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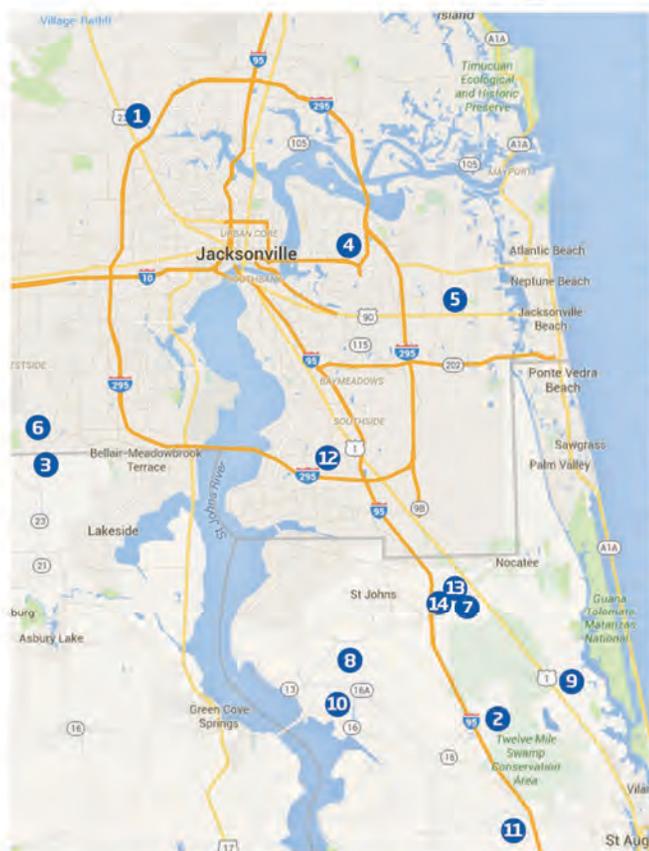
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Jacksonville, the most populous city in the region, is home to four Fortune 1,000 and three Fortune 500 company headquarters. More than 80 local companies have national or divisional headquarters in Northeast Florida. Jacksonville has been named one of the Best Cities for Finding Employment and one of the Top 10 Cities for Technology Jobs by *Forbes*. It has also been named one of the best places to live in the South by *Business Insider*.

The region has rich natural resources and plenty to do on the water, from the beautiful beaches and the St. Johns River running through Downtown, to the Intracoastal Waterway and the Timucuan Preserve. Northeast Florida is also home to some of the nation's best golf courses, and has options at all price points for players of all skill levels.

If attending sporting events is your passion, the National Football League's Jacksonville Jaguars call the city home, as do the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, the Double-A affiliate of the Florida Marlins, the local arena football team, the Jacksonville Sharks, the North American Soccer League's Jacksonville Armada, and the Jacksonville Icemen, the local ECHL franchise.

The region also offers a wide variety of arts and cultural experiences for all ages at our many museums, concert venues and the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens.

There is never a shortage of things to see, do and explore in our region and we hope you find the First Coast Relocation Guide helpful as you settle in to your new home.

John Peyton  
2018 JAX Chamber Chair  
President, GATE Petroleum

# About This Guide



Welcome to the First Coast. In your hands is the 13th edition of the *First Coast Relocation Guide*™, a comprehensive guide to help you settle into your new home. This guide includes information to help you have a successful move to the area as well as ideas for what to do once you have settled.

Here are just a few reasons why the First Coast is a great place to live:

- Year-round enjoyable weather
- Deep historical roots
- Large urban park systems throughout the region
- Cutting edge, regional health care facilities ranked among the best in the Southeast and in the U.S.
- Outstanding primary and secondary schools
- Professional and semi-professional sports teams, plus major college football games including the TaxSlayer Bowl
- A vibrant cultural arts community with Broadway shows, festivals, museums, special events, attractions and more
- Nearly 100 miles of beautiful coastline, including the Atlantic seaboard, the St. Johns River, and the Intracoastal Waterway, in addition to associated preserved wetlands and marshes

The 2018 edition of the *First Coast Relocation Guide* has information to aid you in all aspects of your move including where to obtain your driver's license, whom to contact for utility services, what options are available in hospitals and surgery centers, and even what you can expect in terms of weather.

The extensive Neighborhoods section, with a new, updated map, will help you find the home of your dreams. And, when it's time to enroll your children in area schools, the Education section will serve as a valuable resource with registration information, alternative schooling options and frequently used phone numbers, all listed by county.

To give you a taste of all the First Coast has to offer, the guide includes sections on sports, resorts, historical sites and museums, attractions, shopping, dining and nightlife.

Discover why Northeast Florida is an economically sound region, with all the tools in place to grow your business, and why the region is one of the fastest growing in the U.S. Learn about the various transportation services around the First Coast, including nautical, aeronautical and rail, which make Northeast Florida a major logistics center as well as a convenient location for individuals who need to get from point A to point B.

We hope the *First Coast Relocation Guide* helps you connect with all that's happening in Northeast Florida. But, above all, we hope the information contained in this guide makes your move to Florida's First Coast a smooth and pleasant experience.

Cordially,

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Dear Friends:

As Governor, I welcome you to Florida's First Coast. For years, families and business travelers have enjoyed Florida's beautiful beaches, world-class fishing and golf, numerous attractions, and our countless friendly businesses. We are glad you have chosen to make Florida your home.

As you settle in, I encourage you to see what we are doing to make our state the best place in the nation for business and job creation. Every day, I am fighting to make our state the best place to get a great job, receive a great education, and raise a family. We continue to work hard to cut taxes and burdensome regulations to encourage Florida's continued economic growth and new opportunities for our families.

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Florida's economy has seen incredible success, and we will keep fighting every day to secure Florida's future for every Florida family. Again, welcome, and know that you have my best wishes for your greatest success.

Sincerely,

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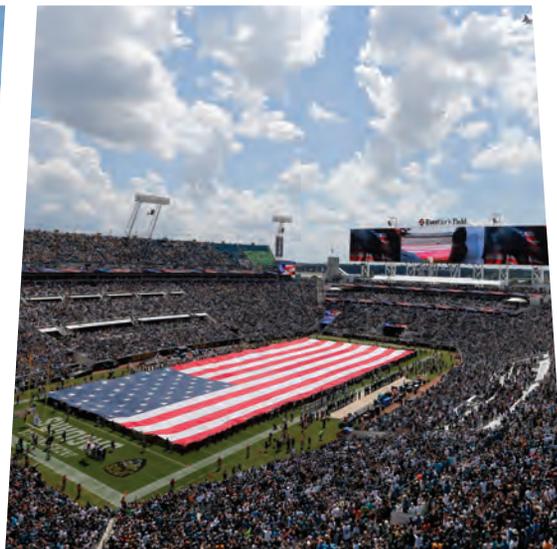
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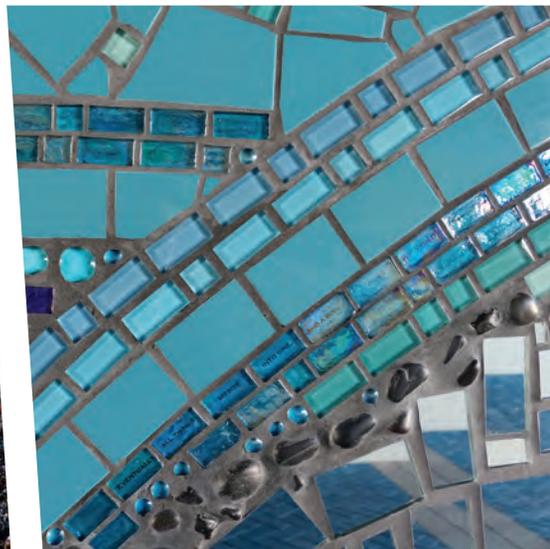
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# Life on the First Coast

typical First Coast weather and much more. Once you've explored the Live section, the Work combines the Top 50 Employers in the area with information about Florida's local military, as well as transportation for all commuting needs. Finally, in the Play section, learn about First Coast beaches, art museums, restaurants and more with a detailed description of nightlife, festivals, shopping, sports teams and events for your entertainment purposes.

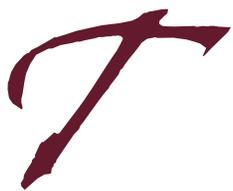
A rich history with a progressive vision for the future, Florida's First Coast is the perfect place to Live, Work and Play.

## SHAPED BY DEEP ROOTS

Today, the region known as the First Coast has more than 90 miles of beaches along the Atlantic Coast and St. Johns River, and more than 131 square miles of city, state and national parks. However, before the arrival of Spanish conquistador Juan Ponce de León to the mainland in 1513 that would begin the First Coast we know today, the region was "terra nullius" (no man's land) and home to numerous indigenous tribes living in settlements by the region's many waterways. In present day Atlantic Beach, archaeologists have excavated some of the oldest pottery in the U.S. from this period, some of which dates back to 2500 B.C., leading some scholars to believe the First Coast is the site of the first year-round indigenous settlements in North America. Ending this long history of debatably unclaimed land, the Spanish arrived in present day Florida and took the land for Spain, battling to solidify its control; although the French Huguenots established a colony at Fort Caroline in 1564, they were soon ousted, and the territory was kept by the Spanish for more than 100 years thereafter.

Although Spain originally claimed control of the First Coast region, its domain was short lived, as it traded the land to Britain after its loss of the Seven Years' War. Under British domain, the land thrived in a way that it had not under the Spanish; the settlers built new public roads, cultivated crops such as sugar cane and indigo and fostered great economic growth. Such prosperity was short lived. After a waning period that diminished much of their resources, Britain traded the territory back to Spain, who eventually lost it to the U.S. in the

Photo by Stephanie Marty



Today's First Coast is shaped by the past, molded in the present and always looking forward to what comes next to better itself for the future. It keeps hold of its traditions and respects its history even as it moves to innovate, paving new roads and capitalizing on improvements without forgetting

custom. A rural simplicity mixed with modern metropolitan flair, the First Coast has the perfect recipe for good quality of living—and something for newcomers and longstanding residents alike.

Organized by Live, Work and Play, this guide ensures readers will get the most out of living on the First Coast, whether it be in helping them find some new entertainment to try out, new cuisine to sample or the best commute route to and from work. Settle into the area in Live, with Florida tax information, education for both children and adults,

# Jacksonville is the largest city by area in the U.S.

Adams-Onis Treaty of 1819, in which they sold it for \$5 million in exchange for firmly established Western boundaries. From that point forward, the First Coast's shaky ownership stabilized; its period of being caught between struggling European powers, a developing U.S. and indigenous tribes desperately attempting to hold onto the land was over. The U.S. would keep possession of the land for the rest of its history.

Under American control, townships soon sprang up in Baker, Clay and Duval counties. In 1865 during reconstruction following the Civil War, Northeast Florida began to capitalize on its pristine beaches and warm weather. Marketing the First Coast as a premier winter destination, the area became a popular resort area for the rich and famous, ushering in a time of rapid economic growth known as the Gilded Age. The 20th century marked the boardwalk era at the area's beaches. Local merchants built dance pavilions, restaurants and other attractions to draw visitors and entertain residents. People from everywhere were drawn to Northeast Florida by its warm climate, exotic locations, excellent rail system and cheap labor.

Although the 20th century was a time of great wealth, the first World War marked an entirely new level of economic growth due to increased military presence. Since the late 19th century, harbor improvements had made the First Coast a major military and civilian deep-water port: a port that remains today as the largest in Florida and the source of a solid economic base fueled by a large military presence, tourism and employees in the service industry.

The "First Coast" was coined by the William Cook Agency in 1982, and is a double meaning that refers to the first European settlement (St. Augustine), as well as the area being the "first coast" travelers

along the Atlantic seaboard encounter upon entering the state of Florida. The counties established include Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns. The major cities are Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville, Orange Park and St. Augustine. Today, these counties and the First Coast remain a part of this history: a byproduct of so much that occurred before their conception and an accumulation of all that came after.

## A FLOURISHING DREAM

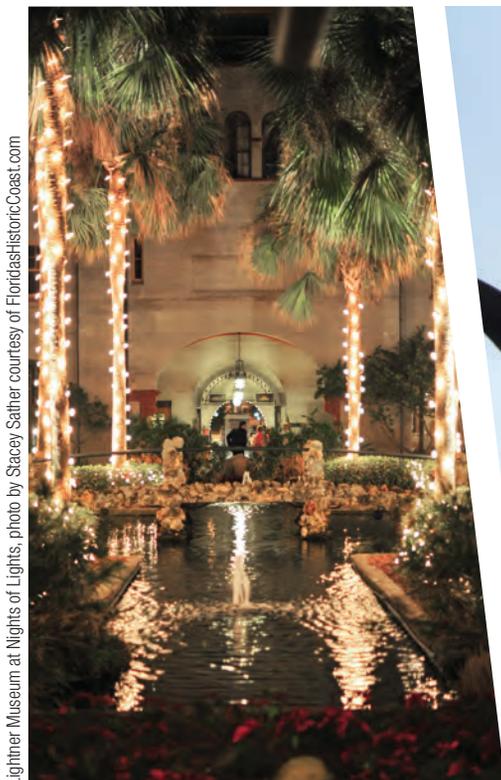
Fought over for control so often in its past, it is no wonder that the First Coast is so multicultural and racially diverse. Today, more than 1.4 million people call Northeast Florida home. The labor force is comprised of around 750,000 workers made up of a population approximately 80 percent white, 13 percent black and 2 percent Asian, with the remaining 5 percent divided among other various races, such as Hispanic and American Indian.

For all the commuting needs of this labor force, Northeast Florida is a major logistics center. The First Coast has access to two interstate highways, four major rail lines, two deep-water ports and four maritime terminals. Among other various interstates, two major Southeast transportation outlets intersect in Jacksonville—Interstate 10 and Interstate 95. Such a network of road systems is vital in Northeast Florida. There are 18 interconnected cities within the five counties—the largest of which is Jacksonville. The interstates above transport workers, tourists and everyday residents looking for a little fun to and from the city and have helped make Jacksonville the 12th most populous city in the U.S. Jacksonville, by the way, is also the largest city by land area in the continental U.S., allowing for more space for residents without overcrowding.

