

## JAXUSA PARTNERSHIP'S

regional focus includes the seven counties of Northeast Florida. With 1.9 million residents, the region offers endless opportunities and a superior quality of life. The Jacksonville area continues to experience positive growth as more people discover its perfect balance between business opportunities and lifestyle.

### AREAS OF EXCELLENCE

- Growing E-Commerce and Intermodal
- Strong transportation infrastructure
- Supply chain management/IT
- LNG production and bunkering capabilities

### TOP EMPLOYERS



### AMERICA'S LOGISTICS CENTER

With an excellent logistics and transportation infrastructure including **rail, air, maritime** and **highway**, products can easily be shipped anywhere in the world from Northeast Florida.

### POSITIVE TAX ADVANTAGES

**NO**

corporate franchise tax  
state personal income tax  
taxes on inventories

**4**

Fortune 500  
companies

**150+**

National, regional or  
divisional HQs

"Jacksonville holds a special place in Suddath's history, but it's also an important part of Suddath's future. **The region continues to grow and that provides us opportunities locally and globally.** Northeast Florida's business and talent communities have been instrumental in helping us grow and succeed. **We are proud to be part of Jacksonville's success because they have been part of ours since 1919.**"

*Mike Brannigan, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Suddath Companies*

## AFFORDABLE CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE

Annual real estate  
leases and rates are  
below most major  
metro areas,  
averaging:



**13%** < U.S. AVG

Cost of constructing  
new facilities

**\$10.76**

Warehouse/distribution  
asking rate per sq. ft.

**5.5%**

Vacancy rate logistics

Source: RSMMeans, 2024

## JAXPORT

- Florida's largest container port by volume
- 10 million tons of cargo
- 13-mile deepening project to 47ft. completed in May 2022 through Blount Island Marine Terminal



Source: JAXPORT, 2024

## JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JAX)



**90+**

Nonstop  
Daily Flights

**40+**

Direct U.S.  
Airports

NEARLY  
**\$300**  
MILLION

In Recent  
Infrastructure  
Improvements

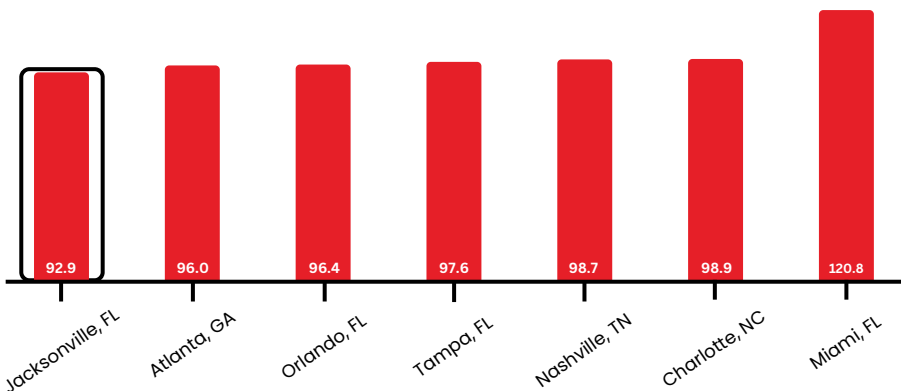
Source: Jacksonville Aviation Administration, 2024

## TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS MEDIAN SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE

| OCCUPATIONS  | SALARY    |
|--|-----------|
| Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians   | \$67,800  |
| Crane and Tower Operators  | \$70,800  |
| First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors | \$63,1500 |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers  | \$54,000  |
| Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators   | \$43,300  |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand   | \$38,900  |
| Light Truck Drivers  | \$41,000  |
| Logisticians   | \$79,400  |
| Machine Feeders and Offbearers   | \$44,300  |
| Maintenance and Repair Workers, General  | \$44,100  |
| Occupational Health and Safety Specialists   | \$78,400  |
| Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks  | \$41,200  |
| Software Developers  | \$126,000 |
| Stockers and Order Fillers   | \$38,300  |
| Tank Car, Truck, and Ship Loaders  | \$70,300  |
| Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers   | \$101,300 |

Source: JobsEQ, 2024

## FAVORABLE COST OF LIVING



Source: C2ER, Cost of Living Study, 2024 Annual

The Cost of Living Index measures relative price levels for consumer goods and services in participating areas. The national average equals 100 and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places.

