobiles, trucks and more.



BNSF & Union Pacific
Transcontinental Class I Rail Service

The Puget Sound Is

2nd
Most Concentrated Distribution Center on West Coast

~80%
of Lower 48 Trade Volume w/Alaska Travels Via Puget Sound

LOGISTICS & MARKET ACCESS

Pierce County's strategic location in the Puget Sound region makes connectivity seamless and efficient. SeaTac International Airport is conveniently located just north of Pierce County and is equidistant to major markets in Europe and Asia. By sea, the Northwest Seaport Alliance is the 4th largest container gateway in North America and includes the deep-water terminals of the Port of Tacoma and the Port of Seattle. A connected highway system serves the U.S. West Coast, Western Canada, Mexico and other major U.S. cities. Access to both major U.S. railroads ensures limitless options for logistics and transportation. Pierce County can confidently connect you to your network from air, sea, land or rail.

TOP LOGISTICS EMPLOYERS

- Amazon Distribution Centers
- Maersk
- NewCold Advanced Cold Logistics
- US Foods
- UPS
- Port of Tacoma
- O'Reilly Auto Parts
- REI
- BNSF
- Fred Meyer
- World Fuel
- FedEx Freight
- McLane Northwest



40%

of Jobs in Washington State Are Tied to Trade



47.8k

Regional Workers in Transportation & Material Moving



41%

Population with Bachelor's Degree or Higher

REGIONAL FAST FACTS

- Population: 3,867,046
- Labor Force: 2,146,096
- 45% of Household Incomes: > \$75,000
- Median Age: 37.1
- Median Household Income: \$69,278
- Pierce Co. Median Home Price: \$349,400
- Pierce Co. Cost of Living Index: 111.7



TAXES AND COST-SAVING INCENTIVES

- No personal state income tax
- No corporate income tax
- No inventory tax
- No sales or use tax on machinery and equipment used in manufacturing operations
- Family-wage job creation tax incentives
- One of the largest, most successful foreign trade zones
- Workforce training grants and credits
- Other project-specific state & local programs
- Federal Opportunity Zones



HIGHLY SKILLED TALENT SUPPLY

Twenty-five regional colleges and universities, along with 36 technical schools, produce 56,800 graduates a year. Our educational institutions offer specialized programs to develop a workforce knowledgeable about logistics, and the longshore labor union is highly productive. Washington State was ranked the #1 in the nation for its health care, education, economy and opportunities by US News and World Reports (2019) and for its economy by WalletHub (2019).



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The Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County (EDB) helps companies looking to relocate or expand in Pierce County with market information, site selection, collaboration with state and local officials, connections with workforce training and more. The EDB offers these services confidentially and at no cost, as it is our mission to generate jobs and wealth for the South Sound region. We welcome you to discover the endless opportunities that await you in Pierce County, Washington, U.S.A.