



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.

# ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

## 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

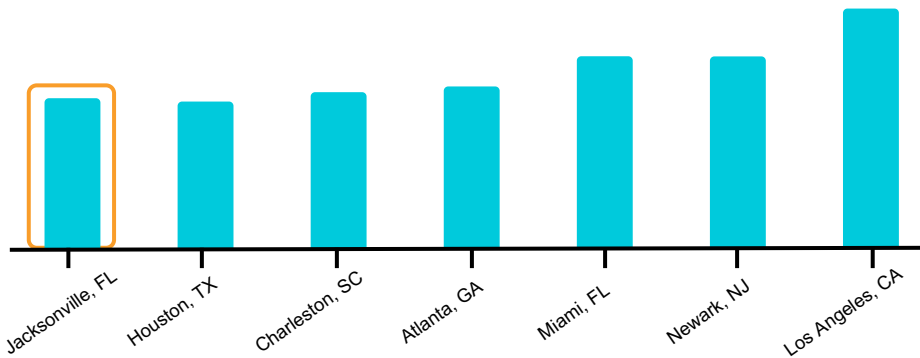
**4** FORTUNE 500  
COMPANIES

**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. From graduates of the area's colleges and universities to the large population of military veterans, this city has a workforce that advanced manufacturing companies desire. Plus, Jacksonville is an ideal place for work/life balance - with its miles of beautiful beaches, historical areas, picturesque parks, art museums and more."*

**Peter Menziuso**, Company Group Chairman, Johnson & Johnson Vision

## FAVORABLE COST OF LIVING



Source: C2ER, Cost of Living Study, 2022 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 industrial lease rates

are below most  
major metro  
areas, averaging:



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

Cost of Constructing  
New Facilities

**\$7.43** TOTAL  
INDUSTRIAL  
PER SQ. FT

**2.4%** TOTAL  
VACANCY  
RATE

Source: CoStar 2022 Annual

### JAXPORT



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

Source: JAXPORT FY 2022



### JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JAX)

**85+**  
NONSTOP  
DAILY FLIGHTS

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

**\$18** MILLION  
ANNUAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPROVEMENTS

Source: Jacksonville Aviation Administration

## ADVANCED MANUFACTURING MEDIAN SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE

OCCUPATIONS	SALARY
Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	\$51,500
Avionics Technicians	\$64,800
Civil Engineers	\$96,300
Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators	\$41,000
Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	\$65,800
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$78,500
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Equipment Assemblers	\$37,500
Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics Technologists and Technicians	\$57,700
Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	\$40,600
Industrial Engineers	\$84,700
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$62,400
Machinists	\$51,600
Milling and Planing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$40,400
Plating Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$49,100
Precision Instrument and Equipment Repairers	\$63,300
Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	\$41,300

## THE JACKSONVILLE REGION IS A TALENT MAGNET



### DYNAMIC WORKFORCE

- Total workforce is 872,000+
- Labor force increased 4.5%, which is the largest increase in 30+ years (2022)
- Median age is 39



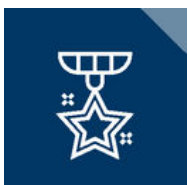
### STEADY STREAM OF SKILLED WORKERS

- Professionals employed in advanced manufacturing is 23,500+
- As a right-to-work state, the Jacksonville MSA features the low privatized union membership rate of 5.7%
- Top 10 city for job security (LinkedIn)



### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

- Top Five City Where Millennials are Moving (Smart Asset)
- 54% of students in post-secondary institutions stay local after graduation, more than all FL college cities



### VETERANS

- Four major military installations
- More than 3,000 exiting members of the military choose to stay in Jacksonville annually
- Top 5 Best City for College Educated Veterans (LinkedIn)

Sources: ESRI 2023, U.S. Census 2020, JobsEQ 2022, Union Membership and Coverage Database 2021

## OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### HOME TO TOP SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The region has three of the top 10 Florida school districts.

COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	RANK
St. Johns	1
Nassau	2
Clay	10
Flagler	18

Out of 67 school districts in Florida

### ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO ATTEND COLLEGE

- Thirteen colleges, universities and state colleges
- Total enrollment of more than 62,000
- 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)	16,930
Jacksonville University (JU)	4,050
Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)	22,340
Flagler College	2,690
St. Johns River State College	6,830
University of Florida (UF)	53,370
University of Central Florida	71,880
Florida State University (FSU)	43,570
Florida A&M University (FAMU)	9,180
Edward Waters University	2,270

## A QUALITY OF LIFE WORTH CELEBRATING

### TOP CITY FOR RELOCATING

**Jacksonville had one of the highest population growth rates in 2022** 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 3rd 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** 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-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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