

TAMPA FACTS

Tampa enjoys a temperate, semi-tropical climate marked by an average winter temperature of 62.5 degrees Fahrenheit and an average summer temperature of 81.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Year-round average rainfall totals 46.7 inches.

Tampa is located on Florida's west coast. Its central location makes it easy to get to the beaches and all the attractions throughout central Florida. Orlando is located just 84 miles east of the Tampa area. Hillsborough County is connected to Pinellas County and the beaches by the Courtney Campbell Causeway, Howard Frankland and Gandy bridges.

Hillsborough Bay and Tampa Bay border Tampa. Tampa Bay, Florida's largest open-water estuary, stretches 398 square miles at high tide. The county's two major rivers, the Hillsborough and the Alafia, empty into Hillsborough Bay. Land elevation in the county ranges from sea level to nearly 179 feet above sea level.

Tampa is Florida's third most populous city (following Miami and Jacksonville); Hillsborough is Florida's fourth most populous county.

Tampa	293,920
Hillsborough	998,948
Tampa Bay Area	2.5 million

Hillsborough County encompasses 1,048 square miles of land and 24 square miles of inland water area. Incorporated cities are Tampa, Temple Terrace and Plant City. Major unincorporated areas are Brandon, Ruskin, Apollo Beach, Dover, Valrico, Sun City Center and Ybor (EE-bore) City.

Once a small Indian fishing village, which later became known as the "Cigar City," Tampa Bay is now one of Florida's most invigorating travel destinations. In addition to its sandy beaches and beautiful sunsets, the Bay Area shines with entertainment and world-class attractions. Tampa Bay is home to rich history, opulent architecture and diverse Visitors can feel the pulse which beats in the streets of Ybor City -Tampa's nightlife capital and the steel drums and majestic scenes on the Serengeti Plain of Busch Gardens.

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Major Visitor Attractions

- Busch Gardens - 4 million + (estimated)
- Historic Ybor City - 2.6 million
- Ice Palace arena - 1.5 million
- Cypress Gardens - 900,000 (estimated)
- Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center - 634,000+
- Lowry Park Zoo - 613,000+
- Museum of Science & Industry -605,000+
- The Florida Aquarium - 591,000+
- Tampa Convention Center - 461,700+
- Adventure Island - 500,000+
- Roger's Christmas House - 350,000+
- Salvador Dali Museum - 225,000
- Florida International Museum - 200,000
- Bok Tower Gardens - 170,000
- Fantasy of Flight - 100,000
- Tampa Museum of Art - 81,000+
- Henry B. Plant Museum - 50,000 (1998)
- Canoe Escape - 18,000 (1998)