



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.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

AREAS OF EXCELLENCE

- ▼ GROWING E-COMMERCE AND INTERMODAL
- ▼ STRONG TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
- ▼ 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.

The Jacksonville Region's Foreign Trade Zone No.64 is the **largest FTZ by area in the state**, covering 10 counties

POSITIVE TAX ADVANTAGES



NO

CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX
STATE PERSONAL INCOME TAX
TAXES ON INVENTORIES

4

FORTUNE 500
COMPANIES

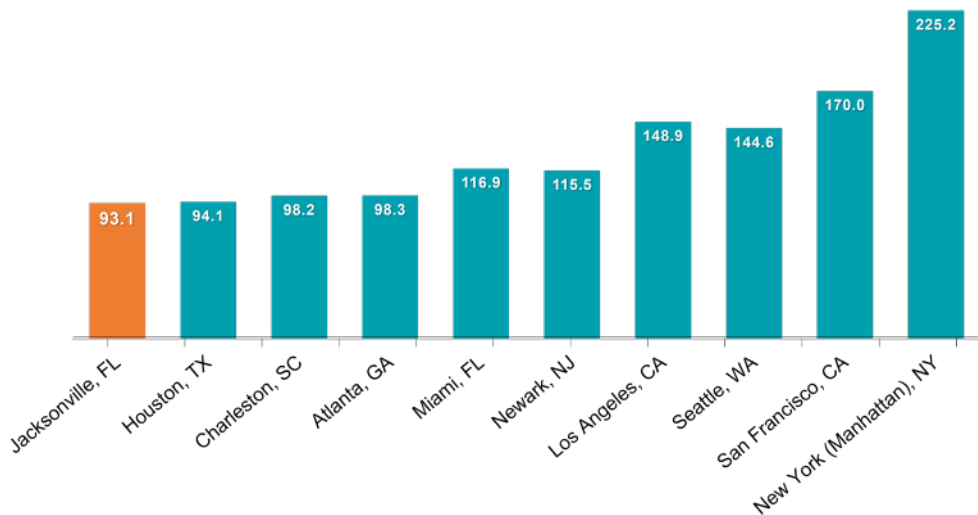
150+

NATIONAL,
REGIONAL OR
DIVISIONAL HQs

"Jacksonville holds a special place in Suddath's history, but it's also an important part of Suddath's future. The region continues to grow and that provides us opportunities locally and globally. Northeast Florida's business and talent communities have been instrumental in helping us grow and succeed. We are proud to be part of Jacksonville's success because they have been part of ours since 1919."

Mike Brannigan, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Suddath Companies

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

\$7.43 WAREHOUSING/
DISTRIBUTION
ASKING RATE
PER SQ. FT

2.4 % VACANCY
RATE
LOGISTICS

Source: CoStar 2022 Annual

JAXPORT

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



Source: JAXPORT FY 2023



JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JAX)

85+
NONSTOP
DAILY FLIGHTS

40+
DIRECT U.S.
AIRPORTS

\$18 MILLION ANNUAL
INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS

Source: Jacksonville Aviation Administration

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS MEDIAN SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE

OCCUPATIONS	SALARY
Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	\$54,400
Aircraft Service Attendants	\$38,300
Crane and Tower Operators	\$67,400
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$50,800
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$41,400
Light Truck Drivers	\$39,900
Logisticians	\$68,100
Machine Feeders and Offbearers	\$40,800
Material Moving Workers	\$52,400
Motor Vehicle Operators	\$26,800
Packers and Packagers, Hand	\$25,500
Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks	\$39,300
Tank Car, Truck, and Ship Loaders	\$53,900
Transportation Inspectors	\$83,000

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

- Professionals employed in transportation and logistics is 49,700+
- 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.

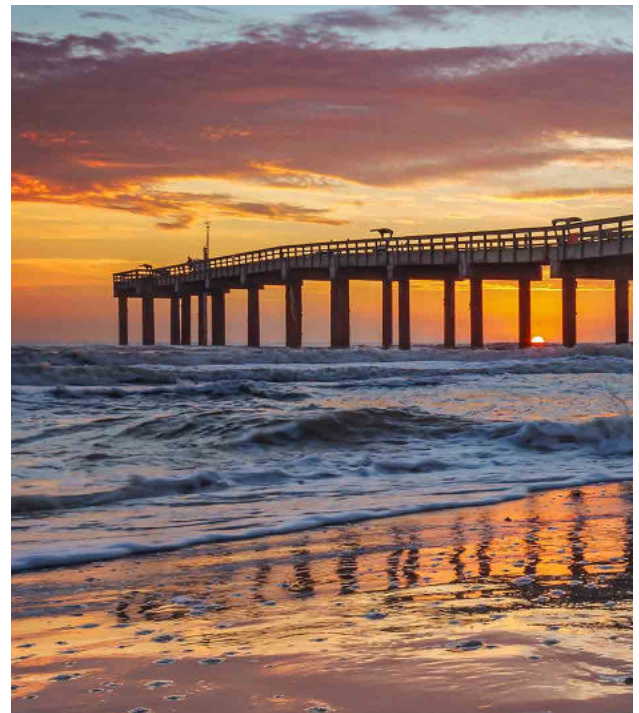
▼ TOP ARTS & CULTURE DESTINATION

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



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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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