Competitive Advantages for the Business & Financial Services Cluster in the City of Cape Coral





This cluster illustrates the regional growth of professional and business services that will stimulate new development and provide location opportunities for businesses seeking lower cost operating environments with good market access to multiple urban centers.





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Key Findings

- As part of an Economic Development Strategic Plan for the City of Cape Coral, a Target Industries analysis was conducted. An outcome of this work was the identification of the Business & Financial Services Cluster.
- The Business & Financial Services Cluster consists of 8 industry components:
 - Banking, Credit, & Investment services
 - Business support services
 - Employment services
 - Facilities support services
 - Investigation and security services
 - Legal services
 - Management, scientific, and technical consulting services
 - Office administrative services
- Revenue (in current dollars) for the Business & Financial Services Cluster is \$4,010.1
 billion. Growth expectations in the next five years will raise this figure to \$5,033.4
 billion, which is a 4.65% compound annual growth rate (CAGR), or an overall 25.5% revenue gain.
- The 8 individual industries that comprise the cluster have projected revenue gains ranging from 54.0% (Business support services) to 13.9% (Legal services). In aggregate, the cluster demonstrates solid revenue growth for the next several years.
- Florida ranks in 3rd place for Business & Financial Services Cluster employment among the 10 leading US states.
- The Cluster has a projected 3,675 new jobs in Cape Coral supportable by the labor market.
- There are 6 Florida cities identified as direct competitors to Cape Coral:
 - o Fort Lauderdale
 - o Orlando
 - o Palm Bay
 - o Pompano Beach



- o Port St. Lucie
- West Palm Beach
- As an example of typical Cluster business, a Busines-to-Business (B2B) Telephone Call Center of 43 persons in Cape Coral will generate \$4.86 million in annual revenue.
- Profitability for a B2B Call Center in Cape Coral is **17.8%** which leads all competition, other than Port St. Lucie.
- Cape Coral's employed civilian labor force of **102,700** is estimated to have an estimated **56%** of workers commuting to locations outside of the City. This outcommuting labor force presents an opportunity for development of new "intercept" office facilities that can capture some of this worker flow.
- With the projected office census of 3,675 new jobs, it can be expected that at least 735,000 sf of new office space will be required to meet the Cluster's employment needs.



Introduction

As part of the development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan for the City of Cape Coral, a Target Industries analysis was conducted. An outcome of this work was the identification of the Business & Financial Services Cluster.

As defined by Harvard University, "a cluster is a regional concentration of related industries in a particular location. Clusters are a striking feature of economies, making regions uniquely competitive for jobs and private investment. They consist of companies, suppliers, and service providers, as well as government agencies and other institutions that provide specialized training and education, information, research, and technical support.

The Business & Financial Services Cluster illustrates the regional growth of professional and business services that will stimulate new development and provide location opportunities for businesses seeking lower cost operating environments, capitalizing on untapped labor markets, with good market access to multiple urban centers.

The Cluster consists of 8 industry components:

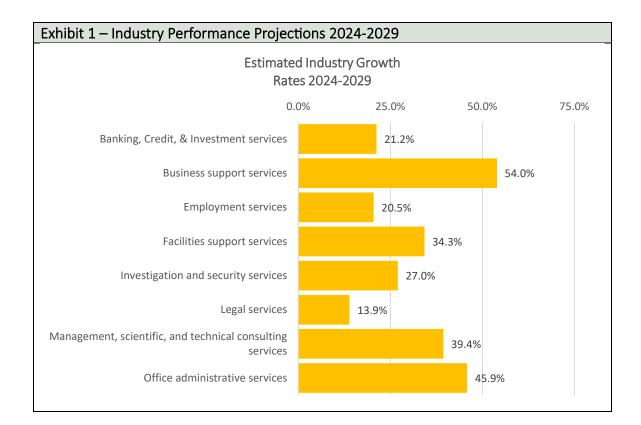
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Industries Performances

Revenue (in current dollars) for the Business & Financial Services Cluster is **\$4,010.1 billion**. Growth expectations in the next five years will raise this figure to **\$5,033.4 billion**, which is a **4.65%** compound annual growth rate (CAGR), or an overall **25.5%** revenue gain.

