

# About Port St. Lucie

- We are located in the heart of Florida's beautiful Treasure Coast. At 120 square miles in St. Lucie County, we're the state's sixth largest city, situated about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach, halfway between Miami and Orlando.
- Convenient access to Florida's Turnpike and Interstate 95.
- International airports are located in Orlando, West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale. The Treasure Coast International Airport and Business Park is just north of the City in St. Lucie County.
- For the past several years, Port St. Lucie has topped several Best Places lists in national and international publications. To see them all, visit www.cityofpsl.com/goodnews.
- St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) earned a graduation rate of 90.8% in 2022, which exceeds the state average of 87.3%. SLPS is one of only four counties in the state that can boast of six consecutive years exceeding 90%.
- Home to world-class healthcare such as Cleveland Clinic Florida and HCA Healthcare.
- The City is nearly litter-free, according to the Keep America Beautiful Community Appearance Litter Index. This distinction results from continuous hard work by our residents, businesses and visitors.

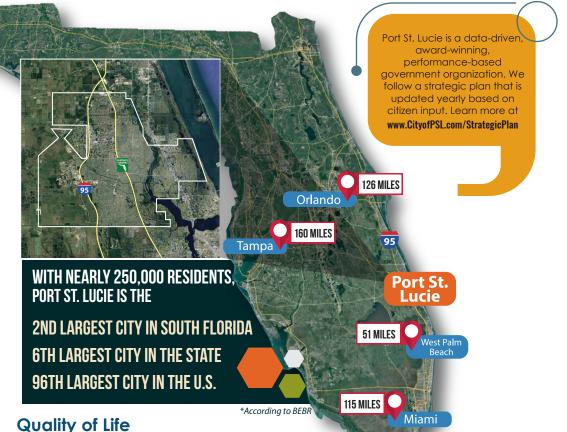


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#### **Job Creation**

High-quality job creation is a priority for the City. PSL's Southern Grove Jobs Corridor is one of Florida's unique job opportunity areas for large-scale manufacturing, logistics and retail development. It has the largest swath of development-ready vacant land in all of South Florida that fronts over 4 miles of Interstate 95, with interchanges at Tradition Parkway and Becker Road. Learn more at www.cityofpsl.com/southerngrove.



#### Nearly 80% of residents who participated in a statistically valid National Community Survey™ from 2018 through 2023 rated Port St. Lucie as an excellent or good place to live. Respondents?

evaluations for the overall quality of life, neighborhoods, the City as a place to retire, raise children and live — and the overall appearance and image — have each improved considerably since a baseline survey conducted in 2009. In fact, U.S. News & World Report ranked Port St. Lucie as the 10th most desirable in 2023. We're proud to be the spring training home of the New York Mets, as well as the new home of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame.

### Safest Large City

For more than a decade, Port St. Lucie has maintained one of the lowest crime rates for a City in Florida with a population of more than 100,000 residents. In 2022 and 2023, U.S. News & World Report named PSL the second safest city in the United States.

#### Stewards for the Environment

Our leaders have been fighting for our rivers and natural resources at a local level for the past 20 years through a variety of efforts. These projects include one of the largest septic-to-sewer conversions in the country, building hundreds of acres of stormwater treatment areas, the St. Lucie River/C-23 Water Quality Project at McCarty Ranch and Eastern Watershed Improvement Project. Learn more at www.CityofPSL.com/WaterQuality.

#### Diversity

According to a study by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, Port St. Lucie is one of only two of 113 of the largest cities in the United States to qualify as integrated. (The other is Colorado Springs, Colo.) Get a glimpse of life in Port St. Lucie in our Welcome Guide: www.cityofpsl.com/welcome

#### CITY COUNCIL 772-871-5159

**Mayor Shannon Martin** Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, District 4 **Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan, District 1 Councilman David Pickett, District 2 Councilman Anthony Bonna, District 3** 

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190

180

170

160

150

Units in Thousands

154,471

2008

## **Growth Indicators**

**Permits Issued** 

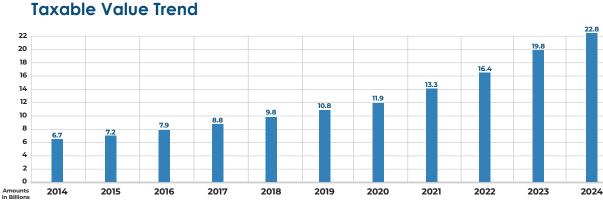
2017	32,020
2018	39,899
2019	41,504
2020	52,355
2021	68,261
2022	60,774
2023	54,440

#### Single-Family Permits Issued

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2017	1,518	
2018	2,200	
2019	2,722	
2020	3,592	
2021	5,335	
2022	3,882	
2023	4,069	

#### **Certificates of Occupancies Issued**

2017	1,382	2021	3,911
2018	1,824	2022	4,658
2019	2,711	2023	3,835
2020	2,893		





179,253

2015

170,672 174,090

2014

2013

167,188 169,054

2012

2011

165.392

2010

154,884

2009



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2017

189,265

185,132

2016

189.344

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023