In terms of population, the future appears bright on the First Coast. With a cost of living below the national average and three Fortune 500 companies, Northeast Florida is attracting a young, dynamic work force. The regional population is expected to increase to 1.49 million by 2018, with the senior population projected to double in 2020. In anticipation of continual growth, local government leaders are committed to making Northeast Florida a place where business can thrive while, at the same time, the area's natural resources and high quality of life remain preserved. There is, after all, certainly enough room to accommodate all the new hopefuls looking to work or settle down in the area.

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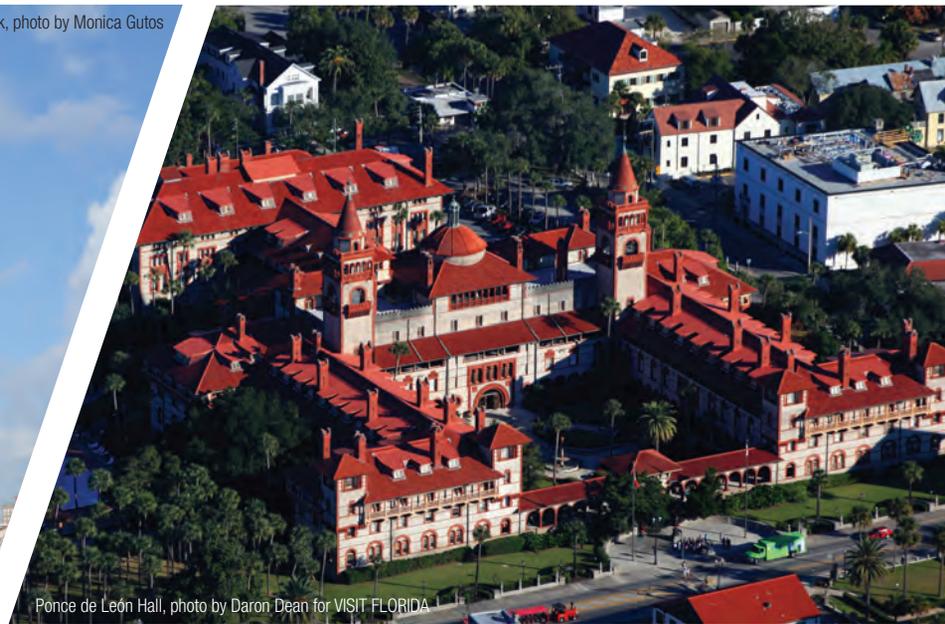
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In the early 18th century, Jacksonville was known as “Cowford” due to the herding of cows along the St. Johns River.



MOCA Atrium Opening, photo courtesy of MOCA

What are you looking for on the First Coast? Whether it be a new adventure or something to help you get to work in the morning, use this guide as a rubric to Live, Work and Play.

Unspoiled natural landscape remains intact throughout the First Coast. The region has more than 90 miles of beaches along the Atlantic coast and the St. Johns River, and more than 131 square miles of city, state and national parks for residents to explore. Warm temperatures year round make the First Coast ideal for outdoor fun. For a comprehensive list, including the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and Jennings State Park, check out Parks & Preserves on page 156.

Residents can also enjoy the numerous sports teams that call Northeast Florida home or take advantage of the festivals that frequent the spot. Attend a Jaguars' game or spend one of the most exciting weekends of the year at the Florida-Georgia Tailgate. For those who enjoy athletic events, the annual Gate River Run is the largest of runs throughout the year. For more on teams and annual events, check out page 161.

For health care at premier medical facilities, Northeast Florida has plenty to offer, including the Mayo Clinic, one of four major campuses in the U.S. Our options rank as some of the highest in the state, and are world-renowned for offering some of the most advanced techniques and compassionate care available in the area of health and wellness. For a description of hospitals in Northeast Florida, flip to page 109.

The First Coast has much to offer residents looking to kick back and relax. There are breweries for craft brew lovers to explore and a plethora of local bars and restaurants. In more recent years, food trucks have dominated the dining scene, serving up gourmet food on four wheels. For all First Coast nightlife, turn to page 200, with a special segment on food trucks for all those foodies out there on page 196.

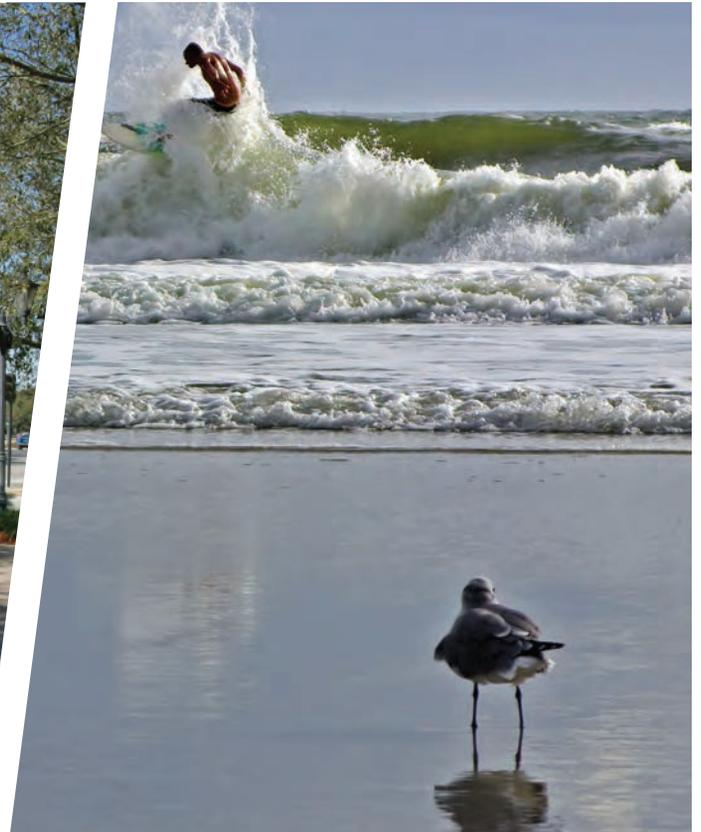
With the Allman Brothers Band and Lynyrd Skynyrd originating from Jacksonville, the First Coast has fostered many great musicians and is considered the birthplace of Southern Rock. There are annual festivals, such as Welcome to Rockville and Springing the Blues, and music venues galore. For more information on entertainment and annual events, turn to pages 180 and 203.

Art lovers can enjoy museums, art walks and performances right on the coast. Visit the past with a walk through the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens or spend the first weekend of every month at the Jacksonville Art Walk downtown. Venues and events can be found in Art Museums & Events on page 176.

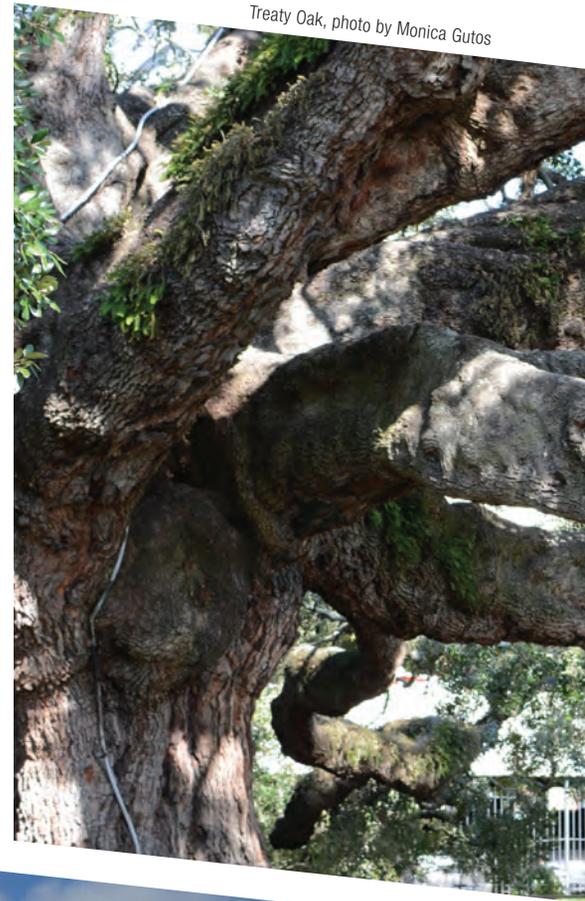
More on shopping, entertainment and other various topics, discover what the First Coast holds for you. Immerse yourself in the past, lose yourself in the present and look forward to the future, where living on the First Coast is sure to always be a pleasure.



We enjoy a beautiful climate, nearby beaches and an abundance of outdoor activities. When others visit Jacksonville, they are struck by the remarkable beauty of our waterfront downtown. Our diverse neighborhoods are full of character. How many cities can offer the opportunity to live in an urban neighborhood, a suburban environment, at the beach or in the country, all within a reasonable commute to downtown?



# LIVE



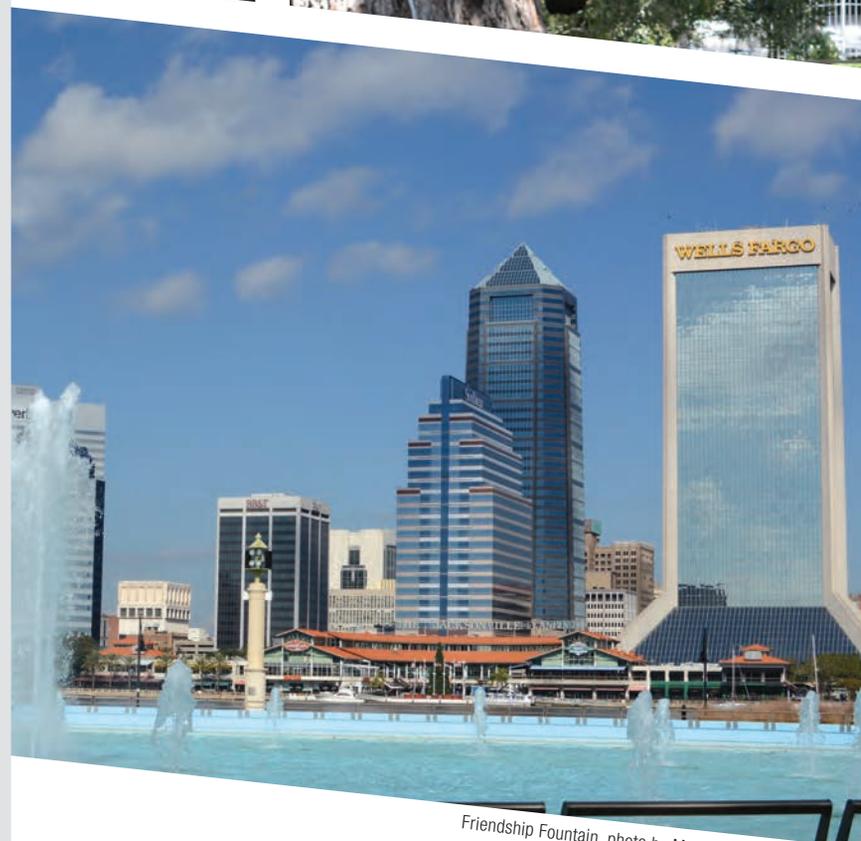
Treaty Oak, photo by Monica Gutos

San Marco house, photo by Stephanie Marty

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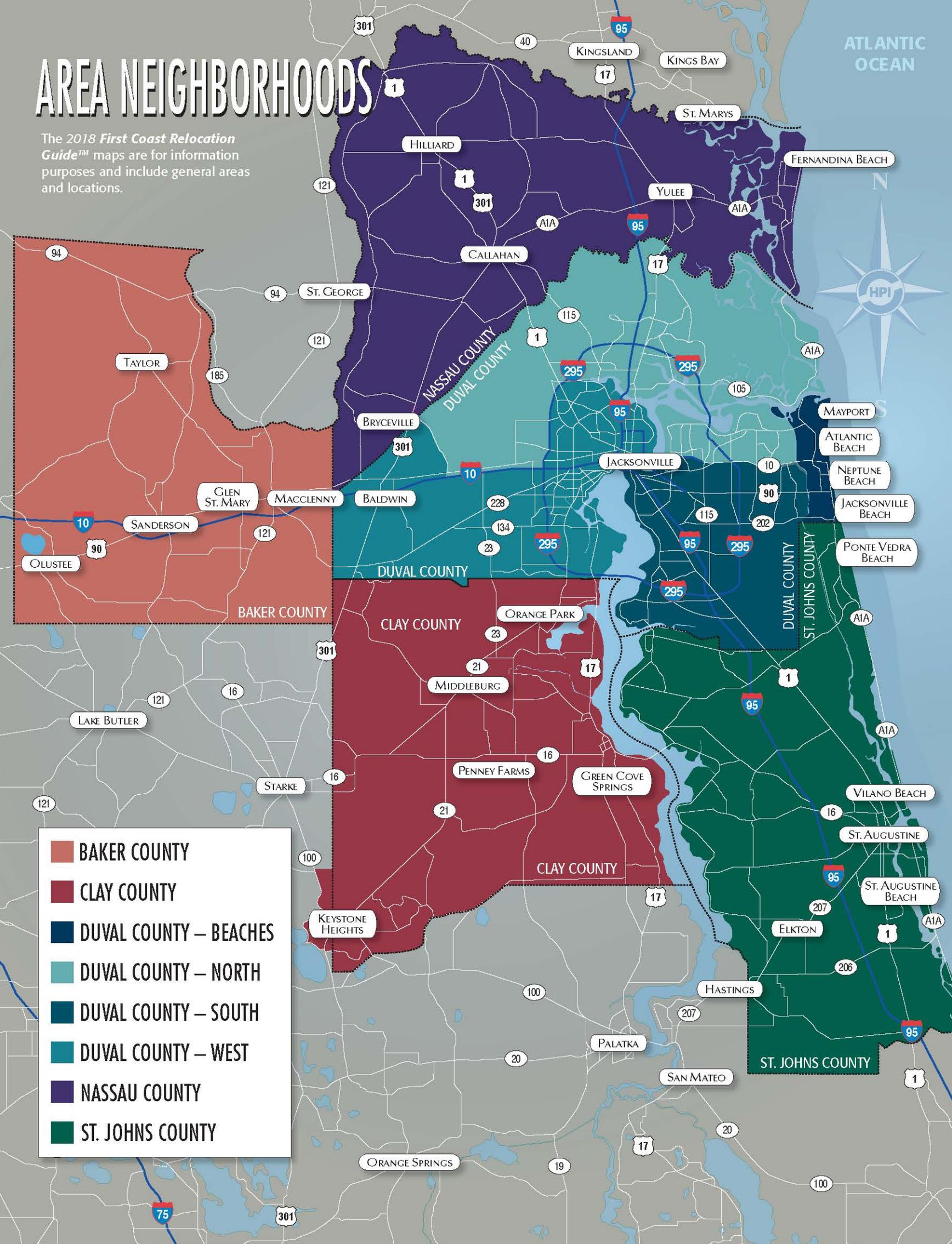
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Friendship Fountain, photo by Monica Gutos

# AREA NEIGHBORHOODS

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Lion Statues in San Marco Square, photo by Stephanie Marty

# Neighborhoods



From high-rise condominiums on the Southbank to Victorian-era house-lined streets, the diversity of First Coast neighborhoods delights newcomers. No matter your preferences, there is sure to be the perfect place to hang your hat. If you are looking to live in a bustling city, near a relaxing beach, in quaint suburbs or even in a historically enriched neighborhood—the First Coast offers all that and more. The following is an overview of the area's better-known residential areas, including descriptions of neighborhoods in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties.