## THE JACKSONVILLE REGION IS A TALENT MAGNET

### DYNAMIC WORKFORCE

- › Total workforce is 885,000+
- › Median age is 40
- › Florida has the #2 Best Workforce in the United States (CNBC).

### STEADY STREAM OF SKILLED WORKERS

- › Professionals employed in transportation and logistics is 87,000.
- › 7 regional colleges have degree or certificate programs with logistics concentrations
- › 8 CTE academies focused on transportation and logistics

### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

- › Top 5 City for Attracting College Graduates (U.S. Census Bureau)
- › #1 City for Young Entrepreneurs (Search Logistics)
- › #1 City in Florida for College Graduates (Zumper)

### VETERANS

- › Four major military installations
- › High concentration of veterans in the labor force
- › Top 10 Best City for Veterans (Newsweek)

## OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### HOME TO TOP SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- › The region has three of the top 15 Florida school districts.

\*Out of 67 school districts in Florida

| COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT | RANK |
|------------------------|------|
| Nassau                 | 1    |
| St. Johns              | 2    |
| Clay                   | 15   |
| Duval                  | 25   |

### ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO ATTEND COLLEGE

- › Eight colleges, universities and state colleges in the region with a total enrollment of more than 56,510 in the region.
- › University of North Florida, Jacksonville University and Flagler College consistently ranked on *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Regional Colleges and Universities."
- › The University of Florida (UF), ranked as one of America's top public universities, has established a graduate campus in the heart of downtown Jacksonville.

### MAJOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN OR NEAR JACKSONVILLE

| COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY                           | ENROLLMENT |
|--|------------|
| Edward Waters University                     | 1,181      |
| Flagler College                              | 2,623      |
| Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) | 20,363     |
| Jacksonville University (JU)                 | 3,837      |
| St. Johns River State College                | 6,434      |
| University of North Florida (UNF)            | 16,406     |
| Florida A&M University (FAMU)                | 9,215      |
| Florida State University (FSU)               | 44,161     |
| University of Central Florida (UCF)          | 68,346     |
| University of Florida (UF)                   | 55,211     |

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2024, JobsEQ 2023



## A QUALITY OF LIFE WORTH CELEBRATING

### TOP CITY FOR RELOCATING

**Jacksonville is the fourth fastest growing city in the United States.** With an average commute time of 26 minutes giving way to a high quality of life in our urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods, there is something for everyone in the Jacksonville region. Expect a lower cost of living than the U.S. average and 2nd best U.S. job market (The Wall Street Journal).

### SPORTING EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Sports enthusiasts can cheer for the **NFL Jacksonville Jaguars, the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp Triple-A baseball team, the Icemen Hockey Team and the Armada FC soccer team.** The region also features more than 85 elite golf courses, including famed **THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass.**

### WORLD-CLASS HEALTH CARE

Our region offers access to premier hospitals and health care facilities, **home to one of only three Mayo Clinic campuses and one of seven MD Anderson Cancer Center partnerships in the country,** as well as several other distinguished area hospitals and medical research facilities.

### TOP ARTS & CULTURE DESTINATION

**Jacksonville is consistently ranked a top city for arts and culture.** Art lovers will appreciate the **Museum of Contemporary Art, Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens,** and more. The area is also home to several performing arts venues and the world-renowned **Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra.**

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

Home to the largest urban park system in the country and extensive bodies of water, Jacksonville offers plentiful outdoor lifestyle activities, whether surfing, hiking or biking. With farm-to-table restaurants sourcing local, family-run farms, luxurious spas and more than a dozen world-class running events, including the **Gate River Run** and **26.2 with DONNA Marathon,** the region is a haven for health and wellness.

THE JACKSONVILLE  
AREA AVERAGES  
**220 DAYS OF  
SUNSHINE A YEAR**



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
THE REGION'S QUALITY OF LIFE,  
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JAXUSA Partnership is Jacksonville's regional economic development initiative supporting Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties. Let us know how we can help grow your company in Northeast Florida by contacting:

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