

# FORT MYERS REGION

## FAST FACTS from Lee County's Economic Development Office



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**FORT MYERS**  
REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

### POPULATION

- Nearly 1.2 million residents in Southwest Florida, with 615,124 in Lee County (Cape Coral - Fort Myers MSA)

### ECONOMY

- \$39 billion regional economy (Bureau of Economic Analysis)

### WORKFORCE

- Historically under-employed workforce (Pathfinders Labor Market Assessment)

### COST OF LIVING

- Below the national average (ACCRA Cost of Living Index)

### TAX CLIMATE

- Florida ranked in top 5 nationally for business tax climate (Tax Foundation)

### MAJOR EMPLOYERS

- Fortune 1000 companies like Gartner Inc., Pall Corporation, Heinz, Chico's, Source Interlink and Emerson

### EDUCATION

- 10 universities and colleges, and two High Tech Centers in region

### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) has 21 carriers serving 40 non-stop destinations and ranks in top 50 nationwide

### GENERAL AVIATION

- Page Field (FMY) general aviation airport ranked among top 25 in country (ExxonMobil PremierSpirit)

### TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate 75; railway freight service; located within 150 miles of 4 deep water ports

### NO PERSONAL INCOME TAX

### LIFESTYLE

- Home to world-class beaches, Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins spring training, minor league hockey and baseball, a vibrant arts scene, and top 100 integrated healthcare network

### INCENTIVES

- Robust incentive packages for established businesses