



Industry Spotlight

Transportation and Trades

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA



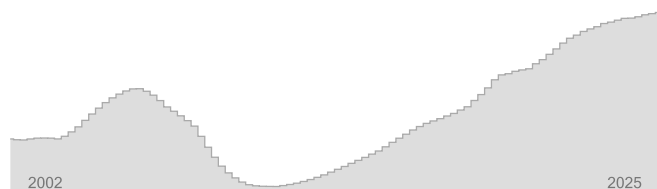
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Spotlight Summary

Transportation and Trades

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA – 2025Q4

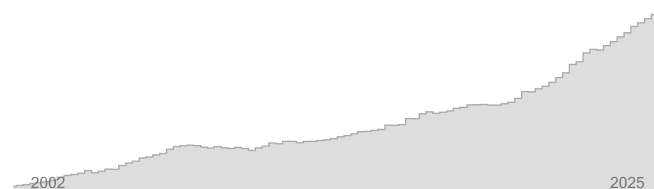
EMPLOYMENT



184,406

Regional employment / 19,351,820 in the nation

WAGES



\$65,570

Avg Wages per Worker / \$75,363 in the nation

4.5% ↑

Avg Ann % Change Last 10 Years / +2.5% in the U.S.



11.8%

% of Total Employment / 11.6% in the U.S.

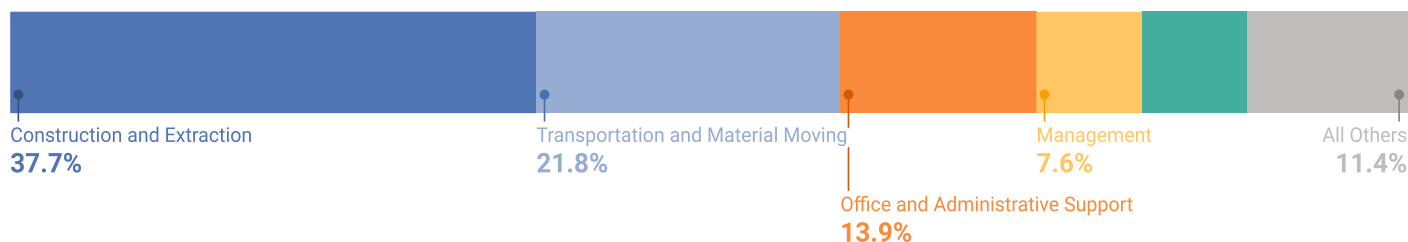


3.5% ↑

Avg Ann % Change Last 10 Years / +3.3% in the U.S.



TOP OCCUPATION GROUPS



TOP INDUSTRIES

Avg Ann % Change in Employment, Last 10 Years

3.4 % ↑



Specialty Trade Contractors

6.6 % ↑



Construction of Buildings

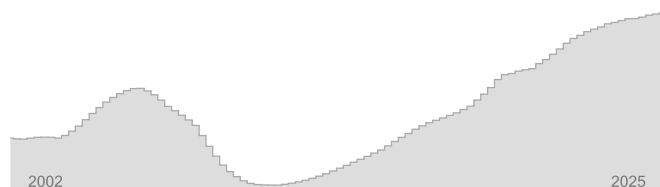
18.6 % ↑



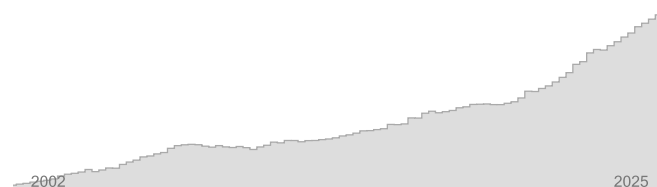
Warehousing and Storage

Industry Snapshot

EMPLOYMENT



WAGES



3-Digit Industry	Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	5yr History	Annual Demand	Forecast Ann Growth
Specialty Trade Contractors	74,781	\$61,500	1.28		7,131	1.2%
Construction of Buildings	26,507	\$74,527	1.20		2,454	1.3%
Warehousing and Storage	14,762	\$57,449	0.83		1,884	1.1%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	14,472	\$84,774	1.12		1,397	1.3%
Truck Transportation	11,414	\$63,776	0.75		1,287	1.3%
Couriers and Messengers	10,910	\$36,522	0.85		1,317	1.4%
Support Activities for Transportation	8,630	\$69,044	1.00		972	1.3%
Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	6,193	\$34,634	0.59		808	1.3%
Utilities	5,824	\$116,654	0.71		538	0.6%
Postal Service	5,775	\$72,846	1.03		474	0.3%
Remaining Component Industries	5,139	\$90,639	0.82		617	0.7%
Transportation and Trades	184,406	\$65,570	1.02		18,884	1.2%

💡 Employment is one of the broadest and most timely measures of a region's economy. Fluctuations in the number of jobs shed light on the health of an industry. A growing employment base creates more opportunities for regional residents and helps a region grow its population.

