



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.

# LIFE SCIENCES

## AREAS OF EXCELLENCE

- ▼ MEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURING
- ▼ CLINICAL TRIALS
- ▼ BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
- ▼ ONCOLOGY
- ▼ HEALTH TECH

## TOP EMPLOYERS



## FAST FACTS

- **1 in 8 jobs** in the Jacksonville region are in the health care industry
- With a **skilled workforce of nearly 122,000**, employment growth continues to outpace the national average
- Local health and biomedical companies cite the **benefits of having top-notch programming** in their field with the area's leading educational institutions

## POSITIVE TAX ADVANTAGES



**NO**

CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX  
STATE PERSONAL INCOME TAX  
TAXES ON INVENTORIES

**3**

FORTUNE 500  
COMPANIES

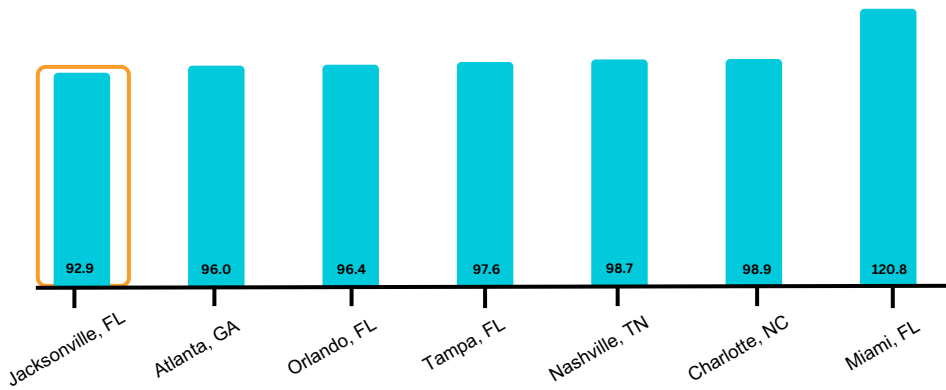
**150+**

NATIONAL,  
REGIONAL OR  
DIVISIONAL HQs

*"Jacksonville is a unique and vital part of Mayo Clinic's success. The people, the climate, the support from the community; these all play a role in us being able to deliver world-class care. I encourage any company seeking a welcoming home to consider Jacksonville and all it has to offer."*

**Kent Thielen** M.D., CEO, Mayo Clinic in Florida

## 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.

### AFFORDABLE CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE

#### Annual real estate lease rates

are below most  
major metro  
areas, averaging:



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

Cost of Constructing  
New Facilities

**\$25.34** PER SQ. FT  
TOTAL  
OFFICE RATE

**10.3%** TOTAL  
VACANCY  
RATE

Source: RSMMeans, 2024

As a hub for innovation and technology, Jacksonville is the **U.S. proton therapy capital** with UF Health Proton Therapy Institute, Ackerman Cancer Center and Mayo Clinic *(coming soon)*.



### 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

## MEDIAN LIFE SCIENCES SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE

OCCUPATIONS	SALARY
Bioengineers and Biomedical Engineers	\$84,400
Biological Scientists, All Other	\$55,400
Chemists	\$76,500
Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars	\$84,200
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$59,000
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$59,300
Medical and Health Services Managers	\$110,700
Medical Assistants	\$40,200
Medical Records Specialists	\$44,400
Nurse Practitioners	\$126,300
Nursing Assistants	\$38,400
Pharmacy Technicians	\$41,200
Physical Therapists	\$105,400
Physicians, All Other	\$282,700
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	\$66,900
Registered Nurses	\$83,700

Source: JobsEQ, 2024

## 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

- With a skilled workforce of nearly 122,000, employment growth continues to outpace the national average.
- The area's proximity to UF and FSU allows companies to tap into the growing talent base of skilled health and biomedical related graduates.
- There are 32 degree or certificate programs with life sciences or related concentrations 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
- 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.

COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	RANK
St. Johns	2
Nassau	3
Clay	14

Out of 67 school districts in Florida

### 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	20,363
Jacksonville University	3,837
St. Johns River State College	6,434
University of North Florida	16,406
Florida A&M University (FAMU)	9,215
Florida State University (FSU)	44,161
University of Central Florida	68,346
University of Florida	55,211

## 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 the **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 acclaimed **THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass**.

### WORLD-CLASS HEALTH CARE

Home to **one of only three Mayo Clinic campuses** and **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.

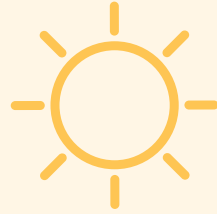
### TOP ARTS & CULTURE DESTINATION

Jacksonville is consistently ranked a top city for arts and culture. Art lovers will appreciate the **Museum of Contemporary Art**, the **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. Couple that 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, VISIT  
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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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