

## Moving to sarasota county

Sarasota County has gained a reputation as one of the most desirable places in the U.S. to live and work. Studies by both UHaul and PODS, two of the nation's leading moving companies, have identified it as one of the top markets to which people are migrating as the nation's population centers undergo a shift. People seeking to relocate are attracted to its exceptional quality of life in combination with abundant job opportunities in multiple sectors, excellent schools, and a variety of housing options. In addition, Florida has no personal income tax.

### General

- > LinkedIn revealed the Sarasota metro area ranked among the top 10 for tech talent growth in the nation.
- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Sarasota County is the fastest-growing midsize metro market for employment growth in the U.S.

# Housing and Cost of Living

- With 35 miles of pristine beaches and world-class cultural arts institutions, Sarasota County provides an unparalleled quality of life.
- The median home price in Sarasota County was \$470,000 as of October 2022.
- Nearly half of millennials in Sarasota County own their homes, above the national average.

## Labor and Employment

- The unemployment rate for the North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton was 2.5% as of September 2022. The national average was 3.3%.
- The average worker in the North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton area earned annual wages of \$54,393 as of Q1 2022. Average annual wages per worker increased 9.6% over the preceding four quarters.
- Top employers in the area include Sarasota Memorial Health System, PGT Innovations, Sun Hydraulics, Ringling College of Art + Design, and FCCI Insurance Group. Additional information on top employers can be found on Economic Development of Corporation of Sarasota County's website: edcsarasotacounty.com
- The EDC also has a local job search tool for job seekers, searchable by category, that aggregates all local openings.

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### **Education and Schools**

- > Sarasota County's public school system is an A-rated school district, one of the best in Florida.
- There are multiple options for technical training as well as higher education, including state universities, a regional community college, and private institutions.

## Transportation and Mobility

- > The **Sarasota Bradenton International Airport** (SRQ) is one of the fastest-growing regional airports in the U.S., with 11 airlines and 54 nonstop flights as of October 2022.
- Sarasota County is an hour's drive from two major international airports: Tampa International (TPA) and Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) in Fort Myers.

Those who wish to **move a business to Sarasota County** have a partner in the **Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Sarasota County**. The EDC provides concierge services that will help businesses obtain the detailed local data they need to make informed decisions, connect to the myriad of resources and higher education, and act as a liaison on behalf of County and City government through site assessments, rapid permitting, and regulatory assistance.

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