💡 Since wages and salaries generally compose the majority of a household's income, the annual average wages of a region affect its average household income, housing market, quality of life, and other socioeconomic indicators.

Staffing Pattern



6-digit Occupation	Empl	Avg Ann Wages	Annual Demand
Construction Laborers	14,748	\$47,200	1,447
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	10,998	\$57,200	1,311
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	9,696	\$80,600	882
Carpenters	9,554	\$54,900	828
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	7,671	\$42,700	1,067
Electricians	6,782	\$59,200	747
Construction Managers	5,957	\$111,400	566
Light Truck Drivers	4,739	\$56,700	586
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	4,674	\$57,000	487
General and Operations Managers	4,651	\$138,400	427
Remaining Component Occupations	104,919	\$68,000	11,052
Total	184,389		

 The mix of occupations points to the ability of a region to support an industry and its flexibility to adapt to future demand. Industry wages are a component of the cost of labor for regional employers.

Employment Distribution by Type

The table below shows the employment mix by ownership type for Transportation and Trades for the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA. Four of these ownership types — federal, state, and local government and the private sector — together constitute “Covered Employment” (employment covered by the Unemployment Insurance programs of the United States and reported via the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages).

“Self-Employment” refers to unincorporated self-employment and represents workers whose primary job is self-employment (that is, these data do not include workers whose primary job is a wage-and-salary position that is supplemented with self-employment).



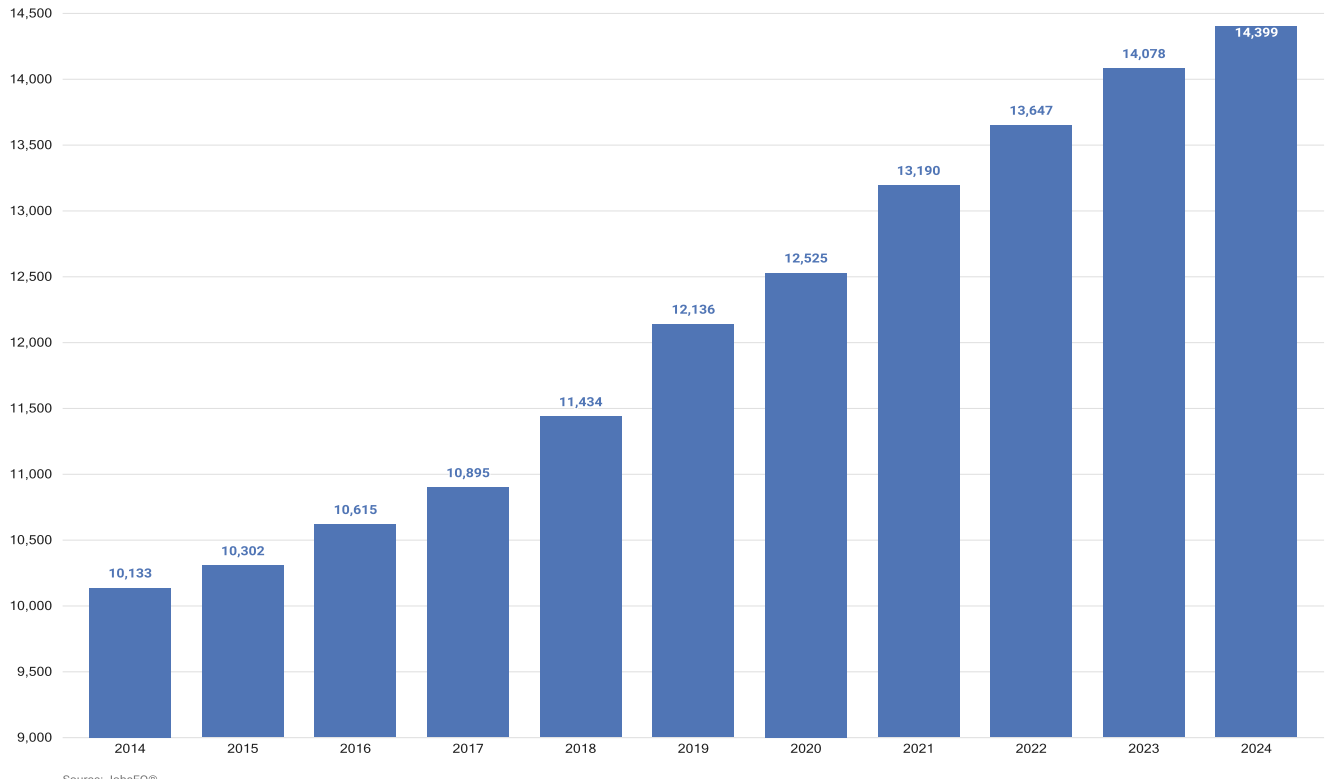
	Empl	%
Private	145,288	78.8%
Self-Employment	30,251	16.4%
Local Government	2,171	1.2%
State Government	484	0.3%
Federal Government	5,943	3.2%
Other Non-Covered	269	0.1%