## BAKER COUNTY

AREA: 589 SQUARE MILES  
POPULATION: 28,042 (2017)



### BAKER COUNTY

Conveniently located just 20 minutes west of Jacksonville, Baker County offers the advantages of a small-town atmosphere with big-city convenience. The Osceola National Forest lies within its boundaries as does an abundance of lakes, making Baker County a haven for fishing, boating, hunting, water skiing and other outdoor activities.

### BAKER COUNTY

#### GLEN ST. MARY

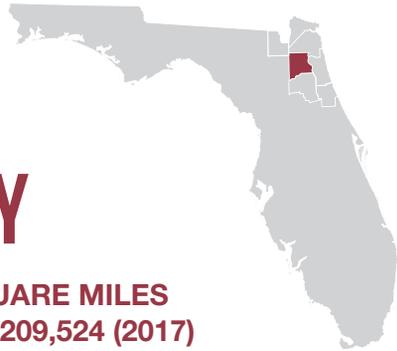
A small, rural town located in Baker County, **Glen St. Mary** has a population of approximately 400 within the town's limits, with additional residents living in the surrounding areas. Glen St. Mary's small-town atmosphere attracts residents who want to escape the hustle and bustle of the city, but be able to easily commute to Jacksonville. Glen St. Mary offers single-family homes, large properties and gated communities.

#### MACCLENNY

The county seat of Baker County, **Macclenny** has a population of around 6,400. Located 35 miles west of Jacksonville, Macclenny is known for its small-town charm and family traditions. Housing options include a number of subdivisions that offer single-family homes and several apartment complexes. Residents enjoy visiting Heritage Park Village, where Florida's oldest wood frame/log building, the Burnsed Blockhouse, is located.

# CLAY COUNTY

AREA: 644 SQUARE MILES  
POPULATION: 209,524 (2017)



## CLAY COUNTY

Clay County is the perfect choice to live, work and play. Filled with natural beauty, an “A” rated school district and a superb quality of life, it’s easy to see why more than 200,000 residents choose to call the communities of Orange Park, Middleburg, Fleming Island, Green Cove Springs and Keystone Heights home.

## CLAY COUNTY

### EAGLE LANDING AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION

**Eagle Landing** is a resort-style community with an 18-hole championship golf course, shopping, A-rated schools and St. Vincent’s Medical Center Clay County. There are plenty of friendly neighborhoods offering a variety of homes. A full-time staff organizes activities for all ages such as “dive-in” movies, summer camps, golf clinics and tennis leagues at the award-winning amenity complex. There is a full-size gymnasium with fitness center, Swim Park, golf clubhouse with pro shop, eight lighted Har-Tru tennis courts, Kid’s Club and a Village store with a café, candy store and more. Bordering the 24,000-acre Jennings State Forest where you can bike, hike and explore, Eagle Landing also allows golf cart access everywhere within the community.

### FLEMING ISLAND

Located in the eastern part of Clay County, **Fleming Island** is a community bordered by the St. Johns River, Doctors Lake and Black Creek. This thriving residential and commercial area has unique, planned neighborhoods that provide an abundance of centrally located amenities, some even within walking distance. Residents benefit from the multitude of retail stores and restaurants, as well as financial and business institutions in the community, eliminating the need to travel to nearby Orange Park. Additionally, Fleming Island is bursting with wildlife that can be accessed from the many trails, paths and boat ramps located throughout the area.

In 1854, “White Sulfur Springs” was the name of the first development attempted by David Palmer and Sarah Ferris. In 1866, it was renamed, “Green Cove Springs” and included the establishment of the first Post Office, as later became the County Seat of Clay County in 1871. On November 2, 1874, the Town of Green Cove Springs was officially incorporated.

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### GREEN COVE SPRINGS

With its quaint, small-town appeal, **Green Cove Springs** is an ideal place to live in Clay County. A number of older homes line the St. Johns River, and the city has seen the emergence of new housing developments within recent years. Magnolia Point, located at the edge of the town, boasts an 18-hole golf course with sprawling homes and has been steadily growing for more than a decade. Green Cove Springs is the county seat and is widely known for its sulfur spring located in Spring Park, which is one of only about a dozen in Florida.

### KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

See an in-depth description of the **Keystone Heights** on page 23.

### MIDDLEBURG

Once considered a rural area, **Middleburg** has rapidly grown into a suburban community south of Orange Park. This unincorporated area is located in central Clay County near Black Creek, a tributary of the St. Johns River. Middleburg residents enjoy a rural setting and are close to Jennings State Forest, which offers visitors the chance to hike, bike, swim and observe the area's natural scenery. Middleburg's housing options include historic properties, condominiums, townhomes and single-family homes on spacious lots.

### OAKLEAF PLANTATION

Situated in Clay County, with a small area lying in Duval County, **OakLeaf Plantation** is a planned community with multiple village-style subdivisions, each with its own park. OakLeaf Plantation prides itself on being a place where you can live, work and play without leaving the community. This family-oriented community provides more than 50 acres of recreation at its two athletic centers, which include baseball and soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts, and a water park. Also within OakLeaf Plantation is the OakLeaf Town Center, which contains various retailers and restaurants. Potential residents can choose from single-family homes, multi-family homes and luxury apartments.

### ORANGE PARK

**Orange Park** lies in the northeastern section of Clay County, south of Jacksonville's Westside community. As the county's largest municipality, Orange Park offers potential residents a vast selection of housing options, as well as convenient access to I-295 and NAS Jacksonville. Homes vary from waterfront estates along the St. Johns River and Doctors Lake to new housing developments inland and rural homes further to the west. Additionally, a number of established neighborhoods feature homes built in the 1970s and 1980s.

### PENNEY FARMS

A small town south of Middleburg, **Penney Farms** is home to the Penney Retirement Community, founded in 1926 by businessman James Cash (J.C.) Penney. Penney Retirement Community is a 192-acre retirement and independent-care community created for retired ministers in honor of Penney's minister father. Today, the community is home to 29 different denominations of retired ministers, pastors, church workers and missionaries. More than 500 people reside in the community and partake in a variety of activities, amenities, clubs and volunteer opportunities. Those residing outside the retirement community live in single-family homes.

Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club, photo by demoidx.com



# Discover the Natural Beauty of Keystone Heights



Located in the southwest corner of Clay County, **Keystone Heights** is a picturesque community blessed with numerous parks and sand bottom lakes, lakeside homes with rustic appeal and a rich history. Keystone Heights is known for its assortment of luxurious homes and cozy cottages all in a small, family-oriented community with a country atmosphere.

One hundred years ago, the community of Keystone Heights was in a region known as Brooklyn, located along present-day SR 100. Back then, the area consisted of a large unpainted building called the Brooklyn Hotel; a combination general store and post office; and several small houses scattered about. Since that time, the area has seen substantial growth and has evolved into the beautiful lakeside community it is today.

The natural beauty of Keystone Heights can be enjoyed at Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park, Lake Santa Fe, Little Rain Lake Park, Melrose Heritage Park, Camp Keystone, or simply exploring the countryside.

Many residents of Keystone Heights take advantage of the easy access to major cities such as Jacksonville and Gainesville for work, choosing to live away from the hustle and bustle of a more populous area. The city is also home to many retirees who have chosen to settle down in this quaint community while enjoying all the beauty and relaxation Keystone Heights has to offer. Low crime rates, convenient amenities, natural landscape and sunny weather all work together to make Keystone Heights a great place to live in Clay County.

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Kingsley Lake is the oldest and highest lake in Florida, being perched on the eastern slope of Trail Ridge, which was the first part of the Florida peninsula to emerge above sea level in the Pleistocene era. Over 90 feet deep, geologists believe the lake was first formed as a giant sink hole.



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As president of the Northeast Florida Builders Association, I would like to welcome you to the First Coast—an area that not only offers an outstanding quality of life for residents, but one that also provides exciting new opportunities for business.

The First Coast is a relocation destination for several reasons. Our climate is sunny and mild year-round. We have miles of beautiful beaches, the largest urban park system in the U.S., premier golf courses, a generous diversity of arts and cultural events and an abundance of recreational opportunities. The area offers excellent schools, health care and affordable housing.

The Northeast Florida business community has many positive economic indicators on the horizon. Several banking institutions have headquarters and offices in Jacksonville, making it a powerful financial center. The Jacksonville Port Authority is expanding, drawing many international shipping companies to do business here. The transportation and distribution, manufacturing, health care and insurance industries are also growing.

We are poised to welcome new businesses to Northeast Florida and provide a quality of life matched by no other. We'll also roll out the "red carpet" for the military men and women who are assigned to serve at one of our three major regional military bases. We thank our service members for their sacrifices and desire to serve, and look forward to placing them in high quality housing.

As a new resident of Northeast Florida, your search for a home will be welcomed with diverse options. There is a tremendous variety of new home communities located throughout the eight-county area. There are family-oriented communities with indoor and outdoor amenities, luxury waterfront homes, maintenance-free condos and townhomes, golf course homes and even communities designed for horse lovers. Whether you are looking for a starter home or a luxury retirement home, First Coast builders have thousands of floor plans in every price range.

With a low cost of living and high quality of life, the First Coast has a lot to offer newcomers. The *First Coast Relocation Guide*<sup>™</sup> can help you search for the perfect community to live in and help you find your new home.

Welcome Home!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Blanchard', written in a cursive style.

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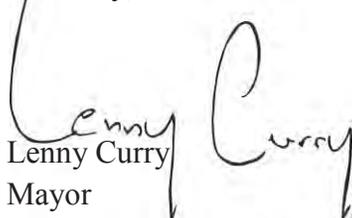
I extend a special welcome to those military members who are relocating to one of the three major military installations here in Jacksonville. Our city is proud to be home to many active service members and more than 150,000 veterans who have faithfully served our country.

As the largest city by land mass in the contiguous United States – 840 square miles – Jacksonville is home to a community that is as diverse as it is vibrant. Our First Coast features a wealth of natural resources, a thriving arts and cultural scene, exciting sports and entertainment venues, and a bustling business environment. I hope you'll find that Jacksonville is not only a wonderful place to vacation and have fun, but an even greater place to live, work and play.

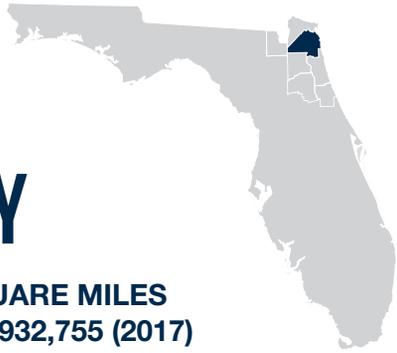
I encourage you to explore Jacksonville's abundant natural beauty, including the majestic St. Johns River, miles of pristine beaches, and the nation's largest urban parks system, which offers everything from relaxing open spaces to scenic nature trails to recreational opportunities for physical activity for all ages.

As you will see in the pages of this year's guide, Jacksonville has many unique offerings. Again, thank you for choosing Jacksonville. From my family to yours, welcome!

Sincerely,

  
Lenny Curry  
Mayor

# DUVAL COUNTY



**AREA: 918 SQUARE MILES**  
**POPULATION: 932,755 (2017)**

## DUVAL COUNTY

Affordable, high-quality housing, the largest U.S. urban park system, unique neighborhoods, and an average 220 days of sunshine are just some of the reasons so many people choose to relocate to Jacksonville each year.

## DUVAL COUNTY

Before the Spanish decided to cede the territory in 1821 to the United States, Jacksonville was known as Cowford. In the late 1700s, the British built the King's Trail (now U.S. 1), a route that connected St. Augustine to Georgia. The settlement now known as Jacksonville was the narrowest place along the trail to ford livestock across the St. Johns River, thereby earning the region the name "Cowford." In honor of Andrew Jackson's service as Florida territory's military governor, Cowford was renamed Jacksonville and officially incorporated in 1932.

