



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



ZIMMER BIOMET

FAST FACTS

- **1 in 8 jobs** in the Jacksonville region are in the health care industry
- With a **skilled workforce of more than 112,000**, 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

4

FORTUNE 500
COMPANIES

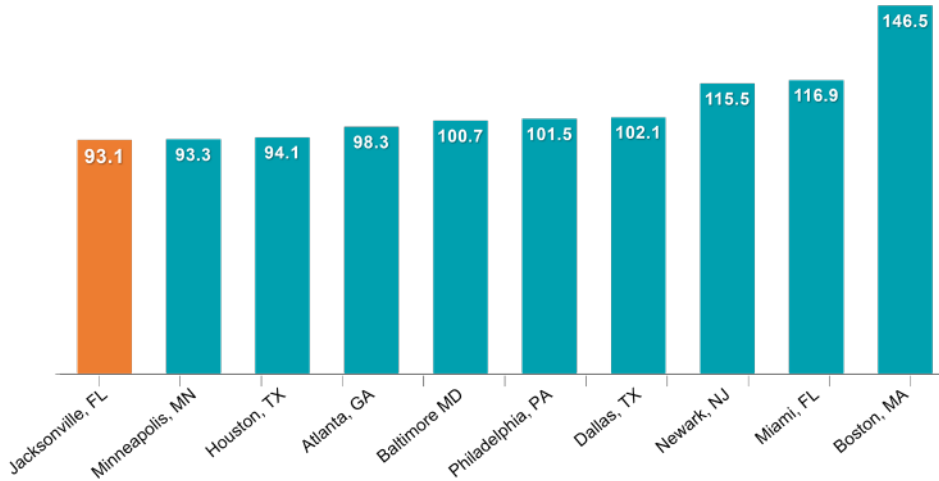
150+

NATIONAL,
REGIONAL OR
DIVISIONAL HQs

"In times of change and uncertainty, people are making more informed decisions when balancing the needs of their families versus available career opportunities. At Zimmer Biomet, we believe that a great company with great people can be built anywhere, so why not in Jacksonville? We place the utmost importance on creating an atmosphere that is centered on the individual needs of our employees and their families, combined with the need to innovate in a competitive market. Everything that Jacksonville offers: an incredible location, a low cost of living, and a forward-thinking, entrepreneurial climate, blends together to provide the perfect environment to allow our business to grow. As a result, we have emerged as a global leader in the medical device field."

Aure Bureau, General Manager, Zimmer Biomet Thoracic

FAVORABLE COST OF LIVING



Source: C2ER, Cost of Living Study, 2023 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

\$20.77 PER SQ. FT
TOTAL
OFFICE RATE

10.6% TOTAL
VACANCY
RATE

Source: CoStar 2022 Annual

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)

85+
NONSTOP
DAILY FLIGHTS

40+
DIRECT U.S.
AIRPORTS

\$18
MILLION

ANNUAL
INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS

Source: Jacksonville Aviation Administration

MEDIAN LIFE SCIENCES SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE

OCCUPATIONS	SALARY
Biochemists and Biophysicists	\$83,900
Bioengineers and Biomedical Engineers	\$65,100
Biological Scientists, All Other	\$57,200
Biological Technicians	\$40,400
Chemical Technicians	\$40,500
Chemists	\$65,800
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$50,000
Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians	\$52,500
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$51,700
Medical Assistants	\$39,600
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$79,400
Nurse Practitioners	\$108,700
Nursing Assistants	\$31,100
Pharmacists	\$135,500
Physical Therapists	\$99,100
Physician Assistants	\$107,500
Physicians, All Other	\$261,400
Physicists	\$150,600
Registered Nurses	\$79,500

Source: JobsEQ, Q4 2022

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

- With a skilled workforce of more than 104,600+, 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
- Top 10 city for workforce confidence (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

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.

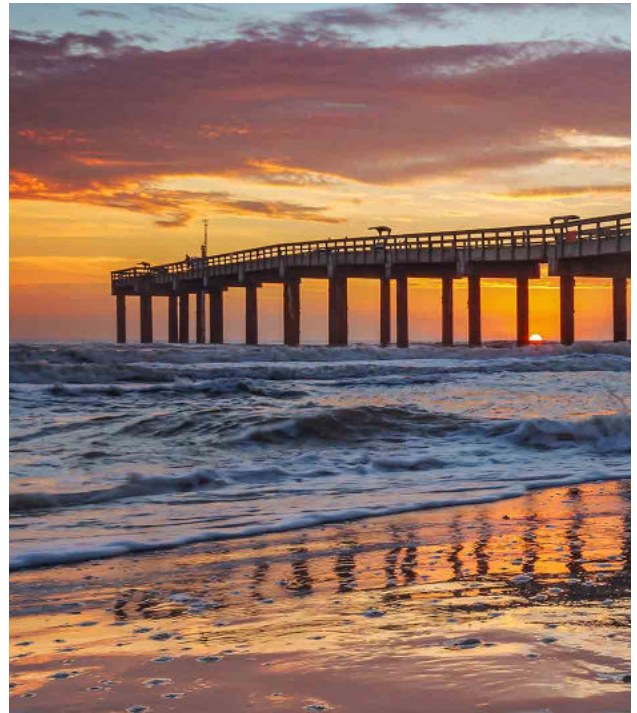
▼ TOP ARTS & CULTURE DESTINATION

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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