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In the following Exhibit 2, each of the component industries are presented with their individual revenue growth expectations, employee productivity evaluation and typical establishment size.

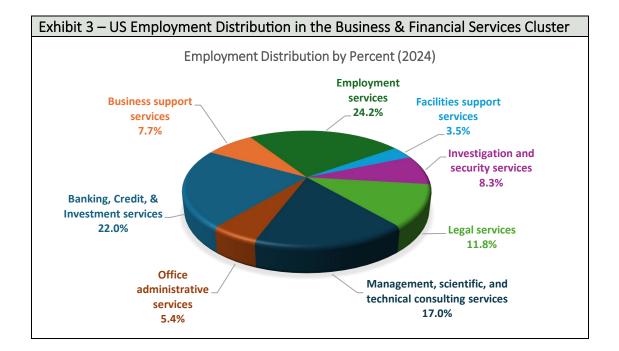
Exhibit 2 – Component Industries Data Aggregation								
Banking & Credit Services			Business support services					
	2024	2029		2024	2029			
Revenue (\$ billion)	\$2,221.1	\$2,693.0	Revenue (\$ billion)	\$194.2	\$299.0			
CAGR	3.93	%	CAGR	9.01	%			
Revenue Gain (\$ billion)	\$471.	86	Revenue Gain (\$ billion)	\$104.	77			
Revenue Gain (percent)	21.2%		Revenue Gain (percent)	54.0%				
Revenue per employee	\$734,098		Revenue per employee	\$278,332				
Typ. Estb. Size (US)	13		Typ. Estb. Size (US)	11				
Employment services			Facilities support services					
	2024	2029		2024	2029			
Revenue (\$ billion)	\$330.6	\$398.3	Revenue (\$ billion)	\$66.6	\$89.4			
CAGR	3.80%		CAGR 6.07		%			
Revenue Gain (\$ billion)	\$67.70		Revenue Gain (\$ billion)	\$22.81				
Revenue Gain (percent)	20.5%		Revenue Gain (percent)) 34.3%				
Revenue per employee					950			



Typ. Estb. Size (US)	21		Typ. Estb. Size (US)	12		
Investigation and security services			Legal services			
	2024 2029			2024	2029	
Revenue (\$ billion)	\$169.7	\$215.6	Revenue (\$ billion)	\$398.2	\$453.6	
CAGR	4.90%	6	CAGR	2.649	%	
Revenue Gain (\$ billion)	\$45.8	6	Revenue Gain (\$ billion)	\$55.3	8	
Revenue Gain (percent)	27.0%	6	Revenue Gain (percent)	13.99	%	
Revenue per employee	\$167,2	37	Revenue per employee	\$337,529		
Typ. Estb. Size (US)	26		Typ. Estb. Size (US) 6			
Management, scientific, a	nd technical co	nsulting				
services			Office administrative services			
	2024	2029		2024	2029	
Revenue (\$ billion)	\$525.3	\$732.2	Revenue (\$ billion)	\$104.4	\$152.3	
CAGR	6.87%	6	CAGR 7.84%		%	
Revenue Gain (\$ billion)	\$206.90		Revenue Gain (\$ billion)	\$47.88		
Revenue Gain (percent)	39.4%		Revenue Gain (percent)	45.9%		
	\$286,939		Revenue per employee	\$170,502		
Revenue per employee	\$286,9	29	Revenue per employee	Ŷ±70,5	/02	

The distribution of employment in the Business & Financial Services Cluster is illustrated in Exhibit 3 (below):





For a Florida location, the **3**rd place ranking for Business & Financial Services Cluster employment among the **10** leading states is a favorable condition as shown in Exhibit 4 (below):

