



## 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

- Agribusiness
- Aircraft & Aviation Components
- Aerospace & Defense Maintenance & Repair
- Metal Products & Machinery
- Medical Device

## 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.

## MEGASITES

- Cecil Commerce Center
- Crawford Diamond

## POSITIVE TAX ADVANTAGES

**NO**

Corporate franchise tax  
state personal income tax  
taxes on inventories

**4**

Fortune 500  
Companies

**150+**

National, Regional or  
Divisional HQS

*"For more than 30 years, we've called Jacksonville home to our worldwide headquarters for its wealth of highly skilled talent."*

Peter Menziuso, Company Group Chairman, Johnson & Johnson Vision



## AFFORDABLE CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE

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



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

Costing of constructing new facilities

**\$10.76**

Warehouse/Distribution asking rate per sq. ft

**5.5%**

Vacancy Rate Logistics

Source: RSMeans, 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 FY 2022

## JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JAX)



**90+**

Nonstop Daily Flights

**40+**

Direct U.S. Airports

NEARLY

**\$300**  
MILLION

In total infrastructure improvements

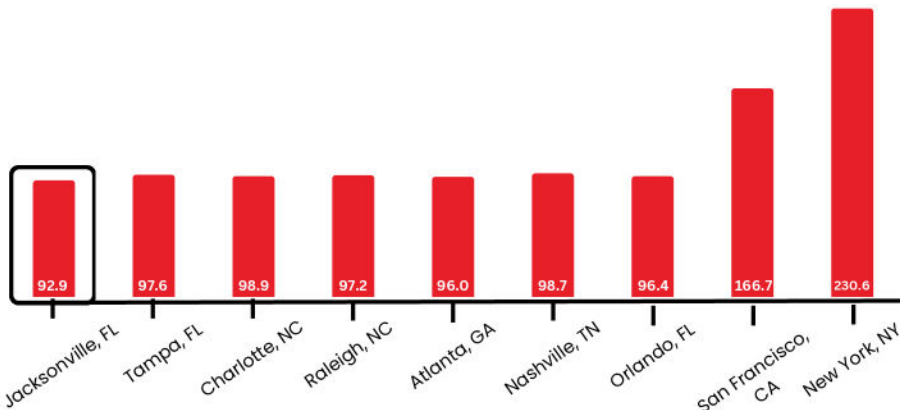
Source: Jacksonville Aviation Administration

## MEDIAN SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE

OCCUPATIONS	SALARY
Aerospace Engineering and Operations Technologists and Technicians	\$83,400
Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	\$61,800
Civil Engineers	\$103,000
Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	\$60,700
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$78,800
Electrical and Electronics Drafters	\$80,200
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Equipment Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	\$40,800
Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics Technologists and Technicians	\$82,800
Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	\$41,000
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$74,700
Industrial Engineers	\$102,900
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$64,100
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	\$42,400
Machinists	\$51,700
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$44,100
Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	\$51,800

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.



## 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

### 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, 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	55,211

## 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 the manufacturing industry is nearly 39,000.
- › There are 6 regional colleges that have degree or certificate programs with advanced manufacturing concentrations.
- › There are 16 career academies focused on advanced manufacturing in the region.

### 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
- › Higher concentration of veterans in the labor force
- › Top 20 Best Places for Veterans to Live (*WalletHub*)

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





## A QUALITY OF LIFE WORTH CELEBRATING

### TOP CITY FOR RELOCATING

**Jacksonville is one of the fastest growing cities 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

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



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ON THE REGION'S  
QUALITY OF LIFE, VISIT  
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