After a period of accelerated post-war reconstruction, Jacksonville became a popular winter destination for the wealthy. Marketed as the "Winter City in a Summer Land," grand hotels surrounded Hemming Park in downtown and resorts popped up by the beach. On May 3, 1901, Jacksonville was devastated by the third largest metropolitan fire in the nation. Despite this tragedy, the aftermath led to a major reconstruction and architectural renaissance. More than 13,000 buildings were constructed between 1901 and 1912, with innovations such as the elevator and escalator making their Southern debut.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### BEACHES

The **Beaches** area is comprised of Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach and Mayport. These seaside municipalities offer an assortment of residential areas with a laid-back atmosphere. Jacksonville Beach has numerous clubs, bars and restaurants offering some of the best nightlife and entertainment in the area. Neptune

**Jacksonville founder Isaiah Hart named two of the city's first streets after his daughters, Julia and Laura. Duval Street, like the county, was named for William Pope Duval, the first Territorial Governor of Florida.**

Beach, the youngest and smallest of the beach communities, encompasses 2.5 square miles between Atlantic Beach and Jacksonville Beach. Through strict growth management benchmarks, Neptune Beach maintains a tranquil standard of living for its residents. The heart of Neptune Beach and Atlantic Beach is the Beaches Town Center, which offers residents of both cities a variety of shopping and dining options. Atlantic Beach is mostly residential, with the majority of the developed areas being single-family homes. For non-coastline residents, there are 14 different access points along Atlantic Beach's two miles of oceanfront.

### MAYPORT

One of the nation's oldest fishing villages, **Mayport** is located just north of Atlantic Beach. Residents of this coastal village have access to freshly caught seafood (especially Mayport shrimp—a culinary staple on the First Coast), boat ramps and the St. Johns River Ferry. Since 1948, residents and visitors alike have used the ferry to commute between Mayport and Fort George Island. Mayport offers affordable housing and apartments, which is convenient for military personnel and civilians who work at nearby Naval Station Mayport.

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Professional opportunities abound for new citizens. Our area features a strong economy with a growing workforce, a central coastal location and a strong domestic and foreign business presence. Northeast Florida also features a variety of entertainment options and activities. Between museums, a planetarium, Broadway shows, a fantastic symphony and many cultural events, every weekend can be spent experiencing something new. For sports fans, the choices are boundless. As home to the PGA Tour, ATP World Headquarters and World Golf Village, along with many exceptional courses, the First Coast is a golfer's paradise. We also proudly boast an NFL football team—the Jacksonville Jaguars—as well as a minor league baseball team and an ABA basketball team. For those who like nothing better than feeling the sand between their toes, the First Coast offers miles of gorgeous beaches.

Now that you have chosen to reside in Northeast Florida, one of the most important decisions you will make is the purchase of a home. Be it an oceanfront relaxation location, a country club setting, a small quaint neighborhood, a riverfront high-rise or an ultra-modern development with the latest in technological advances, Northeast Florida has it all.

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## DUVAL-NORTH

### ARLINGTON/FORT CAROLINE

This thriving residential and commercial area of Jacksonville is bordered by the St. Johns River to the west and north, the Intracoastal Waterway to the east and Atlantic Boulevard to the south. Residential options in **Arlington/Fort Caroline** include single- and multi-family developments, condominiums, townhomes, waterfront properties and golf communities. The community is home to the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve and the Fort Caroline National Memorial, as well as Jones College and Jacksonville University.

### NORTHSIDE/OCEANWAY

The **Northside** of Jacksonville is one of the larger sections of the city and consists of neighborhoods north of the downtown area and a large portion of undeveloped land above the St. Johns River. Residents of the Northside enjoy living in close proximity of the Jacksonville International Airport, the city's Amtrak station, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, and River City Marketplace. The community of **Oceanway** covers the northern section of Duval County, stretching from U.S. 1

Northbank condos, photo by Stephanie Marty





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to the Atlantic Ocean and from the Duval/Nassau county line to the St. Johns and Trout rivers. Once a rural area, Oceanway has grown significantly since the early 1980s. New housing developments, neighborhoods and apartment complexes are increasingly emerging in Oceanway, along with new schools and River City Marketplace with over 50 outlets. Neighboring **New Berlin** and **Yellow Bluff** are among the fastest growing areas in the city of Jacksonville. Also on the Northside, the neighborhood of **Panama Park** was the original site of East Florida's first steam-powered sawmill in 1828 and also the Cummer Lumber Mill that was the city's largest employer for some time. Residential growth in the area was triggered by the sale of 200 50-acre lots, sold by George W. Clark, Sr. in 1910 and continues today with single-family homes, apartment complexes and condos.

## DUVAL-SOUTH

### INTRACOASTAL

Although the area is relatively small, the **Intracoastal** community has seen an increase in residential and commercial development over the past few years. Bordered by the Intracoastal Waterway on the east and Hodges Boulevard on the west, the Intracoastal area features a multitude of apartments, condominiums, retirement communities and subdivisions. Residents enjoy accessibility to the beaches and Southside areas as well as major roadways, such as John Turner Butler Boulevard (JTB), Beach Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard. Known as the community between the city and the sea, **Tamaya** is a new home community in Jacksonville. Tamaya offers homes ranging from 1,800 to 4,000 square feet along with Tuscan, Mediterranean and Spanish architectural styles. This one-of-a-kind custom-built home community offers lush landscaping, walking paths, crystal lakes and more than 500,000 square feet of commercial and retail space. With top-rated schools and new shopping in the works, these lakefront and conservation home sites are stunning options for buyers. For more information on Tamaya, please see page 34.

### MANDARIN

This southernmost neighborhood of Jacksonville is enriched with nature and history. **Mandarin** is bordered by the St. Johns River to the west, Philips Highway to the east, Julington Creek to the south and Beauclerc/San Jose to the north. Officially named Mandarin in 1830 for the area's major crop—Mandarin oranges—the community became part of Jacksonville in 1968. Today, Mandarin is a convenient location that offers residents a selection of housing. Beauclerc and San Jose are two older neighborhoods that lie between the San Marco/Miramar area and Mandarin. Most of the homes along Beauclerc Road are a mixture of architectural styles such as brick rambler homes and two-story contemporaries. San Jose is a prime residential area with the majority of homes built in the 1950s and 1960s, with the exception of some new developments of single-family homes and condominiums.

### SAN MARCO/MIRAMAR

The **San Marco/Miramar** area is south of downtown Jacksonville's Southbank, west of Philips Highway and east of the St. Johns River. A diverse community, potential residents have an array of housing choices including small bungalows, riverfront mansions and brick apartment complexes. The San Marco Preservation Society ensures that the community's historic properties are restored to their original splendor. San Marco Square is the center of the neighborhood and offers shopping, dining and entertainment. San Marco is a very walkable neighborhood, allowing for a less car-dependent lifestyle.

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## SOUTHSIDE/BAYMEADOWS

The large region south of Arlington, north of St. Johns County, east of U.S. 1 and west of the Intracoastal community is commonly referred to as **Southside**. Not only does the Southside offer the largest grouping of apartment communities in Jacksonville, it also offers a variety of residential options such as single-family homes and gated communities. Recreation, entertainment and shopping are all easily

accessible to Southside residents. Florida Coastal School of Law, the University of North Florida and two campuses of Florida State College at Jacksonville are all located here. An ever-expanding neighborhood of Southside is **Baymeadows**. This neighborhood consists of the area that surrounds Baymeadows Road. It is home to several corporate office parks, retail centers and residential communities.

Friendship Fountain, photo by Monica Gutos





## DUVAL-WEST

### DOWNTOWN/RIVERFRONT

Over the past few years, revitalization efforts in downtown Jacksonville have reinforced the area as an entertainment, business and cultural center. **Downtown** residents are within walking distance of restaurants, entertainment venues, nightclubs and bars. River taxis are available to transport residents and visitors back and forth between the Northbank and Southbank of the St. Johns River. A variety of residential options are available for those seeking an urban lifestyle including riverfront condominiums, lofts and townhomes. Many of the loft apartments are found in renovated buildings dating back to the early 1920s.

### ORTEGA

**Ortega** lies just south of Riverside and north of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, between the St. Johns and Ortega rivers. Originally an island, the area became a peninsula after a land bridge was built on the island's southern end. One of the wealthiest neighborhoods in Jacksonville, the historic homes and riverfront mansions in Ortega are diverse in architectural style, but many reflect the Mediterranean and Tudor Revival styles. Old Ortega is east of Highway 17. A section of Old Ortega is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Ortega Forest, a more recently developed area, is west of Highway 17.

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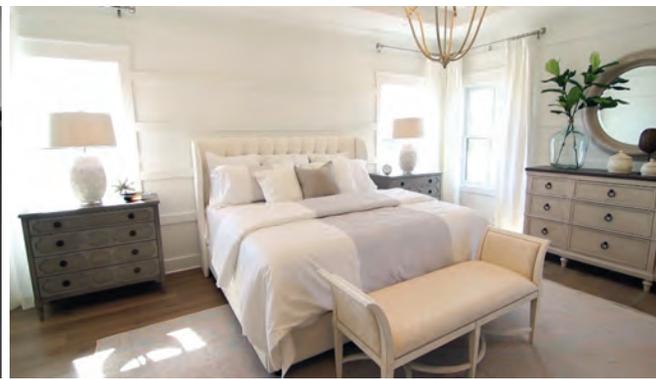
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**RIVERSIDE/AVONDALE**

The **Riverside/Avondale** neighborhood is located west of the St. Johns River, east of Highway 17, and south of Interstate 95. This neighborhood is one of the largest Historic Districts in the Southeast. Riverside/Avondale is a charming urban neighborhood that showcases oak tree-lined streets and several parks. The American Planning Association, a community development organization, has called this area Jacksonville's hidden gem with its two historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a designated City of Jacksonville Historic District. A number of homes have been restored to keep the diverse architecture and history alive. This community also features brick quadruplexes and duplexes, as well as other multi-unit buildings. The **Brooklyn Riverside** is located in the heart of vibrant Jacksonville and boasts newly renovated luxury apartments that are defined by their spacious floor plans, luxurious amenities and convenient location. New residents take pleasure in exceptional interior features, unmatched amenity spaces and convenient access to all things in the Riverside neighborhood of Jacksonville. Brooklyn Riverside also offers parks, trails, local restaurants and retail shopping. Activities, entertainment and more make this apartment community the perfect home for many lifestyles.

**SPRINGFIELD**

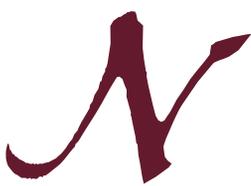
**Springfield** was founded in 1869 as Jacksonville's first subdivision. The area is bordered to the west by Boulevard Street, to the east and north by railroad tracks and to the south by Hogan's Creek. It is a diverse transitional neighborhood still in the midst of revitalizing, but making great gains. Historic Springfield features many renovated prairie-style and Queen Anne homes, and the neighborhood's newer homes have the same popular, architectural-style features.

**WESTSIDE**

This area refers to the western portion of Duval County. The **Westside** is a diverse area of smaller communities, which include the small, incorporated town of Baldwin; the semi-rural Marietta-Whitehouse area; and the neighborhoods of Normandy and Maxville. Many Westside residents are military personnel stationed at NAS Jacksonville, as well as employees at the expansive Cecil Commerce Center. Potential residents of the Westside will find affordable housing and inexpensive property, along with a slower-paced lifestyle. Residents can enjoy the Westside's heavily wooded areas, which allow for hunting and other outdoor activities.



# Tamaya: Between the City and the Sea



estled between the City and the Sea, **Tamaya** is an ICI Homes master-planned community in the heart of Jacksonville that is all about location, location, location.

Centrally located in Jacksonville, *Forbes* magazine's No. 2 city that people most want to move to, Tamaya offers everything

newcomers and established residents alike most want and need in a neighborhood. Being within a few minutes' drive to job sites, beaches, great schools, shopping and entertainment is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the convenience of making your home in Tamaya. All residents of this breathtaking community also have access to the many luxurious amenities including a 10,000-square-foot clubhouse that encompasses two pools and a cabana, an outdoor recreation area with tennis courts and an event lawn large enough for a multitude of activities. A recent addition includes a \$12 million cigar club that brings more luxury and relaxation to the desirable community. Additionally, the interior—professionally designed by some of the most respected designers in the country—contains meeting and event space as well as a state-of-the-art 5,000-square-foot fitness room. “The amenity center is the physical and recreational centerpiece of this remarkable community,” said David Haas, chief development officer at ICI Homes of Tamaya.

Currently, close to 300 families call Tamaya home, with more families flocking to take advantage of the custom homes built to suit any budget. While Bella Vista Phase I is closed and has no more homes available, Bella Vista Phase II is underway with six model homes from Florida's Custom Home Builder open daily. Boasting Spanish, Mediterranean and Tuscan designs, Tamaya homes offer the attention to detail and luxurious amenities Florida families are looking for in a community.

ICI Homes in Tamaya has been breaking stereotypes and boundaries since their inception. Gone are the “rec room” stereotypes, and in their place, is a vast great room filled with light anchored by sculpted wooden ceiling beams and plush seating, beautiful furnishings and

“Currently, close to 300 families call Tamaya home, with more families flocking to take advantage of the custom homes built to suit any budget.”

light-magnifying windows. A cabana surrounds the competition-style pool with lap lanes and the free-form pool glistening in Florida's sunshine, with comfortable lounge chairs to host summertime get-togethers and parties. With a grand salon, pavilion, pools, a cigar bar and events going on almost every day, the community has added a second full-time lifestyle coordinator to organize the luxury lifestyle available at Tamaya.

This one-of-a-kind, custom-built home community is continuously growing and offers lush landscaping, walking paths, crystal lakes, a grand entrance and more than 500,000 square feet of commercial and retail space. Whether it's being six miles from the beach, five miles from the University of North Florida or six miles from the St. Johns Town Center shopping enclave, location is without a doubt a top reason for choosing Tamaya as your new home. ICI Homes, however, did not stop there. Custom homes built at almost any budget, incomparable amenities and a sense of community makes Tamaya a Jacksonville gem that all newcomers should discover.