Exhibit 4 – Ten Leading States for Business & Financial Services								
Cluster Employment								
2024								
State	Employment	Rank						
California	1,356,872	1						
Texas	1,263,394	2						
Florida	948,119	3						
New York	870,027	4						
Illinois	579,553	5						
North Carolina	452,023	6						
Georgia	420,961	7						
Pennsylvania	400,141	8						
New Jersey	386,868	9						
Ohio	366,371	10						



The Fit for Cape Coral

As part of an Economic Development Strategic Plan for Cape Coral, a Target Industries analysis was conducted. An outcome of this work was the identification of the Business & Financial Services Cluster. The Cluster contains the **8** component business areas that have a projected **3,675** new jobs supportable by the Cape Coral labor market, as shown in Exhibit 5 (below):

Exhibit 5 - Business & Financial Services Cluster Employment				
Industry	# of New Jobs			
Banking, Credit, & Investment services	993			
Business support services	<mark>359</mark>			
Employment services	1,476			
Facilities support services	156			
Investigation and security services	142			
Legal services	222			
Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	274			
Office administrative services	53			
Total	3,675			

For exploratory purposes, the Business Support Services industry has been selected for deeper examination. For this industry category, there is projected growth of **359** new jobs. Within this heading are **6** sub-categories of industries one of which will be explored in greater detail.

- Document Preparation Services
- Telephone Call Centers
- Business Service Centers
- Collection Agencies
- Credit Bureaus
- Other Business Support Services

Business-to-Business (B2B) Telephone Call Centers

This U.S. industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in operating call centers that initiate or receive communications via telephone, facsimile, email, or other communication modes for purposes such as: (1) promoting products or services, (2) taking orders, (3)



soliciting contributions, and (4) providing information or assistance regarding products or services. Telemarketing bureaus and other contact centers provide these services on behalf of clients and do not own the products or provide the services that they are representing, or they serve other establishments of the same enterprise.

Model Operations

The national average size for a Business-to-Business (B2B) Call Center facility is **36** persons, and the State of Florida's is **50** persons. A nominal (averaged) facility size of **43** persons is selected as a Cape Coral model for this industry. Average productivity output is **\$278,300** per employee, resulting in an annual sales figure of **\$11.967 million**. Total investment per employee is estimated at **\$30,200** per employee. Exhibit 6 (below) shows the operations details:

Exhibit 6 – Typical B2B Call Center Facility Operations					
Annual Net sales \$11,966,90					
Total Employment	43				
Avg. hourly Wage	\$22.08				
Fringe benefits Percentage	35%				
Total Payroll	\$2,665,600				
Facility Footprint sq. ft.	7,710				
Employee Occupancy/sf	180				
Floor-Area-Ratio	0.37				
Facility Construction Cost/sq. ft.	\$119				
Facility Construction Cost	\$920,000				
Estimated Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment Cost	\$240,000				
Site Acreage	0.5				
Land Cost	\$140,000				
Total Investment	\$1,300,000				

Staffing

Employment distribution among the relevant major occupational groups for the industry are shown in Exhibit 7 (below):



Exhibit 7- B2B Call Center – Employee Census						
		Florida	Cape Coral			
		Avg. Hrly	Avg. Hrly			
Occupation	# of Jobs	Wage	Wage			
General and Operations Managers	2	\$62.84	\$56.48			
Training and Development Specialists	1	\$33.64	\$32.65			
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	1	\$41.40	\$36.78			
Computer User Support Specialists	1	\$28.02	\$28.50			
Counter and Rental Clerks	1	\$18.43	\$18.13			
Sales Representatives of Services	2	\$35.11	\$30.80			
Telemarketers	4	\$17.16	\$16.67			
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative						
Support Workers	3	\$32.03	\$32.17			
Bill and Account Collectors	4	\$21.29	\$21.01			
Customer Service Representatives	21	\$19.64	\$19.27			
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal,						
Medical, and Executive	1	\$20.60	\$20.37			
Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, Except Postal						
Service	1	\$17.41	\$16.39			
Office Clerks, General	1	\$20.66	\$21.00			
Total	43					
Average Hourly Wage		\$24.15	\$23.26			

Labor Capability

Available labor is calculated by using both the current unemployment rate (U3) for the Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA and the factored under-employment rate¹ (U6) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. For the target of **359** new jobs for the industry sector, the Employee Census table from above is revisited with the overall new job requirements shown in Exhibit 8 (below).

