

JAXUSA Partnership's regional focus includes the seven counties of Northeast Florida. With more than 1.8 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 HUB
- ▼ STRONG TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
- ▼ DEEP-WATER PORT
- ▼ SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT/IT
- ▼ LNG PRODUCTION & 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.

Florida is home to **20%** of all U.S. exporters and the Jacksonville region's FTZ No. 64 is **the largest foreign trade zone by area in the state.**

**POSITIVE TAX  
ADVANTAGES**



**NO**

CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX  
STATE PERSONAL INCOME TAX  
TAXES ON INVENTORIES

**4**

**FORTUNE 500  
COMPANIES**

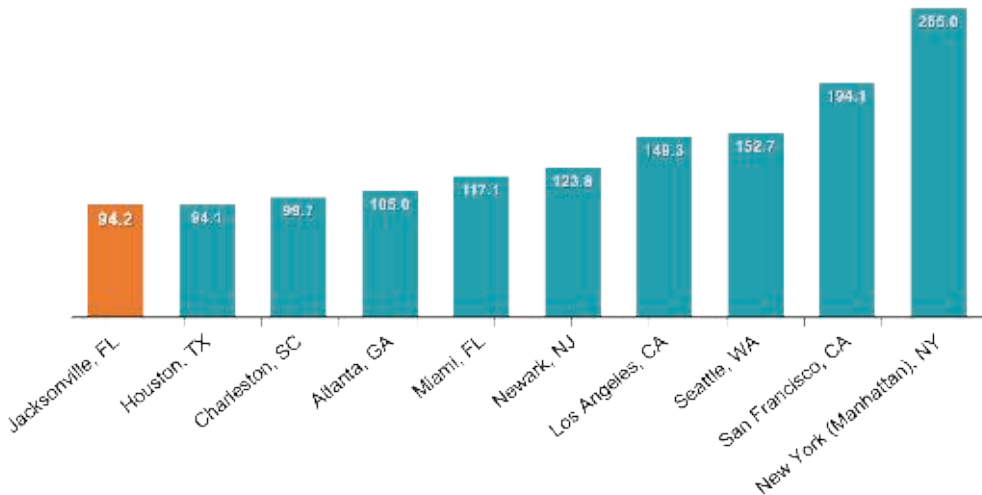
**100+**

**NATIONAL,  
REGIONAL OR  
DIVISIONAL HQs**

*"Doing business requires a dependable, seamless and highly efficient transport and logistics network. We found that here in Jacksonville."*

**John Hourihon**, Senior VP & General Manager, Crowley Maritime Corporation

## FAVORABLE COST OF



Source: C2ER, Cost of Living Study, 2021 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:



**15% < U.S. AVG**

Cost of Constructing New Facilities

**\$5.00** WAREHOUSING/ DISTRIBUTION ASKING RATE PER SQ. FT

**4.7%** VACANCY RATE LOGISTICS

### JAXPORT

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



### JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JAX)

**85+** NONSTOP DAILY FLIGHTS

**40+** DIRECT U.S. AIRPORTS

**\$18** MILLION ANNUAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

## ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS MEDIAN SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE

OCCUPATIONS	SALARY
Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	\$71,300
Aircraft Service Attendants & Transportation Workers	\$29,800
Crane and Tower Operators	\$58,400
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$41,800
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$40,200
Light Truck Drivers	\$34,400
Logisticians	\$64,100
Machine Feeders and Offbearers	\$28,600
Material Moving Workers, All Other	\$45,000
Motor Vehicle Operators, All Other	\$24,100
Packers and Packagers, Hand	\$24,300
Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks	\$34,300
Tank Car, Truck, and Ship Loaders	\$43,000
Transportation Inspectors	\$102,200

## THE JACKSONVILLE REGION IS A TALENT MAGNET



### DYNAMIC WORKFORCE

- Region's population is 1.8+ million
- Total workforce is 870,000+
- Median age is 39



### STEADY STREAM OF SKILLED WORKERS

- Professionals employed in advanced transportation & logistics is 44,418
- As a right-to-work state, the JAX MSA features the low privatized union membership rate of 5.7%
- Top 10 city for workforce confidence (LinkedIn)



### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

- Riverside neighborhood #6 for millennials (RentCafe)
- 54% of students in post-secondary institutions stay local after graduation, more than all Florida college cities



### VETERANS

- Four major military installations
- More than 50,000 active duty, reserve and civilian men and women
- More than 3,000 exiting members of the military choose to stay in Jacksonville annually
- Nearly 10% of working age population is ex-military
- Top 20 Best City for Veterans by Veterans United

## OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### HOME TO TOP SCHOOL DISTRICTS

▶ The region has four of the top 20 Florida school districts.

COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	RANK
St. Johns	2
Nassau	3
Clay	9
Flagler	18

Out of 67 school districts in Florida

### ▶ ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO ATTEND COLLEGE

- More than 20 colleges, universities and state colleges
- Total enrollment of more than 175,000
- University of North Florida, Jacksonville University and Flagler College consistently ranked on *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Regional Colleges and Universities"

### ▶ MAJOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN OR NEAR JACKSONVILLE

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	ENROLLMENT
University of North Florida (UNF)	17,117
Jacksonville University (JU)	4,164
Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)	24,605
Flagler College	2,902
St. Johns River State College	7,392
University of Florida (UF)	52,407
University of Central Florida	69,402
Florida State University (FSU)	42,450
Florida A&M University (FAMU)	9,626
Edward Waters University	3,085

## A QUALITY OF LIFE WORTH CELEBRATING

### ▼ TOP CITY FOR RELOCATING

Jacksonville had one of the highest population growth rates in 2021. 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 one of the top job markets. (*The Wallstreet Journal*)

### ▼ SPORTING EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Sports enthusiasts can cheer for the **NFL Jacksonville Jaguars**, the **Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp Triple A baseball 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 six MD Anderson Cancer Center partnerships in the country** and 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. Couple that with farm-to-fork restaurants sourcing local ingredients from 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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