Source: JobsEQ®

💡 Strong entrepreneurial activity is indicative of growing industries. Using self-employment as a proxy for entrepreneurs, a higher share of self-employed individuals within a regional industry points to future growth.

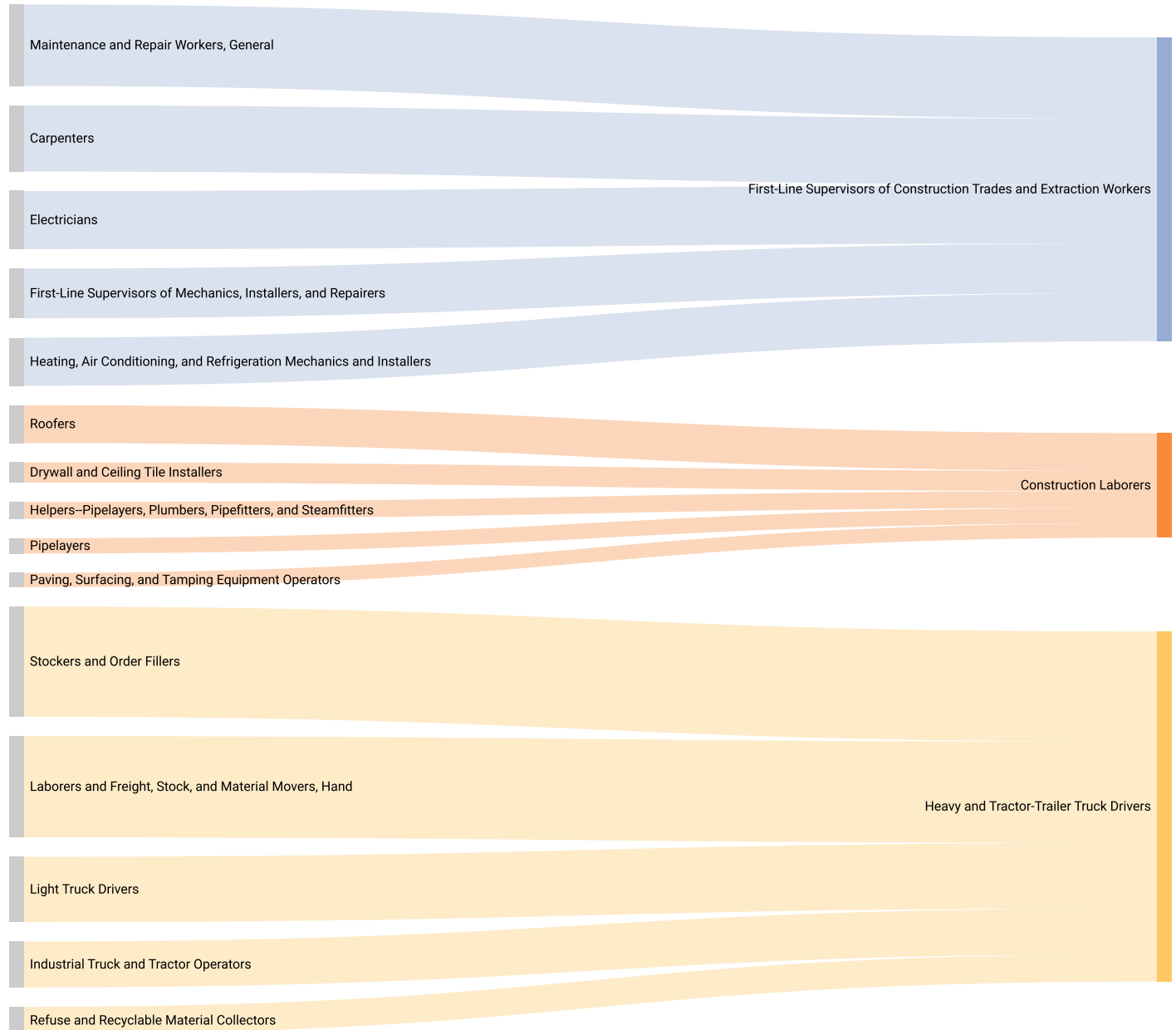
Establishments

In 2024, there were 14,399 Transportation and Trades establishments in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA (per covered employment establishment counts), an increase from 10,133 establishments ten years earlier in 2014.



💡 New business formations are an important source of job creation in a regional economy, spurring innovation and competition, and driving productivity growth. Establishment data can provide an indicator of growth in businesses by counting each single location (such as a factory or a store) where business activity takes place, and with at least one employee.

Sector Strategy Pathways



 The graphics on this page illustrate relationships and potential movement (from left to right) between occupations that share similar skill sets. Developing career pathways as a strategy promotes industry employment growth and workforce engagement.

Postsecondary Programs Linked to Transportation and Trades

Program	Awards
Erwin Technical College	
Carpentry/Carpenter	32
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician	21
Fred K Marchman Technical College	
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineering Technology/Technician	18
Hillsborough Community College	
Electrician	38
Plumbing Technology/Plumber	25
Welding Technology/Welder	61
National Aviation Academy of Tampa Bay	
Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician	123
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician	236
Pinellas Technical College-Clearwater	
Electrician	35
Pinellas Technical College-St. Petersburg	
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineering Technology/Technician	52

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)



The number of graduates from postsecondary programs in the region identifies the pipeline of future workers as well as the training capacity to support industry demand.



Among postsecondary programs at schools located in the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA, the sampling above identifies those most linked to occupations relevant to Transportation and Trades. For a complete list see JobsEQ®, <http://www.chmuraecon.com/jobseq>

