



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



FAST FACTS

- **1 in 8 jobs** in the Jacksonville region are in the health care industry
- With a **skilled workforce of more than 121,500**, 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

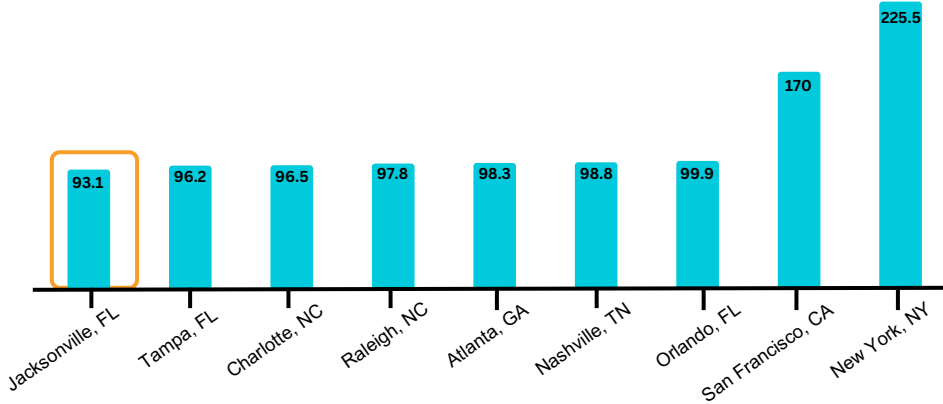
3 FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES

150+ NATIONAL, REGIONAL OR DIVISIONAL HQs

"Jacksonville is a unique and vital part of Mayo Clinic's success. The people, the climate, the support from the community; these all play a role in us being able to deliver world-class care. I encourage any company seeking a welcoming home to consider Jacksonville and all it has to offer."

Kent Thielen M.D., CEO, Mayo Clinic in Florida

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:



14% < U.S. AVG

Cost of Constructing
New Facilities

\$24.77 PER SQ. FT
TOTAL
OFFICE RATE

10% TOTAL
VACANCY
RATE

Source: CoStar 2023 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)

90+
NONSTOP
DAILY FLIGHTS

40+
DIRECT U.S.
AIRPORTS

\$18 MILLION ANNUAL
INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS

Source: Jacksonville Aviation Administration

MEDIAN LIFE SCIENCE SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE

| OCCUPATIONS | SALARY |
|---|-----------|
| Bioengineers and Biomedical Engineers | \$82,600 |
| Biological Scientists, All Other | \$56,700 |
| Chemists | \$66,900 |
| Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars | \$64,200 |
| Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses | \$53,700 |
| Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists | \$65,000 |
| Medical and Health Services Managers | \$109,300 |
| Medical Assistants | \$39,400 |
| Medical Records Specialists | \$49,300 |
| Nurse Practitioners | \$118,900 |
| Nursing Assistants | \$33,700 |
| Pharmacy Technicians | \$39,900 |
| Physical Therapists | \$102,600 |
| Physicians, All Other | \$274,700 |
| Radiologic Technologists and Technicians | \$66,600 |
| Registered Nurses | \$83,400 |

Source: JobsEQ, 2023

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

- With a skilled workforce of more than 121,500, 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
- 10th most populous U.S. city



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

- Top Five City Where Millennials are Moving (Smart Asset)
- Top 25 Best City for Gen Z Professionals (CommercialCafe)
- 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**.

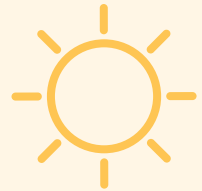
HEALTH & WELLNESS

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
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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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