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### AMELIA ISLAND/FERNANDINA BEACH

In the words of **Fernandina Beach** Mayor John A. Miller, “Fernandina Beach is a great community: warm neighbors, diverse restaurants, busy shops, sandy beaches and majestic trees. Every day begins with a glorious sunrise from the Atlantic Ocean and ends with a radiant sunset over the Amelia River. Welcome to the Island!”

Florida’s northernmost barrier island and the pride of Nassau County, **Amelia Island** is located about 30 minutes north of downtown Jacksonville and just south of Cumberland Island, Georgia. This beautiful 13.5-mile island is as rich in history as it is in beautiful natural backdrops with eight national flags having flown over this stretch of land. As the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry, Fernandina Beach continues to see shrimp boats departing the docks on a daily basis. Further embracing the legacy and history of the area is the 50-block historic seaside village of Fernandina Beach with classic Victorian architecture and the oldest saloon in Florida that calls Centre Street home.

Amelia Island is made up of many sought-after neighborhoods and communities, each with their own beauty and highlights. For nature lovers who appreciate luxury, Marsh Creek, Beach Walker and Beach Walker Villas offer a variety of homes, home sites and beach villas. Heron Oaks is another neighborhood, nestled among centuries-old live

oaks in a quiet, secluded woodland overlooking area lakes. Golfers will have no trouble finding the views they crave at Lagoon Villas, located a short walk to the beach, the Beach Club and the Executive Conference Center. Spyglass Village, a community of spacious oceanfront villas, is located close to the new Ocean Clubhouse and has breathtaking views of the dunes and the ocean with convenient underground parking. For the more socially active lifestyle, Amelia Park is centrally located on Amelia Island and is near the beach, shopping, dining and downtown Fernandina Beach. With the convenience and beauty of the area, as well as the variety of home types available, Amelia Park is considered one of the most desirable locations to live. Ship Watch Villas, overlooking the fourth hole of the Ocean Links championship golf course, consists of two seven-story oceanfront buildings of luxurious condominiums. Additionally, beautiful, single-family homes are abundant in Amelia Island. North Hampton, located off Highway A1A on Amelia Concourse, boasts luxurious home with amenities including a golf course, community pool, boat ramp, the Lofton Creek Outpost and much more.

These are just a few of the many communities of Amelia Island/ Fernandina Beach. To get a full picture of the beauty and elegance of this natural treasure, and the broad scope of neighborhoods, Coldwell Banker The Amelia Group has the experience, the knowledge and the wisdom to help you find your dream home. Claudia Watts, a 20-year veteran in the Amelia Island real estate market, has reinvented personalized service with proven success. “Always putting the customer first since 1998, I have extensive knowledge of the local



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## BRYCEVILLE

A small community in the southwestern part of Nassau County, **Bryceville** lies at the intersection of U.S. Highway 301 and SR 200. This unincorporated area is ideal for those who want to indulge in the serenity of country living. Cary State Forest is the epicenter of Bryceville’s recreation. One of the original Florida State Forests, this vast woodland provides visitors a variety of recreational activities including hiking, camping and horseback riding.

## CALLAHAN

**Callahan** is a rural town located in the southwestern section of Nassau County. Most residents are commuters that work in surrounding areas, such as Jacksonville. Potential residents will find single-family homes, large properties, duplexes and several subdivisions from which to choose. Many residents of Callahan spend their leisure time participating in various outdoor activities. For those who enjoy golfing, Deerfield Lakes Golf Club is a public, 18-hole course located within the town.

## HILLIARD

Located in the northwestern section of Nassau County, **Hilliard** is a small town that has an active farming community. The area was introduced to farming in 1909 when North Florida Fruit and Truck Farms began selling farmland. Residential options include single-family homes and apartments. Hilliard residents are very involved in their community, taking part in many of the local events. The town has numerous parks and recreational sites and is also home to the Jacksonville Air Route Traffic Control Center, which coordinates most commercial and civilian air traffic in the southeastern region.

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## YULEE

The growing community of Yulee is west of Amelia Island and the Intracoastal Waterway. As the largest unincorporated area of Nassau County, **Yulee** consists primarily of residential communities. Housing options include waterfront properties, planned communities and apartments. Small business and service sectors are emerging throughout the area, with a major commercial presence along SR A1A. Residents enjoy hunting, fishing and golfing. Also located in Yulee is the conservation center, White Oak, which contains more than 7,400 acres of hardwood hammocks, pine forest and tidal wetlands.



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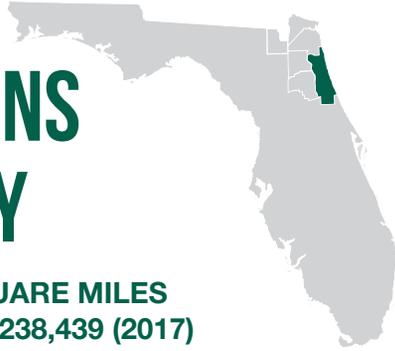
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# ST. JOHNS COUNTY

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## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

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## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

### HASTINGS

Located southwest of St. Augustine, the town of **Hastings** is home to many commuters who work in St. Augustine, Jacksonville and Palatka. This rural community retains its rich agricultural history, including the title “Potato Capital of Florida.” SR 207 is the main highway and connects Hastings with St. Augustine and Palatka. Since the expansion of SR 207, the town has seen an emergence of new development. Hastings offers farmsteads, single-family homes and subdivisions.

### JULINGTON CREEK

**Julington Creek** lies in the northwestern part of St. Johns County and has more than 1,200 acres of nature preserves. Julington Creek offers a variety of residential options including townhouses, single-family homes, condominiums and luxury estates. Residents enjoy an abundance of recreational amenities, including the Julington Creek Golf Club, an 18-hole golf course that meanders through wooded areas and around neighborhoods.

### SWITZERLAND/FRUIT COVE

The **Switzerland** and **Fruit Cove** communities are located east of the St. Johns River and south of Mandarin in northwest St. Johns County. Switzerland is just south of Fruit Cove along the eastern bank of the St. Johns River. These pastoral communities are great for those who wish to enjoy the benefits of a country setting while being near the urban amenities of Jacksonville and St. Augustine. Switzerland and Fruit Cove are predominately made up of single-family residences. Recreational activities are abundant in this area with multiple parks and the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway’s (SR 13) interconnected trail system.

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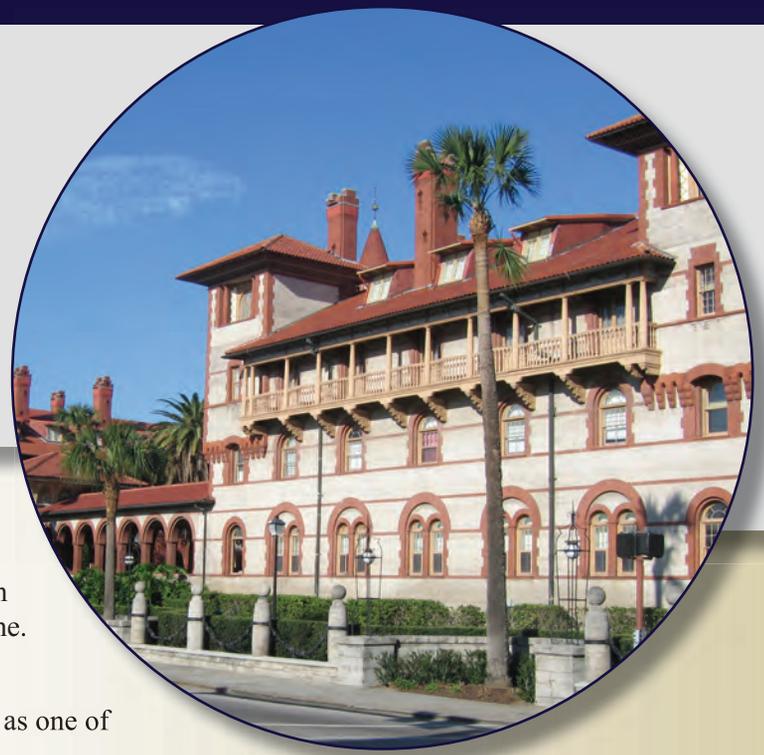
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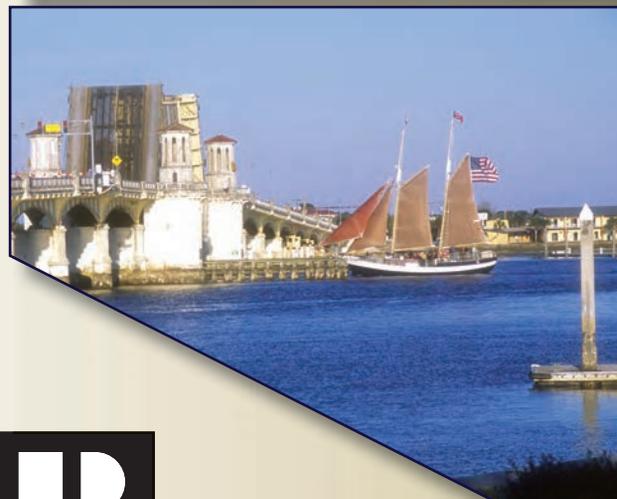
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### VILANO BEACH

Two miles northeast of St. Augustine is **Vilano Beach**, a pleasant seaside community that lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Tolomato River. Vilano Beach is primarily a residential community with a number of small businesses. The Vilano Beach Fishing Pier is great for those who love to fish, and Surfside Park provides beach access, picnic shelters, restrooms and outdoor showers—everything the family needs for a day of fun in the sun.

For newcomers considering St. Johns County as their future home, Shae Portnoy of The Portnoy Group is ready to introduce you to the area, help you explore the market and find the right home for you.

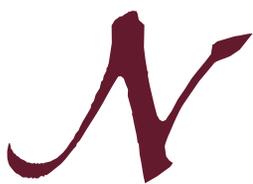
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Docks on the St. Johns River, in western St. Johns County, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA



# The Communities of Nocatee



o matter what type or size of new home you're looking for, you're sure to find it among the many master-planned neighborhoods in Nocatee. Each of the village-like neighborhoods has its own personality, offering a variety of beautiful homes—single-family homes, luxury estate homes and townhouses—all built by some of Florida's finest home builders.

## ADDISON PARK AT TOWN CENTER

**Addison Park at Town Center** is Nocatee's newest Town Center neighborhood, located just a short walk from the community's shops, restaurants and popular Splash Water Park. Priced from the mid \$200s, Addison Park at Town Center features two- to five-bedroom single-family homes by David Weekley and Providence Homes ranging from 1,468 to 2,900 square feet.

## TWENTY MILE VILLAGE

This new addition to Nocatee's historic Twenty Mile community of homes is designed around Twenty Mile Park, which boasts a swimming pool, Waggin' Tails Dog Park, nature trails and more. Twenty Mile is one of Nocatee's most distinctive communities, with large oak trees, split-rail fencing and a rustic, old-Florida style. **The**

**Pointe at Twenty Mile** is among the first of Nocatee's historic Twenty Mile community of homes. The Pointe at Twenty Mile features upscale homes built by David Weekley Homes, CalAtlantic Homes and ICI Homes. Homes start in the mid \$500s and are situated on estate-sized lots, all boasting beautiful preserve views. **The Island at Twenty Mile** is another community of homes situated in Nocatee's historic Twenty Mile neighborhood. Nestled in the northwest corner of the Nocatee community, the Island at Twenty Mile features exclusive gated access and lots that back up to either preserve or water. This private community of 45 home sites is surrounded by nature and rich in history, making it a perfect location for those looking for their dream home. Located in St. Johns County just west of the Intracoastal Waterway, the builders in Twenty Mile are showcasing the largest homes in Nocatee to date. David Weekley Homes, ICI Homes and CalAtlantic Homes are building estate-sized homes in this highly anticipated neighborhood. **The Crossing at Twenty Mile** is the newest addition to Nocatee's historic Twenty Mile collection of neighborhoods. At the entrance of The Crossing at Twenty Mile residents will the new enjoy Twenty Mile Post Park. Other new additions to Twenty Mile include **The Outlook at Twenty Mile** which will offer a peaceful neighborhood with spacious lots—many with preserve or waterfront views; **The Ranch at Twenty Mile** with homes starting in the high \$500s from David Weekley and Dostie Homes; **The Vista at Twenty Mile**, a gated neighborhood of 44 homes featuring Spanish and

Mission-style elevations built exclusively by The Pineapple Corporation; and **The Hammock at Twenty Mile**, a collection of nine private custom homes by local home-builder of the HGTV Smart Home, Glenn Layton Homes. **The Junction at Twenty Mile** is one of Nocatee's newest neighborhoods located in the historic Twenty Mile area, with homes built by David Weekley and Dostie Homes. Floor plans will range from 2,450 square feet to 3,500 square feet, and will be priced starting in the high \$400s. All homes will be located in St. Johns County just west of the Intracoastal Waterway.

**STARLING AT NOCATEE**

Ideally located across from Nocatee's popular Splash Water Park, **Starling at Nocatee** is convenient to Nocatee's Town Center and outstanding amenities. Residents can enjoy tranquil surroundings, picturesque landscapes and resort-style services. Offering Concierge Living, Assisted Living, and Memory Care, this dynamic community is the perfect place to pursue your passions and engage in a vibrant lifestyle. Starling at Nocatee offers three lifestyle options, each providing the appropriate care and services to match each resident's capabilities and needs.

**DANIEL PARK AT TOWN CENTER**

**Daniel Park at Town Center** offers buyers more than a house, they are selling homes inside the heart of Nocatee. With all Nocatee amenities within walking distance, Daniel Park is the perfect place to call home. Priced from the high \$200s, Daniel Park at Town Center features homes exclusively by David Weekley Homes ranging from 1,477 to 3,000 square feet.

