



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

## 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

## TOP EMPLOYERS



## POSITIVE TAX ADVANTAGES



**NO** CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX  
STATE PERSONAL INCOME TAX  
TAXES ON INVENTORIES

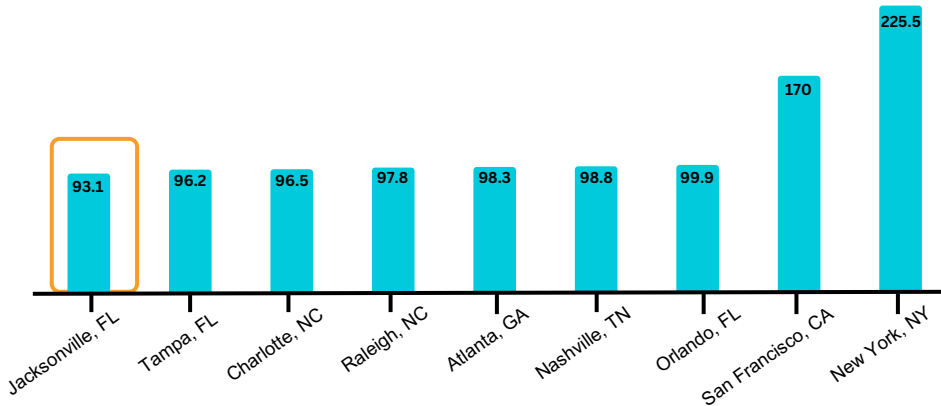
**3** FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES

**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, 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.

## ADVANCED MANUFACTURING MEDIAN SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE

OCCUPATIONS	SALARY
Aerospace Engineering and Operations Technologists and Technicians	\$81,200
Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	\$51,900
Civil Engineers	\$105,200
Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	\$62,900
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$74,900
Electrical and Electronics Drafters	\$66,500
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Equipment Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	\$38,900
Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics Technologists and Technicians	\$78,500
Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	\$39,900
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$72,400
Industrial Engineers	\$95,900
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$61,900
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	\$40,500
Machinists	\$49,900
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$41,300
Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	\$52,100

Source: JobsEQ 2023

### AFFORDABLE CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE

#### Annual industrial lease rates

are below most  
major metro  
areas, averaging:



**14%** < U.S. AVG

Cost of Constructing  
New Facilities

**\$10.35** TOTAL  
INDUSTRIAL  
PER SQ. FT

**3.4%** TOTAL  
VACANCY  
RATE

Source: CoStar 2023 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)

**90+**  
NONSTOP  
DAILY FLIGHTS

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

**\$18** ANNUAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPROVEMENTS  
MILLION

Source: Jacksonville Aviation Administration

## THE JACKSONVILLE REGION IS A TALENT MAGNET



### DYNAMIC WORKFORCE

- Total workforce is 885,000+
- Median age is 39
- #2 Best Job Market (The Wall Street Journal)



### STEADY STREAM OF SKILLED WORKERS

- Professionals employed in advanced manufacturing is 38,200+
- 6 regional colleges have degree or certificate programs with manufacturing concentrations
- 16 CTE academies focused on advanced manufacturing



### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

- Top Five City Where Millennials are Moving (Smart Asset)
- Top 25 Best Places for Young Professionals to Live (Forbes)



### VETERANS

- Four major military installations
- Higher concentration of veterans in the labor force than the state
- #3 Best City for Retired Veterans (Navy Federal)

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2024, JobsEQ 2023

## 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	4
Clay	11

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 53,150
- University of North Florida, Jacksonville University and Flagler College consistently ranked on U.S. News & World Report's "Best Regional Colleges and Universities"
- #1 ranked public university, the University of Florida, adding graduate campus in 2024

### MAJOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN OR NEAR JACKSONVILLE

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	ENROLLMENT
University of North Florida (UNF)	16,590
Jacksonville University (JU)	4,000
Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)	20,720
Flagler College	2,650
St. Johns River State College	6,320
University of Florida (UF)	55,780
University of Central Florida	70,310
Florida State University (FSU)	45,130
Florida A&M University (FAMU)	9,000
Edward Waters University	2,870

## 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 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 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 seven 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**.

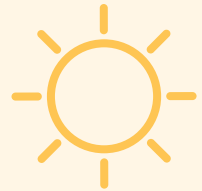
### HEALTH & WELLNESS

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  
[FINDYOURJAX.COM](http://FINDYOURJAX.COM)



**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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