



CLARK COUNTY  
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON  
**BUSINESS GUIDE**

**WASHINGTON STATE**

- **BEST STATES** *U.S. News & World Report, #1 in 2021*
- **AMERICA'S TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS** *CNBC, 2022*
- **BEST STATE ECONOMY** *WalletHub, 2022*

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# GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Situated in the heart of the Pacific Northwest, **CLARK COUNTY** serves as the premier Pacific Rim gateway to the U.S. and Canada. It is exceptionally well-positioned to access major West Coast, Midwest & international markets through multimodal connections to I-5 and I-84, deep-water ports, rail, and the Portland International Airport (PDX), voted the nation's Best Airport for years.

Washington State is equidistant between Asia & Europe

12 Non-stop flights to major cities worldwide

66 Non-stop destinations

270 Daily non-stop passenger departures



- 1 Port of Portland      — I-5      ..... Union Pacific Railroad
- 2 Port of Vancouver      — I-205      - - - - - BNSF Railroad
- 3 Portland Int'l Airport      — I-84

- 7,000 miles of state highways
- 700 miles of state park trails
- 465 miles of navigable waterways on the Columbia-Snake River system
- 75 Washington ports

“Oregon and Washington have the nation’s top-ranked infrastructure.”

– U.S. News & World Report, 2019

## INFRASTRUCTURE

Clark County offers **COMPETITIVE** lease rates, **ABUNDANT** clean water, and some of the **LOWEST** utility rates in the U.S.

### LOWEST ENERGY COSTS

Washington is ranked No. 1 for lowest energy costs in the U.S.

WalletHub 2021

### BETTER BUSINESS CLIMATE

Washington is ranked in the top 3 business tax climates in the nation.

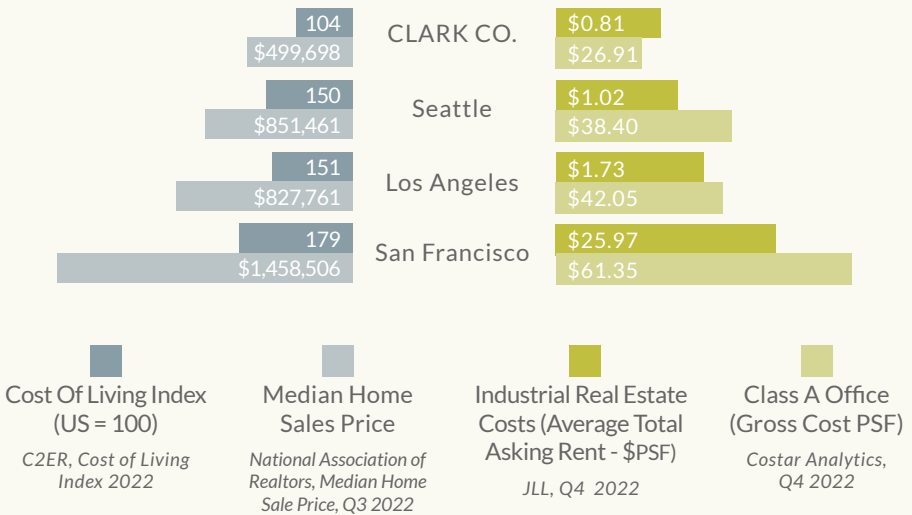
Tax Foundation, 2022

# EXCEPTIONAL LIVABILITY

## WASHINGTON STATE IS NO. 1 IN THE NATION FOR QUALITY OF LIFE.

Enjoy the excitement of the city and the escape of the outdoors. Nestled on the north bank of the Columbia River, Clark County, Washington is an energetic and charming place to live, work and play. Spectacular natural beauty, historic sites and lively downtown communities with eclectic restaurants, craft breweries and year-round events make this the perfect place to call home. Washington's low-carbon energy system and robust secondary education system continue to rank among the nation's best, as does the state's economy, the fastest growing in the nation.

*(U.S. News & World Report 2021)*



## WASHINGTON STATE BUSINESS INCENTIVES

- No Corporate or Personal Income Tax
- State Business and Occupation (B&O) Tax ranges from 0.13% - 1.5%
- State and Local Combined Retail Sales Tax is 8.5%
- Unemployment Insurance Tax averages 1.43% on the first \$67,000 in wages
- Worker's Compensation averages \$0.65 per hour
- Tax Exemptions available for Manufacturing, Food Processing and Distribution

# CREDC BUSINESS SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL • CONFIDENTIAL • NO COST

## LET US HELP YOU:

- Coordinate business-to-business meetings with local executives.
- Compile local market data and demographics specific to industry sectors.
- Facilitate introductions to potential partners and supply chain development opportunities.
- Determine relevant incentives to reduce project costs.
- Provide connections to resources to recruit, screen, and train employees.
- Assist with stewarding permits through city, county, and state agencies.
- Act as a business concierge to mobilize regional and community resources to ensure business growth and project success through a continued relationship.
- Collaborate on public relations opportunities.
- Connect businesses with education partners, from K-12 to community colleges and four-year institutions.

## Your Journey Starts Here

### STEP 1

Our team connects with leadership to discuss the project and scope of expansion or relocation.

### STEP 2

Our team is with you every step of the way, identifying resources and making community connections to facilitate and expedite the process.

### STEP 3

Welcome to Clark County! As your real journey begins, we are here to ensure you are connected and have what you need to thrive in the community.

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