¹ U6: Total unemployed, plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force.



Exhibit 8 - B2B Call Centers – Occupations Needed	
Occupation	# of new jobs
Customer Service Representatives	182
Telemarketers	41
Bill and Account Collectors	35
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	24
Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial	
Services, and Travel	16
General and Operations Managers	14
Office Clerks, General	9
Counter and Rental Clerks	8
Computer User Support Specialists	8
Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, Except Postal Service	7
Training and Development Specialists	6
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	5
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	5
Total Occupations Required	359

In the following, the **13** categories of staffing for B2B Call Centers are evaluated for direct hiring capabilities:

Customer Service Representatives

In the Cape Coral-Fort Myers MSA, there are currently **7,620** persons employed in this position. Using the U6 factor, it is estimated that there are approximately **529** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.

Telemarketers

In the MSA, there are currently **170** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **12** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Problematic** for this position, requiring some external recruitment of applicants or retraining of others in the market area.

Bill and Account Collectors

In the MSA, there are currently **210** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **15** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Problematic** for this position, requiring some external recruitment of applicants or retraining of others in the market area.



First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers

In the MSA, there are currently **2,950** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **205** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.

Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel

In the MSA, there are currently **3,600** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **250** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.

General and Operations Managers

In the MSA, there are currently **6,110** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **425** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.

Office Clerks, General

In the MSA, there are currently **5,850** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **407** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.

Counter and Rental Clerks

In the MSA, there are currently **1,180** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **82** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.

Computer User Support Specialists

In the MSA, there are currently **980** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **68** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.

Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, Except Postal Service

In the MSA, there are currently **120** persons employed in this position It is estimated that there are approximately **8** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.

Training and Development Specialists

In the MSA, there are currently **610** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **42** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.



Business Operations Specialists, All Other

In the MSA, there are currently **1,310** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **91** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.

Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive

In the MSA, there are currently **2,810** persons employed in this position. It is estimated that there are approximately **195** applicants that are likely to be available to support this industry in Cape Coral. Direct hiring outcome is **Positive** for this position.

Conclusion

In summary, staffing for a B2B operation in Cape Coral is projected to be quite achievable. However, the positions that exhibit shortfall for B2B Call Centers are:

- Telemarketers
- Bill and Account Collectors
- Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, Except Postal Service

The economic development and workforce officials in Cape Coral have been alerted to these employment shortfall issues. New initiatives are in development that will increase labor availability in these three areas.



Comparison Analyses

The objective of this section is the determination of which Florida cities are Cape Coral's true competition, not just Fort Myers or another Southwest Florida community. To accomplish this evaluation, a review of **22** municipalities in Florida with a population of **100,000** or more was conducted. Through analysis of population growth for each of the as compared to annual rate for the State of Florida, **6** cities emerged as true competitors to Cape Coral:

- Fort Lauderdale
- Orlando
- Palm Bay
- Pompano Beach
- Port St. Lucie
- West Palm Beach

