



10 REASONS WHY

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER TAMPA TO START YOUR CAREER

So, you've never considered Tampa as a place to start your career? Well, maybe you should. We promise you won't be alone. TIME magazine recently ranked Tampa *one of the top spots* where millennials are moving. Here are 10 reasons why:

#1 AFFORDABLE LIVING

The Tampa area boasts one of the lowest costs of living in the Southeast. Home prices and rents are more affordable than other major cities, and with no state income tax, that means more money in your pocket. Zillow ranked Tampa as the [Best Market for First-Time Homebuyers](#) and WalletHub named it a Best Place to Rent. [Read more](#) about what makes life in Tampa so great.

#2 COOL NEIGHBORHOODS

Whether you prefer tree-lined streets in suburbia, urban life in a high rise, or the charm of historic bungalows, Tampa has diverse housing options and cool neighborhoods to fit your lifestyle. Check out some of Tampa's most popular [neighborhoods](#).

#3 THRIVING INDUSTRY

Want to live in a place that boasts both high-paying jobs and a low cost of living? Who doesn't, right? Well, according to [CNBC](#), Tampa is one of the top cities in this respect. Tampa offers competitive salaries, tons of available STEM and other [high-skilled jobs](#), and a thriving entrepreneurial scene.

#4 ENDLESS ENTERTAINMENT

With three major league sports teams, dozens of marquee concert venues, and year-round festivals, it's impossible to get bored in Tampa. Every week there is either a home game happening, a headlining musical act rolling into town, or another major event, and sometimes there's all three. Check out all the [things to do](#) in Tampa.

#5 AWARD-WINNING BEACHES

Just a short 30-minute drive and you can have your toes in the Tampa Bay area's sugar sand beaches. Both Dr. Beach and Trip Advisor fans have ranked Clearwater Beach the [No. 1 Beach](#) in the U.S. And while you're at the beach, don't forget to enjoy a mouth-watering Grouper sandwich at one of the many waterfront restaurants.

#6 AMAZING FOOD SCENE

From classic steakhouses and James Beard nominated restaurants to eclectic pubs and cultural wonders, Tampa is a legit foodie town. I mean how many cities in the Southeast do you know that have not one, but [two food halls](#)? And within walking distance from one another! Still don't believe it? Check out this [Ultimate Dining Guide](#).

#7 CRAFT BEER LOVER'S DREAM

Over the past several years, the Tampa area has enjoyed a craft beer renaissance with nearly 70 craft breweries across the region with no signs of slowing down. OGs like Dunedin Brewing, Tampa Bay Brewing and Cigar City Brewing are thriving alongside newcomers like Coppertail Brewing and Big Storm. Heck, Tampa even has [Brew Bus tours](#) and a craft beer-like passport called [PubPass](#), so it's about time Tampa got some recognition as a [Best Beer City](#).

#8 WATER FUN YEAR-ROUND

In addition to our nearby beaches, Tampa residents can enjoy the water year-round with our waterfront parks, the [Tampa Riverwalk](#) that runs along the Hillsborough River in downtown or the [water taxi](#) that connects several parks, restaurants and museums along a 16-stop route.

#9 ARTS AND CULTURAL DESTINATION

In downtown Tampa alone, [arts and culture](#) enthusiasts will find four major art and history museums, an aquarium, a first-class performing arts center attracting Broadway hits like Hamilton, and a historic movie house showing a mix of classic films and new indie releases.

#10 DIVERSITY

Tampa is a cultural hub where more than 40 languages are spoken. The city was founded by Cuban, Italian and Spanish immigrants who came here to build the world's cigar industry in the late 1800s. A visit to [Historic Ybor City](#) will provide a taste of that Latin heritage with authentic restaurants, cigar shops that still roll cigars by hand, and festivals honoring its cultural past.

Tampa doesn't have the traffic issues like let's say Atlanta. Our roads and transportation system aren't perfect, but it's nowhere near as bad as other major cities in the U.S. Plus, with a lower cost of living, you can afford a place closer to our major job centers. **So, are you ready to [Make It Tampa Bay?](#)**



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