

# TECHNOLOGY

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY  
WASHINGTON (USA)



## IMPRESSIVE TALENT & BREATHTAKING VIEWS

From our vibrant communities to our world-class economy, the entire Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue region is increasingly identified as a top destination for the creative class. We offer beautiful views of Mt. Rainier, waterfront and outdoor recreation, a growing international airport with global connections, and employment anchors like Amazon, Microsoft, Boeing and Zillow. But beyond the picturesque panoramas and global giants, there are very practical reasons technology companies succeed in the Puget Sound—our world-class regional workforce; a data network stretching from Canada to Southern California and across the Pacific to Asia; and supportive business programs designed to help you launch operations successfully.



## TOP TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES




**200k**  
Technology-Based  
Workers



**28**  
Post-Secondary  
Institutions

Infoblox  
cloudPWR  
Centeris  
Topia Technology  
Accumula  
RedQuarry  
PackagedLife  
Oxford Global Resources  
Marvell Technology Group  
ScaleMatrix



**14k+**  
Existing High-Tech  
Establishments

## HIGHLY SKILLED TALENT SUPPLY

Nine regional colleges and universities, along with 12 technical schools, produce 54,200 graduates a year, including 17,750 with related engineering, mathematics, business and other high-tech degrees. Across the entire Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area, there are 127,580 people employed in select computer and engineering-related occupations, with 58,460 specifically related to applications and systems software developers. In addition, the region is one of the Top 10 Best Places to Live according to U.S. News & World Report, making it easy for companies to recruit top talent from across the country.



**~100% PLACEMENT RATE OF UW TACOMA'S INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATES**

**Employers include:** Infoblox | Microsoft | T-Mobile | Amazon | Google



On the Centeris  
Transpacific Hub  
Network



**20.3%**

Regional Residents  
Between 21-34  
(U.S. Avg: 19%)



**No.1**

Washington State's  
Economy  
(GeekWire)

## REGIONAL FAST FACTS

- Population: 3,807,891
- Labor Force: 2,077,056
- 54.5% of Household Incomes: > \$75,000
- Median Age: 37.9
- Average Household Income: \$66,619
- Pierce County Avg Home Price: \$312,000
- Pierce County Cost of Living Index: 113



## TAXES AND COST-SAVING INCENTIVES

- No personal state income tax.
- No corporate income tax.
- No inventory tax.
- Business & Occupation (B&O) tax rate of 0.4% for all office and service businesses; state and local tax breaks for new employers can help offset this.
- Job training funds through licensed educational institutions.
- Electric rates are 50% below national averages and 60% below West Coast averages.
- State of Washington B&O Tax Credit for customized training.
- State of Washington Strategic Reserve Fund.
- Other project-specific state & local programs.



## EASE OF ACCESS TO THE WORLD'S TOP MARKETS

SeaTac International Airport is conveniently located 22 miles north of Pierce County and is equidistant from major markets in Europe and Asia. Frequent direct flights reach the Bay Area, Boston, New York, Toronto and Washington, as well as international hubs like Beijing, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, London, Paris, Seoul, Shanghai and Tokyo. In total, the nation's ninth busiest airport connects our region to 24 international and 83 domestic destinations.



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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-creation for the South Sound region. We welcome you to discover the endless opportunities that await you in Pierce County, Washington, U.S.A.