**SIENA AT TOWN CENTER**

**Siena at Town Center** features single-family homes with a Mediterranean flair and tile roofs by ICI Homes. Joining Enclave, Addison Park and Lakeside in Nocatee's Town Center, Siena is adding even more excitement and variety to these centrally located Town Center neighborhoods. All homes have Mediterranean or Tuscan-style elevations, and start in the mid \$200s. There is a variety of new home designs that range from 1,474 to 3,082 square feet with unique features, like rear alley entry garages. Residents are just a short walk from Town Center retailers and all of Nocatee's many recreational amenities.

**LIBERTY COVE AT CROSSWATER**

From picturesque tree-lined streets to quaint white fences, large front porches and American flags flying proudly, **Liberty Cove at Crosswater** is a new neighborhood that will harken back to old-town America. David Weekley Homes, ICI Homes and Providence Homes will each offer quaint and charming floorplans throughout the 138 homesite community. Homes in Liberty Cove will range in size from 1,300 square feet to more than 2,300 square feet, and will be starting in the high \$200s. All homes will be located in St. Johns County, south of Nocatee Splash Waterpark and the coming-soon Nocatee Spray Park.





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**LAKESIDE AT TOWN CENTER**

**Lakeside at Town Center** offers more than just a home—it's a home inside the heart of Nocatee. Residents enjoy amenities such as the Nocatee Community Park with ball fields, a dog park, Splash Water Park, the Greenway Trails and the Nocatee Preserve. With all of these amenities within walking distance, Lakeside is the perfect place to call home. Priced from the high \$200s, Lakeside at Town Center features homes from David Weekley Homes and Mattamy Homes and range from 1,791 to 3,194 square feet.

Addison Park, courtesy of Nocatee, Providence Homes



Del Webb Ponte Vedra, courtesy of Nocatee



Nocatee Splash Park, courtesy of Nocatee



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The Crossing at Twenty Mile Village, photo courtesy of Nocatee



Seville and Capri at Siena at Town Center, photo courtesy of ICI Homes



# About Nocatee

Nocatee was selected as 2017 Bold City Best Home Community Development by Jacksonville.com.

The No. 3 best-selling community in America, about 100 families a month are moving to the master-planned Nocatee community. The event-filled lifestyle, deep sense of community, wide range of builders & home-style options, are a few of the leading reasons Nocatee stands out locally and nationally.

“Residents love the amenities, including the events and activities, as well as the location — we’re the only master-planned community located this close to the beach, which is certainly a unique lifestyle,” said Nocatee’s Director of Marketing Kelly Ray.

## THE VILLAS

**The Villas at Nocatee**, with homes by CalAtlantic Homes, has brought something exciting, fresh and innovative to Nocatee. The Villas at Nocatee is a gated community with its very own pool and amenities. A creative site plan allows all of its 90 homes to back up to either water or trees ensuring no back-to-back homes. The Villas themselves are truly unique to Nocatee with five single-story, low maintenance home plans to choose from, ranging from 2,012 to 3,409 square feet. For those looking for even more room, an optional second floor can be added to any home design to allow for a bonus room or additional bedroom and bath. With prices from the low \$300s, these villa homes appeal to a wide range of buyers.

## DEL WEBB PONTE VEDRA

For anyone age 55 and better who has ever longed to live near the ocean, Del Webb proudly presents **Del Webb Ponte Vedra** at Nocatee. Located in the prestigious Ponte Vedra area between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, this is Florida at its best with active-adult living at its finest. Del Webb Ponte Vedra provides a gated community within the award-winning Nocatee master plan, conveniently located just minutes off the ocean but also near dining,

shopping and recreation. Adjoining Del Webb Ponte Vedra is the Nocatee preserve, 2,400 wildly beautiful acres along the Intracoastal Waterway offering a variety of outdoor sites and activities. Del Webb Ponte Vedra encompasses over 1,014 coastal Florida acres. Gated and private, the community’s master plan envisions approximately 1,988 residences centered on the vast and vibrant array of amenities and recreational venues that are the hallmarks of the renowned Del Webb active adult lifestyle. Choose from a variety of home designs, ranging from 1,289 to 3,697 square feet.

## COASTAL OAKS

At **Coastal Oaks**, sweeping oak trees and peaceful nature preserves provide an exceptional setting for luxurious single-family estate homes, neo-traditional homes and estate homes. With a beautiful clubhouse and recreation complex at its heart, adults and children alike will find Coastal Oaks by Toll Brothers to be the kind of family neighborhood they’ve always dreamed of. “We’re doing more than building luxury homes – we’re creating a neighborhood that offers a unique lifestyle and fun activities for the entire family to enjoy,” said Toll Brothers North Florida Division President Greg Netro. “At Coastal Oaks at Nocatee, it’s easy for residents to meet new people and develop friendships with their neighbors.”

Netro added, “The community’s lifestyle revolves around world-class amenities, including a private, 6,500 square-foot clubhouse with resort-style swimming pools, catering kitchen, and fully equipped fitness center. Coastal Oaks also features an 880-foot boardwalk that winds through a wooded ecosystem and has become an oasis for residents.”

## TIDEWATER AT NOCATEE

A new addition to the master planned community of Nocatee, **Tidewater at Nocatee** in Ponte Vedra offers three-story condominiums with two-car garages, a private amenity center, access to Nocatee Community Park and close proximity to Nocatee Town Center. These beautiful condominiums will start selling at the end of 2017 from the low \$300s. Model homes will be opening mid-2018.

## HERITAGE TRACE AT CROSSWATER

**Heritage Trace at Crosswater** is a beautiful new quintessential neighborhood in the heart of Nocatee. This thoughtfully designed community features 188 homesites surrounded by preservation and breathtaking lake views. CalAtlantic Homes, David Weekley Homes, ICI Homes, Providence Homes and Riverside Homes each will offer unique and innovative floorplans, incorporating the Americana and nostalgic “Old Towne” theme. Homes in Heritage Trace will range in size from 1,900 square feet to more than 3,200 square feet, and will be starting in the low \$300s.

**TIMBERLAND RIDGE AT NOCATEE**

**Timberland Ridge** will appeal to future homeowners seeking a more suburban neighborhood surrounded by beautiful preservation and water. The neighborhood's single-family homes by David Weekley Homes, ICI Homes and Providence Homes will offer new homes starting in the low \$300s. Home builders are offering one- and two-story single-family homes ranging from approximately 1,800 to 3,200 square feet of living space. Timberland Ridge is located in Duval County and within biking distance of Twenty Mile Park and Cypress Park.

**FREEDOM LANDING AT CROSSWATER**

Tucked away in breathtaking preservation, **Freedom Landing at Crosswater** is another new Nocatee neighborhood that boasts a stunning location. This St. Johns County community features 106 homesites, many backing up to preserve or lake. CalAtlantic Homes, David Weekley Homes, ICI Homes, Providence Homes and Riverside Homes each will offer unique and innovative floorplans, incorporating an Americana and nostalgic theme. Homes in Freedom Landing will range in size from 1,900 square feet to more than 3,200 square feet, and will be starting in the low \$300s.

**ARTISAN LAKES**

This 55 and better low-maintenance community is gated with its own private amenities which include: clubhouse, fitness center, demonstration kitchen, zero entry pool with infinity edge, two pickleball courts, two bocce ball courts, event lawn, putting green, swing arbor and pocket parks throughout. **Artisan Lakes** is a picturesque community made up of 196 homesites with a majority backing up to preserve, water or parks. Homeowners may select from 10 new single-story plans that were designed exclusively for Artisan Lakes in Nocatee. These homes come equipped with an oversized two-car garage and range from two to five bedrooms and 1,755 to 2,839 square feet. For those looking for even more space, an optional second floor can be added to any home design to allow for up to 1,246 additional square feet for a grand total of 4,085 square feet. With prices from the high \$200s, these homes appeal to a wide range of home buyers.

Nocatee Slide Tower



“Each of the village-like neighborhoods has its own personality, offering a variety of beautiful homes, all built by some of Florida’s finest home builders.”

## Splash Water Park

Nocatee fun, like everything else here, is the best of the best. Splash Water Park, which opened in March of 2010, is a resort-style water playground and a major recreational destination for Nocatee residents of all ages. With stunning new water play structures and room to relax, the Splash Water Park includes a variety of activities perfect for thrill seekers, younger residents and anyone desiring a slow, leisurely pace. Park amenities include plenty of opportunities for water enthusiasts, along with a sand volleyball court and a children's playground.

For the adventurous, Rip Tide Slide is an exhilarating experience and boasts the highest water slide tower in Northeast Florida. The park's signature high-speed thrill ride includes two slides, both offering exciting corkscrew turns, twists and slippery slopes for two very distinct experiences. Smaller children can enjoy Splash Cove, a shallow-access pool and interactive playground with a maximum depth of 18 inches. The lagoon pool is perfect for all ages, and the Lazy Tides River is the place to relax while enjoying 450 feet of slow-moving current floating in a tube and taking in the scenery of tropical rock outcroppings and plant life, waterfalls and geysers. A rapid-tide whirlpool is tucked into a corner, and water spray features provide relief from the Florida sun.

The poolside Cabana is a covered, open-air venue complete with a summer kitchen great for hosting parties and other outdoor gatherings, and a full menu of food and snacks offered by Rocky's NY Pizza at the Sun Deck.

One of the recent additions to Nocatee's Splash Water Park is a 330-foot zip line. At over 35 feet high, residents soar at over 37 mph from the Rip Tide Slide Tower across Splash Water Park, above the Lazy Tides River and through the palm tree canopies and end on the park's western lawn.

With several new additions to Nocatee's Splash Water Park, the park now features an expansion with a new family pool and a children's sprayground with additional deck space, shade and covered seating areas.

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# Outdoor Living



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## HOME RENOVATION HAS BECOME A NATIONAL OBSESSION

Just turn on the HGTV channel and you'll see an onslaught of television shows dedicated to homeowners sprucing up their humble abodes. Peruse the aisles of grocery stores and supermarkets and see rows of magazines solely dedicated to remodeling and revamping homes. It is evident that home improvement and renovation has become more popular than ever throughout the nation, and while any home can be renovated from the inside, the First Coast is especially ideal for creating a comfortable outdoor living space. Living in Northeast Florida, there are plenty of ways for First Coast residents to enjoy the beautiful outdoors with all the comforts of home. The sunshine, year-round warm weather, swinging palm trees and sea breeze allow residents the perfect backdrop for a tropical outdoor living space.

## OUTDOOR ENCLOSURES: CREATING AN OUTDOOR ESCAPE

To get the most out of the sunny days ahead, adding an outdoor enclosure to your home can be just what you need. There are many different types and features of outdoor enclosures that you can include in your next outdoor renovation project. Teaming up with a company that specializes in outdoor enclosures and environments, such as well-established local businesses **Lifetime Enclosures Inc.** and **Stonecore**, will ensure your new outdoor escape is truly paradise.

**Outdoor Kitchens:** More than just a grill, outdoor kitchens include fully functional kitchen appliances that can withstand wear and tear caused by the elements. Great for a family cookout, outdoor kitchens can bring friends and family together for good food and good times.

**Outdoor Entertainment:** In addition to adding an outdoor cooking area, creating an entertainment space with high-end features will make your outdoor living area the best spot in your home. Consider installing a fireplace or fire pit for the occasional chilly night that calls for roasting marshmallows. Add a flat screen TV for the family to enjoy a movie night under the stars. Get with an outdoor living specialist to help you find the right type of TV and how to install it.

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**Pavers:** Pavers are a great solution for outdoor enclosures, patios and walkways. With a variety of shapes, colors, patterns and textures, you can tailor your pavement to the aesthetic of your home. A hired professional that specializes in outdoor living spaces can also remove old pavers and install new pavement.

### FINDING PATIO FURNITURE

Adding patio furniture is like frosting on the cake. Great patio furniture brings an extra level of comfort and function to outdoor living spaces. However, it's important to consider how you will be using your new furniture before you purchase it. The style of your home and overall decor should be reflected in your choice of patio furniture. A beach cottage presents a different aesthetic from that of a Spanish-style bungalow. Make sure your furniture isn't too big or too small for its space; you don't want to overcrowd, but you also don't want it to look sparse. The most important aspect to consider is the material of your patio furniture. Most metal, teak, cedar, and all-weather wicker pieces will be unfazed by whatever nature throws their way. Furniture made using these forgiving materials will look wonderful for years to come.

### SWIMMING POOL BLISS

If you think you're ready to take the plunge and add a pool to an outdoor living area, there is a lot to consider. Just like with a car or house, swimming pools are a big investment. Get with a pool builder and come up with a wish list and discuss what you have in mind. There are many ways to build a swimming pool. They can be made of concrete, fiberglass or vinyl. Then there's choosing cleaning systems, filtering systems and other finishing touches. Getting up to speed will allow you to speak your pool builder's language and be more confident in the decision-making process. The next step is to determine what pool shape you want. Rectangular designs are great for pool games and swimming laps. Kidney-shaped and free-form pools can blend easier with surrounding plants and appear more natural. If you want to add a waterfall or grotto, this shape is easier to work with.

Avoid insects, leaves, grass clippings and other debris by getting a pool enclosure. Pool enclosures preserve the pool area and allow you to enjoy your pool on the hot days without worrying about the elements and can offer some much needed shade from the sun.

### OUTDOOR APPEAL

Adding some finishing touches can really take the street view of your home to the next level. To update the front or backyard of your home, a beautiful landscape project and quality fence will instantly enhance your home.

# Professional Landscaping

## WHERE TO BEGIN

When homeowners consider a remodeling project, they seldom place the yard on the top of their list. However, curb appeal offers one of the greatest returns on investment in home improvement projects. A homeowner can focus on the interior of their home and create a masterpiece, but the first thing that people see when they come to a home is the exterior of the house and the yard. A well-landscaped yard visually draws people closer to your home and creates a more inviting atmosphere. Furthermore, landscaping is one of the easiest projects a homeowner can do to boost curb appeal and ensure a greater return on investment.