Data Notes

- Industry employment and wages (including total regional employment and wages) are as of 2025Q4 and are based upon BLS QCEW data, imputed by Chmura where necessary, and supplemented by additional sources including Census ZBP data. Employment forecasts are modeled by Chmura and are consistent with BLS national-level 10-year forecasts.
- Occupation employment is as of 2025Q4 and is based on industry employment and local staffing patterns calculated by Chmura and utilizing BLS OEWS data. Wages by occupation are as of 2025, utilizing BLS OEWS data and imputed by Chmura.
- GDP is derived from BEA data and imputations by Chmura. Productivity (output per worker) is calculated by Chmura using industry employment and wages as well as GDP and BLS output data. Supply chain modeling including purchases by industry are developed by Chmura.
- Postsecondary awards are per the NCES and are for the 2023-2024 academic year.
- Establishment counts are per the BLS QCEW data.
- Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Industry Definition

Transportation and Trades is defined as the following NAICS industries:

Code	Description
221	Utilities
236	Construction of Buildings
237	Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
238	Specialty Trade Contractors
481	Air Transportation
482	Rail Transportation
483	Water Transportation
484	Truck Transportation
485	Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation
486	Pipeline Transportation
487	Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation
488	Support Activities for Transportation
491	Postal Service
492	Couriers and Messengers
493	Warehousing and Storage

Region Definition

Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA is defined as the following counties:

Hernando County, Florida

Pasco County, Florida

Hillsborough County, Florida

Pinellas County, Florida

FAQ

What is (LQ) location quotient?

Location quotient is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is annual demand?

Annual demand is a of the sum of the annual projected growth demand and separation demand. Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. Growth demand is the increase or decrease of jobs expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.