



## 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.

### AREAS OF EXCELLENCE

- > Agribusiness
- > Aircraft & Aviation Components
- > Aerospace & Defense Maintenance & Repair
- > Metal Products & Machinery
- > Medical Device

### TOP EMPLOYERS



**BAE SYSTEMS**



**Johnson & Johnson**

### 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

*"There are a variety of attributes that allow us to thrive in Northeast Florida. Chief among them are its strategic location globally, business-friendly environment, overall quality of life and a rich talent pool."*

**Chris Gent**, Head of Strategic Communications & Public Affairs, Georgia-Pacific



**AFFORDABLE CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE**

Annual real estate leases and rates are below most major metro areas, averaging:



**11%** < U.S. AVG

Costing of constructing new facilities

**\$9.71**

Warehouse/Distribution asking rate per sq. ft

**9.4%**

Vacancy Rate Logistics

Source: RSMMeans 2025, CoStar 2025

**JAXPORT**

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



Source: JAXPORT, 2025

**JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JAX)**



**90+**

Nonstop Daily Flights

**40+**

Direct U.S. Airports

NEARLY **\$300 MILLION**

in total infrastructure improvements

Source: Aero Corner, January 2026

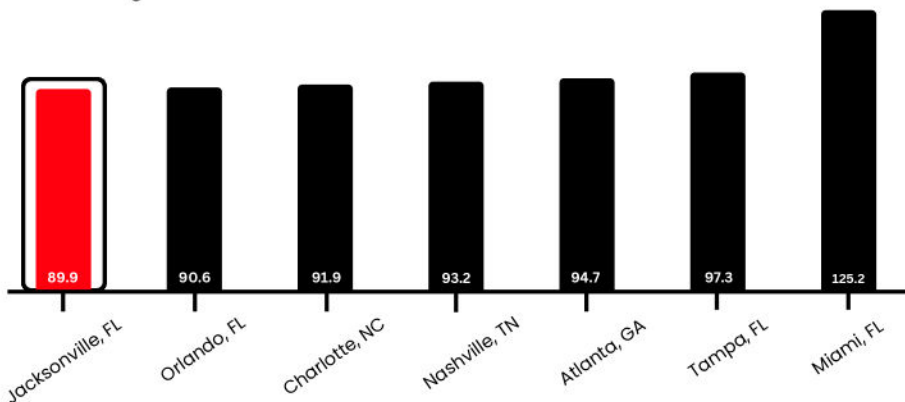
**MEDIAN SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE**

OCCUPATIONS	SALARY
Aerospace Engineering and Operations Technologists and Technicians	\$88,600
Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging and Systems Assemblers	\$63,100
Civil Engineers	\$103,200
Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	\$65,100
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$88,200
Electrical and Electronics Drafters	\$72,300
Electrical, Electronic and Electromechanical Equipment Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers and Finishers	\$39,700
Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics Technologists and Technicians	\$76,600
Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	\$50,800
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers and Repairers	\$79,200
Industrial Engineers	\$102,200
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$65,400
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Workers, All Other	\$49,200
Machinists	\$54,300
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$48,400
Production, Planning and Expediting Clerks	\$54,100

Source: JobsEQ 2025 Q3

**FAVORABLE COST OF LIVING**

Nation Average = 100



Source: C2ER, Cost of Living Study, 2025 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.



**THE JACKSONVILLE REGION IS A TALENT MAGNET**

**DYNAMIC WORKFORCE**

- › Total workforce is 899,000
- › #2 Best Job Market in the United States (*The Wall Street Journal*)
- › Florida #1 for Talent Attraction (*Lightcast*)

**STEADY STREAM OF SKILLED WORKERS**

- › There are 36,500+ professionals employed in the manufacturing industry.
- › There are 16 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Academies that have advanced manufacturing concentrations.
- › Florida #2 Best Workforce in the United States (*CNBC*)

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

- › Top 5 City for Attracting College Graduates (*U.S. Census Bureau*)
- › #1 City for Young Entrepreneurs (*Search Logistics*)
- › Jacksonville #1 City for Quality of Life (*Explore City*)

**VETERANS**

- › Four major military installations
- › Higher concentration of veterans in the labor force
- › Top 20 Best Places for Veterans to Live (*WalletHub*)

**OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**HOME TO TOP SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

- › The region has three of the top 15 Florida school districts.

\*Out of 67 school districts in Florida

COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	RANK
Nassau	1
St. Johns	2
Clay	15

**ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO ATTEND COLLEGE**

- › Eight colleges, universities and state colleges in the region with a total enrollment of more than 56,410 in the region.
- › University of North Florida, Jacksonville University and Flagler College consistently ranked on *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Regional Colleges and Universities."
- › The University of Florida (UF), ranked as one of America's top public universities, has established a graduate campus in the heart of downtown Jacksonville.

**MAJOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN OR NEAR JACKSONVILLE**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	ENROLLMENT
Edward Waters University	1,175
Flagler College	2,441
Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)	20,530
Jacksonville University (JU)	3,957
St. Johns River State College	7,066
University of North Florida (UNF)	16,453
Florida A&M University (FAMU)	9,265
Florida State University (FSU)	43,234
University of Central Florida (UCF)	69,233
University of Florida (UF)	54,814

Sources: JobsEQ 2025 Q3, NAICS



## A QUALITY OF LIFE WORTH CELEBRATING

### TOP CITY FOR RELOCATING

**Jacksonville is one of the fastest growing cities 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 the **#1 best job market on the East Coast** (*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

Home to **one of only three Mayo Clinic campuses, one of seven MD Anderson Cancer Center partnerships in the country** and several other distinguished area hospitals and medical research facilities, our region offers access to premier hospitals and health care facilities.

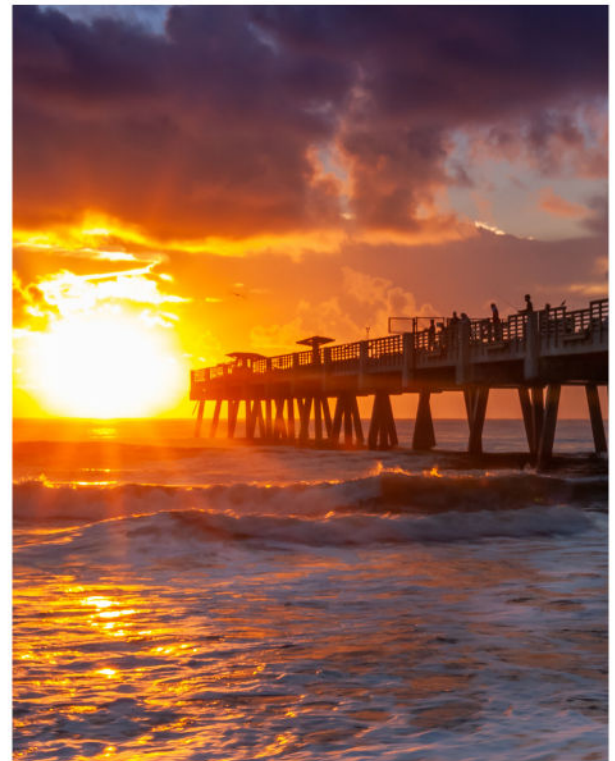
### TOP ARTS & CULTURE DESTINATION

**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. 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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ON THE REGION'S  
QUALITY OF LIFE, VISIT  
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