If you're making lawn improvements for your new home, choose a relatively conservative design and border plants over wilder and more exotic species. Use greenery that is hearty and relatively easy to maintaining, versus delicate, expensive plants that could die during a drought, an extremely rainy season, or a cold snap—all of which happen in Northeast Florida. If every plant in your garden is at one level, it will look and feel unnatural, so vary the heights of your flowers, bushes, shrubs, and trees. Should your yard area be small or lacking in overall space, consider using taller, more slender plants and trees to create a vertical flow.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Not only can a well-designed landscape add beauty to your home and a greater return on your investment, but it can also reduce your heating and cooling costs and promote water conservation. On average, landscaping for energy efficiency provides enough energy savings to return an initial investment in less than eight years.

The U.S. Department of Energy states that even one strategically placed shade tree can save a household up to 25 percent on its energy bills. Deciduous trees planted on the south side of your house will allow sunlight to warm you in the winter and provide shade in the summer.

## THE RIGHT TOOLS

Invest in products that will aid you in your landscaping. You should begin to apply organic fertilizer when you start to mow your lawn in the spring. Continue to fertilize your lawn at the beginning and end of each season until winter to keep it healthy and beautiful. Remember to spread the fertilizer evenly during each application. Furthermore, to enrich your newly landscaped yard, you will want to get rid of any pests that may ruin your new yard and apply natural insecticides using household items such as garlic, chili powder, lemon and baking soda that can prevent invaders from returning.

## FENCING

Wooden fences are one of the most economical choices you can make when installing a fence. They are easy to maintain and do a good job of not letting things out and keeping things from getting in. There are several styles made of wood that go with just about any architectural style. From split rail to the classic white picket fence, wood is a good choice for an enclosure. Some styles are not as easy to maintain as others. Plain wood, regardless of style, weathers nicely and does not need much maintenance. Vinyl is one material that has really come a long way from its beginning. You still have to pay attention to the quality, but the best quality vinyl fencing installed by a credible installer looks great, is easy to maintain, hard to destroy and long-lasting. Ornamental aluminum is another popular choice. It tends to make a statement while blending in with the environment. Aluminum is practical because it is light weight and does not rust.

If you are hiring someone to install your fence, consider the amount of experience they have. Make sure the company you choose has a good history of quality work and recent references that they are comfortable with you contacting. If they cannot or do not want to show all these things, find another company to install your fence.





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**TRANSPORTATION**

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**UTILITY SERVICES**

- County*
- Electricity
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- Florida Power & Light..... 800-226-3545
- Okfenokee Rural Electric ..... 800-262-5131
- Garbage
- City of Macclenny .....259-6261
- Natural Gas
- TECO Peoples Gas.....739-1211
- Water & Sewer
- City of Macclenny .....259-6261

# CLAY COUNTY

## EMERGENCY CALL 911

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Clay County	264-6512
Green Cove Springs	297-7325
Keystone Heights	352-473-7211
Middleburg	213-6120
Orange Park	264-5555
Fire/Rescue	
Clay County	284-7703

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AT&T	800-288-2020
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## COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

<i>Bear Run Office</i>	
3245 Bear Run Blvd.	541-5337
<i>Green Cove Springs</i>	
477 Houston St.	284-6320
<i>Keystone Heights</i>	
7380 SR 100, Ste. 10	352-473-4899
<i>Park Avenue Office</i>	
1518 Park Ave.	269-1400

## EMPLOYMENT

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## GOVERNMENT LISTINGS

<i>County</i>	
www.claycountygov.com	
Animal Control	269-6342
Building	269-6307
Chamber of Commerce	264-2651
County Clerk	278-4769
County Manager	284-6347
Health Department	529-2800
Property Appraiser	269-6305
School District	284-6500
Supervisor of Elections	269-6350
Switchboard	269-6300
Traffic Fines	278-3666
Zoning	278-4705
<i>Green Cove Springs</i>	
www.greencovesprings.com	
Building, Planning & Zoning	297-7500, ext. 5
City Clerk	297-7500, ext. 3307
City Hall	297-7500
City Manager	297-7500, ext. 3320
Public Works	297-7500, ext. 3
<i>Keystone Heights</i>	
www.keystoneheights.us	
City Hall	352-473-4807

*Orange Park*  
 www.townoforangepark.com

Animal Control	264-5555
Building, Zoning & Code Enforcement	264-2635
Mayor's Office	278-3018
Public Works	264-7411
Town Clerk	278-3018
Town Hall	278-3018
Town Manager	278-3019

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Town Manager	838-0273

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Comcast	877-870-4310
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<i>Jacksonville Area Legal Aid</i>	
– Clay County	284-8410, ext. 3006
<i>Jacksonville Bar Association</i>	
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<i>Jacksonville Bar Association</i>	
Lawyer Referral	399-5780

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<i>Headquarters Library (Fleming Island)</i>	
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<i>Keystone Heights Library</i>	
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<i>Orange Park Library</i>	
2054 Plainfield Ave.	278-4750

## LOCAL INFORMATION

<i>Florida Fish and Wildlife</i>	
Conservation Commission	386-758-0525
Florida Highway Patrol (Emergency)	301-3700
Florida Poison Information Center	800-222-1222

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<i>Keystone Heights</i>	
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<i>Orange Park</i>	
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 Greyhound Bus..... 800-231-2222

**Trains**  
 Amtrak.....766-5110  
 Reservations ..... 800-872-7245

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 Clay Electric Cooperative (CEC) .....272-2456

**Garbage & Recycling**  
 Advanced Disposal Services .....695-0500

**Natural Gas**  
 TECO Peoples Gas.....739-1211

**Water & Sewer**  
 Clay County Utility Authority .....272-5999

*Green Cove Springs*

**Electricity**  
 City of Green Cove Springs.....297-7500  
 Clay Electric Cooperative (CEC) .....272-2456  
 Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA).....665-6000

**Garbage & Recycling**  
 City of Green Cove Springs.....297-7500

**Natural Gas**  
 TECO Peoples Gas .....739-1211

**Water & Sewer**  
 City of Green Cove Springs.....297-7500  
 Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA).....665-6000

*Keystone Heights*

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 Clay Electric Cooperative (CEC) ..... 352-473-8000

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 Advanced Disposal Services .....695-0500

**Natural Gas**  
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 Advanced Disposal Services .....695-0500

**Natural Gas**  
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Mayor's Office .....	247-5809
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City Council/Manager.....	247-6268
City Hall .....	247-6100
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Public Works.....	247-6219
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City Hall .....	270-2400
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**LIBRARIES**

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<i>Regency Square Branch</i>	9900 Regency Square Blvd. ....	726-5142
<i>San Marco Branch</i>	1513 LaSalle St. ....	858-2907
<i>South Mandarin Branch</i>	12125 San Jose Blvd. ....	288-6385
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<i>Talking Books/Special Needs Library</i>	303 N. Laura St. ....	630-1999
<i>University Park Branch</i>	3435 University Blvd. N. ....	630-1265
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  - Jacksonville International Airport ..... 741-4902
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    - City of Jacksonville ..... 630-2489
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TECO Peoples Gas.....	739-1211

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Beaches Energy Services.....	247-6241
Garbage & Recycling	
Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. ....	731-7288
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Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee .....	261-3248
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Property Appraiser .....	491-7300
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City Hall .....	277-7300
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Town Hall .....

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- Water & Sewer
- Callahan Water Department .....879-3801

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- Garbage & Recycling
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- Natural Gas
- TECO Peoples Gas .....739-1211
- Water & Sewer
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- Natural Gas
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- Florida Power & Light ..... 800-226-3545
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St. Augustine Beach .....	471-3600
<b>Fire/Rescue</b>	
St. Johns County .....	209-1700
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Animal Control .....	209-0746
Building.....	827-6800
Chamber of Commerce .....	829-5681
Clerk of Courts.....	819-3600
County Administrator .....	209-0530
Health Department.....	209-3250
Planning & Zoning.....	209-0675
Property Appraiser .....	827-5500
School Board.....	547-7500
Supervisor of Elections.....	823-2238
Traffic Fines.....	819-3628

#### Hastings

www.hastings-fl.com

Town Attorney.....	396-0090
Town Hall.....	692-1420
Town Manager .....	692-1420
Town Mayor .....	692-1298

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www.pvmsd.org

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Clerk of Courts.....	819-3600
Property Appraiser .....	827-5500
Service District.....	285-2221
Supervisor of Elections.....	823-2238
Zoning .....	543-9944

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www.ci.st-augustine.fl.us

City Attorney .....	825-1052
City Clerk .....	825-1007
City Hall .....	825-1005
City Manager .....	825-1006
Planning & Building .....	825-1065
Public Works.....	825-1040
Zoning .....	825-1060

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www.staugbch.com

Building & Zoning.....	471-8758
City Attorney .....	495-0400
City Manager .....	471-2122
City Mayor .....	471-2122
Public Works.....	471-1119

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AT&T .....	800-288-2020
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Windstream Communications (Hastings).....	800-347-1991

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#### Jacksonville Area Legal Aid

– St. Johns County .....

– St. Johns County .....	827-9921
Jacksonville Bar Association.....	399-4486
Jacksonville Bar Association Lawyer Referral.....	399-5780

### LIBRARIES

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124 Sea Grove Main St. ....209-3730

#### Bartram Trail Branch

60 Davis Pond Blvd. ....827-6960

#### Hastings Branch

6195 S. Main St.....827-6970

#### Main Branch

1960 N. Ponce de León Blvd. ....827-6940

#### Ponte Vedra Beach Branch

101 Library Blvd.....827-6950

#### Southeast Branch

6670 U.S. 1 S. ....827-6900

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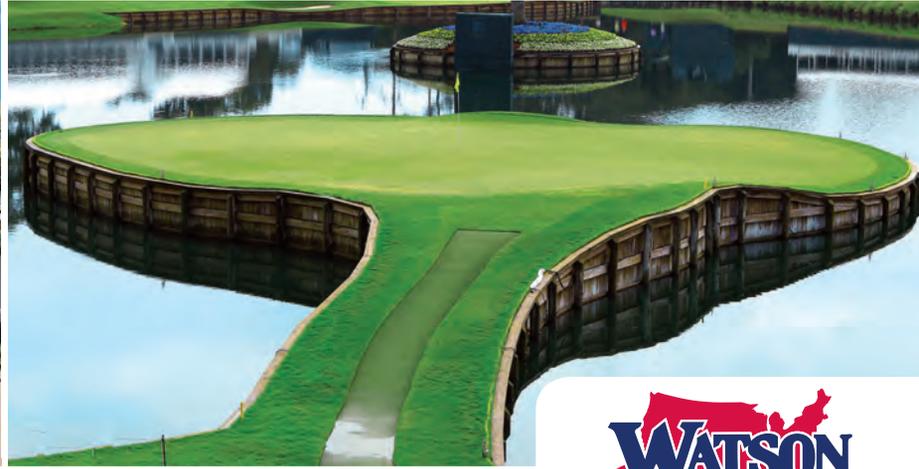
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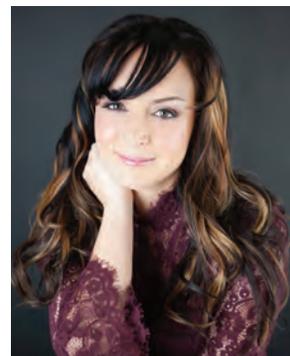
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112 Bartram Oaks Walk, Ste. 104..... 800-275-8777
- Ponte Vedra Beach*  
130 Corridor Rd.....543-8607
- St. Augustine*  
99 King St.....825-0628

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Greyhound Bus..... 800-231-2222
- Public Transportation*  
Sunshine Bus.....209-3716
- Trains*  
Amtrak.....766-5110  
Reservations ..... 800-872-7245

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- Hastings*  
Electricity  
Florida Power & Light..... 800-226-3545  
Garbage & Recycling  
Advanced Disposal Services .....695-0500  
Natural Gas  
TECO Peoples Gas.....739-1211  
Water & Sewer  
Hastings Water & Waste Water .....692-1520
- Julington Creek*  
Electricity  
Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA).....665-6000  
Garbage & Recycling  
Republic Services .....825-0991  
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**Hindu Society of North East Florida**  
268-7630  
4968 Greenland Rd.,  
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[www.bahaicommcenterjax.com](http://www.bahaicommcenterjax.com)

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Jacksonville  
[www.icnef.org](http://www.icnef.org)

**Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church**  
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Jacksonville  
[www.bbuuc.org](http://www.bbuuc.org)

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1974 Willesdon Dr. E.,  
Jacksonville  
[www.jacksonvillefriends.org](http://www.jacksonvillefriends.org)

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11625 Old St. Augustine Rd.,  
Jacksonville  
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**Jacksonville Zen Sangha Inc.**  
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**Karma Thegsum Chöling Jacksonville**  
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Jacksonville  
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396-3026  
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Jacksonville  
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**Maitreya Kadampa Buddhist Center**  
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Jacksonville

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Jacksonville  
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Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA).....	665-6000
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Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA).....	665-6000
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City of St. Augustine .....	825-1049
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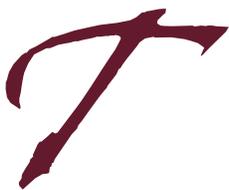
St. Augustine, photo by Justin Strosnider





# Real Estate Climate Check

By Mindy K. Urueta



he housing market in the Jacksonville area, despite nearly four years of appreciation, remains affordable with a stabilized inventory. New housing construction continues to grow, but has been outpaced by the sale of existing structures including both foreclosures and short sales.

According to Fortune Builders, as recently as 2013, homeowners were using more than 8 percent of their income to pay for their mortgage. Despite inflation and appreciation, that number has not increased dramatically in recent years. Currently, homeowners allocate 9.8 percent of their income to the monthly mortgage. Compared to the national average of 16.3 percent, Jacksonville is more affordable than most markets. Affordability, in association with a strong job sector, will likely continue to drive supply and demand in the region.