Profitability Determination

Exhibit 9 - B2B Call Center – Competitive Evaluation – Base Financial Data								
			Facility Facility Total					
Market	Cost/Acre	Land Cost	Cost/SF	Cost	Investment	Financing	Service	
Cape Coral	\$295,000	\$140,000	\$119	\$1,160,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,040,000	\$81,715	
Fort Lauderdale	\$1,437,000	\$683,000	\$125	\$1,202,000	\$1,885,000	\$1,508,000	\$118,500	
Orlando	\$201,000	\$96,000	\$123	\$1,188,000	\$1,284,000	\$1,027,200	\$80,100	
Palm Bay	\$494,000	\$235,000	\$130	\$1,243,000	\$1,478,000	\$1,182,400	\$92,900	
Pompano Beach	\$2,057,000	\$978,000	\$125	\$1,202,000	\$2,180,000	\$1,744,000	\$137,000	
Port St. Lucie	\$146,000	\$69,000	\$121	\$1,176,000	\$1,245,000	\$996,000	\$78,300	
West Palm Beach	\$975,000	\$464,000	\$125	\$1,202,000	\$1,666,000	\$1,332,800	\$104,700	

Base financial information is shown in Exhibit 9 (below):

Profitability for a B2B Call Center in Cape Coral is **17.8%** which leads all competition, other than Port St. Lucie, as shown in Exhibit 10 (below):



Exhibit 10- B2B Call Centers – Competitive Evaluation – Annual Operating Profits								
							West	
	Саре	Fort		Palm	Pompano	Port St.	Palm	
Market	Coral	Lauderdale	Orlando	Bay	Beach	Lucie	Beach	
Net Sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Payroll	23.5%	25.1%	24.0%	24.1%	25.1%	22.7%	25.1%	
Utilities & Fuels	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	
Debt Service	0.7%	1.0%	0.7%	0.8%	1.1%	0.7%	0.9%	
Cost of goods sold	35.2%	37.1%	35.7%	35.8%	37.2%	34.4%	37.0%	
Annual Gross profit	64.8%	62.9%	64.3%	64.2%	62.8%	65.6%	63.0%	
Less: Sales exp.	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	
General &								
Administrative.								
Overhead	32.0%	32.0%	32.0%	32.0%	32.0%	32.0%	32.0%	
Total Operating								
expenses	47.0%	47.0%	47.0%	47.0%	47.0%	47.0%	47.0%	
Annual Net Profit								
before taxes	17.8%	15.9%	17.3%	17.2%	15.8%	<mark>18.6%</mark>	16.0%	

Summary

The Business & Financial Services Cluster illustrates the regional growth of professional and business services that will stimulate new office development and provide location opportunities for businesses seeking lower cost operating environments with good market access to multiple urban centers.

Metrics for the Cluster and its component industries all indicate positive revenue growth for the next five years. The Cluster is essentially office space users, typical of White-Collar industries. White-Collar businesses are flourishing in Florida, due to several factors, including:

Business-friendly policies

Florida offers a favorable tax and business climate, including no state income tax.

Strong workforce

Florida's diverse economy and strong workforce support the labor force.



Proximity to markets

Florida's location near buyers, suppliers, labor, and transportation allows companies to cut costs and develop close relationships with the community.

For Cape Coral, operations such as B2B Call Centers will be profitable endeavors. The City and the MSA have a dynamic labor supply that is well suited to meet the needs of the Business & Financial Services Cluster.

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Competitive Advantages of the City of Cape Coral Location

Cape Coral is in Lee County in Southwest Florida and is the largest population component of the Cape Coral-Fort Myers Metropolitan Statistical Area. The City's location is about an equidistance from the major urban centers of Tampa, Miami, and Orlando.

Originally developed in the late 1950's as a "Waterfront Wonderland", Cape Coral was designed to bring the waterfront dream of home ownership to middle-income Americans. With its over 400 miles of salt and freshwater canals, Cape Coral is a unique community that is redefining its identity beyond being just a suburb of Fort Myers. The City was incorporated in 1970 and maintains a brisk growth pattern despite economic downturns, a pandemic, and severe weather disturbances.



Demographic Advantages

With a current population of

approximately **217,000** people, Cape Coral is forecasted to grow to over **375,000** by 2050, representing a nearly **73%** increase. Cape Coral's explosive growth places it among the five fastest growing communities in the nation, measuring more than twice that of the State of Florida.

