



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

- Growing E-Commerce and Intermodal
- Strong Transportation Infrastructure
- Supply Chain Management/IT
- LNG Production and 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 region has two deep-water ports, three major interstates – I-95, I-10 and I-75, three railroads and an international airport system.

POSITIVE TAX ADVANTAGES

NO

corporate franchise tax
state personal income tax
taxes on inventories

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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



AFFORDABLE CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE

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



11% < U.S. AVG
Cost 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 Recent Infrastructure Improvements

Source: Aero Corner, January 2026

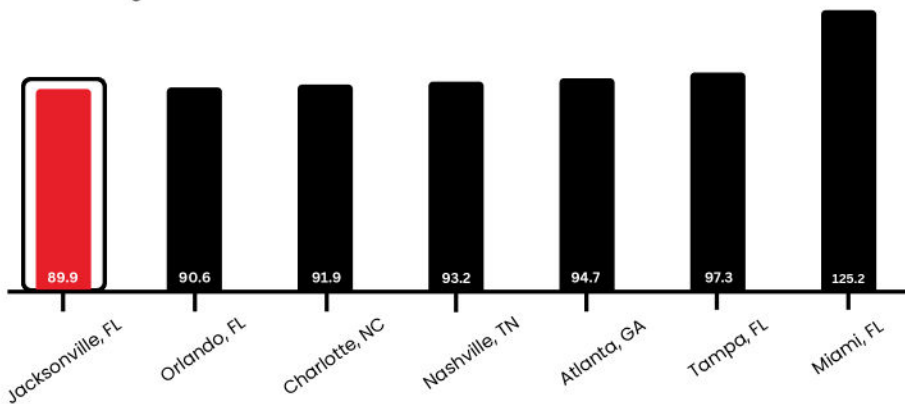
MEDIAN SALARIES IN JACKSONVILLE

OCCUPATIONS	SALARY
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$71,800
Crane and Tower Operators	\$63,600
First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	\$64,800
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$57,700
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$52,100
Laborers and Freight, Stock and Material Movers, Hand	\$39,700
Light Truck Drivers	\$42,100
Logisticians	\$75,900
Machine Feeders and Offbearers	\$42,400
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$48,400
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	\$85,100
Shipping, Receiving and Inventory Clerks	\$43,500
Software Developers	\$132,100
Stockers and Order Fillers	\$39,000
Tank Car, Truck and Ship Loaders	\$71,000
Transportation, Storage and Distribution Managers	\$102,400

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 85,700+ professionals employed in the transportation and logistics industry.
- › There are 8 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs with concentrations in transportation and logistics.
- › 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
- › High 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

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,** as well as several other distinguished area hospitals and medical research facilities.

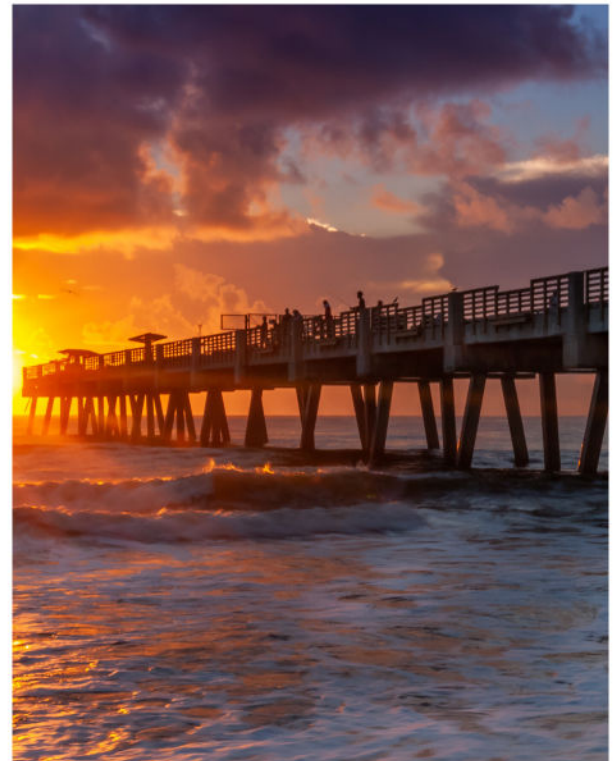
TOP ARTS & CULTURE DESTINATION

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. 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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