While more retirees are expected, the City is experiencing a dynamic growth in the working age groups of **25-44 yrs**. By 2029, an overall population gain of about **20,000** new residents will result in **34%** increase in working aged people.

Demographic and market advantages include:

- Growth rate exceeding the State's
- Dynamic growth rate among 25-44 yr. old residents
- Above average number of executive-age workers



- Exemplary rate of English language proficiency
- Above average household size
- Above average median household income
- Above average home ownership rate
- Below average cost of living rate
- Above average good/services industries employment
- Below average services industries hourly wages
- Above average worker mobility patterns
- Below average commercial and industrial electric rates

Higher Education Resources

There are **9** four-year colleges and universities within **50** miles of Cape Coral. In 2022, **9,933** degrees were conferred by the following institutions:

- Florida Gulf Coast University (Fort Myers)
- Florida SouthWestern State College (Fort Myers)
- Southern Technical College (Fort Myers)
- Hodges University (Fort Myers)
- Keiser University-Ft Myers (Fort Myers)
- Rasmussen University-Fort Myers (Fort Myers)
- Ave Maria School of Law (Naples)
- Ave Maria University (Ave Maria)

The five most sought after fields of study are:

- 1. Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services
- 2. Health Professions and Related Programs
- 3. Education
- 4. Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies
- 5. Psychology



Market Potential

Cape Coral's southwest Florida location can not only cover the total Florida market but a significant portion of the US. Within a 300-mile travel distance (one day truck routing), about **6.1%** of the nation can be reached.

Highway Travel

Interstate 75 (I-75) is within **15 minutes'** drive from Cape Coral. Access to the interstate can be achieved to the eastern direction in North Fort Myers or via one of the bridges through downtown Fort Myers. To the north, access is available in Punta Gorda at a slightly longer travel time.

Air Travel

There are two airports that serve Cape Coral. Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) is a major facility providing domestic and international flights daily. Travel to RSW is within **31 minutes** from downtown Cape Coral. RSW serves **10.1 million** passengers annually. In 2023, RSW had **87,685** aircraft operations.



Punta Gorda Airport (PGD) in Charlotte County just north of Cape Coral is a regional facility providing domestic flights mainly to the Midwest (Allegiant Air). PGD serves about **1.9 million** passengers per year and had **103,252** aircraft operations in 2023.

Rail Service

Passenger rail service via Amtrak is available in Fort Myers. The system operates **77** daily scheduled trips. Travel from downtown to Fort Myers Station Cape Coral is about **31 minutes**.



Freight rail services are provided by the Seminole Gulf Railway (SGLR). SGLR is a short line freight and passenger excursion railroad headquartered in Fort Myers that operates two former CSX Transportation railroad lines in Southwest Florida.

Bus Service

LeeTran operates bus services in Cape Coral. Currently there are **5** fixed bus routes but expanded services are under development. Looped routes provide transit to and from Fort Myers. The new Ultra On Demand micro-mobility fleet will enhance bus transit capabilities throughout the City.

Lifestyle & Recreational

Cape Coral's riverfront location and unique canal system offer a recreation-oriented lifestyle that has broad-range appeal. Some of the area's tourism advantages are as follows:

- Growing residential population, which can further encourage already existing strong category of visiting friends & family travelers
- Major home rental market for vacationers over 4,000 homes and 350 private rooms available
- Numerous opportunities to rent a house and boat together, canals enhance rental properties
- Major hotel Westin Resort at Marina Village significant anchor for tourism activity
- Favorable location
- Proximity to airports, major highways, and neighboring tourist communities.
- One of safest cities in Florida
- Sports tourism an already existing, active, and effective government involvement
- Increasingly strong restaurant and food scene
- Water activities boating, dolphin tours, fishing, kayaking
- Winter warm weather destination
- Major League Baseball Spring Training nearby
- Active events schedule including festivals, parades, and concerts



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