It is also worth noting that over the past four years, homes across the nation have been the beneficiaries of historically high appreciation rates. In fact, home values have nearly returned to their pre-recession levels. The Jacksonville housing market is no exception, providing many homeowners with significant equity during this time. According to the movoto.com, the average price of a home in the Jacksonville region is \$229,988. Despite historically high appreciation rates over the last three years, the current median home price in Jacksonville is still below the national average.

In addition, global real estate services firm, Cushman & Wakefield, recently released a study that shows home values in Northeast Florida in 2017 far outpace pre-recession level values. The study also found Florida's population grew by more than 1,000 people per day, a pace that has accelerated over the past year. Jobs are the No. 1 reason people are attracted to the state. This trend is driven, in part, by the economic challenges in Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico's population has

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION			
	JAX MSA	Florida	U.S.
<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$54,772</b>	<b>\$50,606</b>	<b>\$56,124</b>
<b>Average Household Income</b>	<b>\$76,601</b>	<b>\$72,632</b>	<b>\$80,675</b>
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$30,132</b>	<b>\$28,921</b>	<b>\$30,820</b>
<b>Total Number of Households</b>	<b>573,316</b>	<b>8,064,582</b>	<b>123,158,887</b>

(Source: ESRI 2017)

COST OF LIVING (National Average = 100)						
Composite:	Grocery:	Housing:	Utilities:	Transportation:	Health Care:	Misc Goods:
<b>93.2</b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>95.3</b>

(Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index, 2017Q2)

declined by 1.7 percent over the past year, with most exiting residents initially settling in Florida. Florida's population will reach 20.7 million by the end of the year. For reference, in 1910, the state had a population of 1 million people; by 1980 it had grown to 10 million.

The study analyzed population growth, employment levels, home values and retail sales activity in Florida's eight major markets: Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Lakeland (Polk County), Miami-Dade County, Orlando, Tampa-St. Petersburg and West Palm Beach. "The story with Jacksonville, like Orlando and Tampa, is jobs," said Chris Owen, Florida research manager for Cushman & Wakefield. "In addition, it is also the competitive pricing for housing in the northern

# Loan Application Checklist

You will need to provide the following information when submitting a loan application:

**Requisite Information:**

- Purchase contract for the house
- Legal description or survey of property
- Check to cover appraisal fee and cost of credit report
- Complete names, addresses and Social Security numbers of borrowers
- Previous addresses from the last two years
- Names and addresses of employer(s) from the last two years

**Photocopies of:**

- Driver's licenses
- Latest bank statements and pay stubs
- Last two years' W-2 forms or 1099s

**Name, Address and Account Numbers of:**

- Checking and savings accounts
- All credit cards with outstanding balances
- All other creditors

**Additional Information:**

- Other income information, such as rentals, alimony, child support, interest, dividends, trusts, etc.
- List of all assets: stocks, bonds, automobiles, household and personal property, cash value of life insurance, and other assets (campers, boats, valuable art, etc.)
- Photocopy of divorce decree (if applicable)
- Information and papers on prior foreclosures and/or bankruptcies (if any)
- Schedule of other real estate owned (if applicable)
- Evidence of mortgage/rental payments

San Marco house, photo by Stephanie Marty



part of the state compared to South Florida.” Unemployment in the Jacksonville area has dropped to less than 5 percent, including a rate of less than 4 percent in St. Johns County.

Jacksonville is the largest city in Florida, both in terms of population and sheer size. Therefore, positive trends in the real estate industry should be viewed as a big step for the entire state of Florida. Fortunately, Jacksonville has made significant improvements since the latest recession and experts expect both a strengthening job sector and increasing home values to continue for the foreseeable future. Jacksonville, despite the challenges presented by the state of the economy, is doing very well for itself.

## POPULATION

**JAX MSA** **1,489,388**

(Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns)

**JAXUSA Region** **1,671,273**

(Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam & St. Johns)

(Source: ESRI 2017)

## HOUSING DATA - JAX MSA

**New Home Price** (Based on 2,400 Sq. Feet) **\$263,502**

**Apartment Rent** (Based on 950 Sq. Feet, 2br) **\$1,168**

**Median Existing Single-Home Price** **\$232,500**

(Source: C2ER Cost of Living Study, 2017Q2; National Association of Realtors, 2017Q2)



# Facts & Figures

## BAKER COUNTY

Population, 2017 estimate ..... 28,042  
 American Indian and Alaska Native, 2013 ..... 0.4%  
 Asian, 2013 ..... 0.7%  
 Black, 2013 ..... 13.4%  
 Hispanic, 2013 ..... 2.3%  
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2013 ..... 0%  
 White, not Hispanic Origin, 2013 ..... 82.1%

Two or More Races, 2013 ..... 1.6%  
 High School Graduate, percentage of persons age 25+,  
 2009-2013 ..... 80.1%  
 Households, 2009-2013 ..... 8,216  
 Housing Units, 2014 ..... 9,620  
 Homeownership Rate, 2009-2013 ..... 79.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts

	Baker County	Clay County	Duval County	Nassau County	St. Johns County
Median Household Income	\$49,236	\$59,482	\$48,323	\$55,315	\$64,876
Less than \$10,000	5.9%	5.0%	8.5%	6.5%	5.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7.3%	3.4%	5.5%	3.8%	3.8%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	9.6%	8.8%	11.3%	8.0%	8.5%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10.5%	8.8%	11.5%	10.7%	8.7%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	17.6%	15.4%	14.7%	15.9%	12.1%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21.2%	20.8%	18.8%	18.2%	18.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	13.0%	14.9%	11.9%	13.9%	13.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10.2%	15.5%	11.1%	14.6%	15.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2.3%	4.3%	3.6%	4.6%	6.9%
\$200,000 or more	2.4%	3.2%	3.2%	3.9%	8.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: 2009-2013 American Community Survey - American Fact Finder

# First Coast



## Car Insurance

The mandatory minimum coverage for a registered motor vehicle is a \$10,000 personal injury protection (PIP) policy and a \$10,000 property damage liability (PDL) policy. The minimum coverage applies to all vehicles registered in the state of Florida, even if the vehicle is inoperable.

## Homestead Exemption

All legal Florida residents who own and reside on property are eligible for a homestead exemption up to \$50,000. This exemption applies to the first and third \$25,000 of the assessed value of the primary residence. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes, including school district taxes. The second exemption applies to assessed value over \$50,000 and only to non-school taxes. To apply for the exemption, residents should go to their local Property Appraiser's office between Jan. 1 and March 1 of the year the exemption is sought.

## Motor Vehicles

Within 10 days of becoming a Florida resident, all motor vehicles in your possession must be registered and have a Florida license plate. You are considered a Florida resident when you have become employed, placed your child in a public school or established residency in Florida.

## Property Taxes

On the First Coast, property taxes are due in March and are considered delinquent as of April 1. Discounts are given for property taxes paid in advance. The maximum discount offered is 4 percent and applies to taxes paid in November. Late taxes are subject to penalty.

## Termite Protection Contract

Due to Florida's termite problem, it is required by law that a pest control company provides proof after a termite protection treatment is performed on new homes in the form of a contract.

For new construction, this contract is valid for a year and can be renewed for up to four additional years. If buying an older home, it is recommended, but not mandatory by law, to have a termite inspection and obtain a termite contract.

## CLAY COUNTY

Population, 2017 estimate .....	209,524
American Indian and Alaska Native, 2013 .....	0.5%
Asian, 2013 .....	3.1%
Black, 2013 .....	10.6%
Hispanic, 2013 .....	8.7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2013 .....	0.1%
White, not Hispanic Origin, 2013 .....	75.5%
Two or More Races, 2013 .....	2.8%
High School Graduate, percentage of persons age 25+, 2009-2013.....	90.2%
Households, 2009-2013.....	67,805
Housing Units, 2014.....	77,439
Homeownership Rate, 2009-2013.....	76.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts

## DUVAL COUNTY

Population, 2017 estimate .....	932,755
American Indian and Alaska Native, 2013 .....	0.4%
Asian, 2013 .....	4.5%
Black, 2013 .....	30.0%
Hispanic, 2013 .....	8.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2013 .....	0.1%
White, not Hispanic Origin, 2013 .....	55.6%
Two or More Races, 2013 .....	2.6%
High School Graduate, percentage of persons age 25+, 2009-2013.....	87.9%
Households, 2009-2013.....	330,897
Housing Units, 2014.....	395,841
Homeownership Rate, 2009-2013.....	61.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts

## NASSAU COUNTY

Population, 2017 estimate .....	80,628
American Indian and Alaska Native, 2013 .....	0.5%
Asian, 2013 .....	1.0%
Black, 2013 .....	6.5%
Hispanic, 2013 .....	3.8%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2013 .....	0.1%
White, not Hispanic Origin, 2013 .....	87.2%
Two or More Races, 2013 .....	1.5%
High School Graduate, percentage of persons age 25+, 2009-2013.....	89.4%
Households, 2009-2013.....	28,044
Housing Units, 2014.....	35,972
Homeownership Rate, 2009-2013 .....	78.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts



Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Kelly Smith

### COUNTY POPULATIONS

County	Population	Annual Growth Rate (2017-2022)
<b>Baker</b>	<b>28,042</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>Clay</b>	<b>209,524</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Duval</b>	<b>932,755</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Flagler</b>	<b>108,166</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>Nassau</b>	<b>80,628</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Putnam</b>	<b>74,098</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
<b>St. Johns</b>	<b>238,439</b>	<b>3.2%</b>

(Source: ESRI 2017)

### TOTAL AREA

County	Square miles
<b>Baker</b>	<b>589</b>
<b>Clay</b>	<b>644</b>
<b>Duval</b>	<b>918</b>
<b>Flagler</b>	<b>571</b>
<b>Nassau</b>	<b>726</b>
<b>Putnam</b>	<b>827</b>
<b>St. Johns</b>	<b>822</b>

(Source: U.S. Census 2010)

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Population, 2017 estimate .....	238,439
American Indian and Alaska Native, 2013 .....	0.3%
Asian, 2013 .....	2.5%
Black, 2013 .....	5.7%
Hispanic, 2013 .....	5.8%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2013 .....	0.1%
White, not Hispanic Origin, 2013 .....	84.5%

Two or More Races, 2013 .....	1.7%
High School Graduate, percentage of persons age 25+, 2008-2012 .....	93.2%
Households, 2009-2013 .....	75,558
Housing Units, 2014 .....	96,900
Homeownership Rate, 2009-2013 .....	77.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts

## Driving Stats

#### Driving mileage from Jacksonville to other Florida cities:

Callahan .....	20
Clearwater .....	197
Daytona Beach .....	89
Fernandina Beach .....	33
Fort Lauderdale .....	319
Fort Myers .....	284
Gainesville .....	68
Key West .....	493
Miami .....	349
Naples .....	319
Ocala .....	94
Orlando .....	134
Pensacola .....	354
St. Augustine .....	39
Tallahassee .....	163
Tampa .....	188
West Palm Beach .....	277

#### Driving mileage from Jacksonville to other U.S. cities:

Atlanta .....	345
Boston .....	1,157
Chicago .....	1,103
Cincinnati .....	629
Dallas .....	905
Denver .....	1,750
Houston .....	807
Las Vegas .....	1,969
Los Angeles .....	2,418
New Orleans .....	545
New York .....	943
Philadelphia .....	761
Phoenix .....	1,789
Pittsburgh .....	704
San Francisco .....	2,862
Washington, D.C. ....	710

#### Commute times to downtown Jacksonville in minutes:

Amelia Island .....	41-45
Arlington .....	11-15
Atlantic Beach/Jacksonville Beach .....	36-40
Callahan .....	31-35
Deerwood/Baymeadows .....	21-25
Fernandina Beach .....	36-40
Fleming Island .....	36-40
Green Cove Springs .....	56-60
Intracoastal .....	26-35
Julington Creek/Fruit Cove .....	41-45
Macclenny .....	41-45
Mandarin .....	31-35
Mayport .....	46-50
Middleburg .....	41-45
Orange Park .....	41-45
Ponte Vedra Beach .....	36-45
Riverside .....	6-10
St. Augustine .....	31-50
San Marco .....	6-10
Southside .....	16-20
World Golf Village .....	36-40
Yulee .....	41-45

# Taxes

Florida does not impose personal income, inheritance or gift taxes.

The Intangible Personal Property Tax was repealed as of Jan. 1, 2007. Florida's sales tax is 6 percent. Some counties have an additional surtax. Baker, Clay, Duval and Nassau counties all have a surtax of 1 percent. St. Johns County has a .5 percent surtax.

The motor fuel tax rate in Baker, Clay and Nassau counties is 50.0 cents per gallon (cpg), including the federal tax of 18.4 cpg. The motor fuel tax rate in Duval and St. Johns counties is 49.0 cpg, including the federal tax of 18.4 cpg. Diesel fuel is 56.0 cpg, including the federal tax of 24.4 cpg in all five counties.

Complete information is available at the Florida Department of Revenue website, <http://dor.myflorida.com>.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### Taxpayer Service Center

Jacksonville Service Center  
921 N. Davis St., Ste. A-250  
Jacksonville, FL 32209 .....359-6070

### General Tax

Maria Johnson, Program Director  
General Tax Administration  
Florida Department of Revenue  
5050 W. Tennessee St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399 .....800-352-3671

### Property Tax

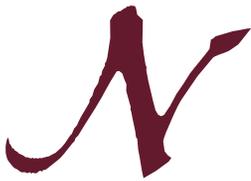
Maurice Gogarty, Program Director  
Property Tax Oversight  
Florida Department of Revenue  
P.O. Box 3000  
Tallahassee, FL 32315-3000 .....850-717-6570  
DORPTO@dor.state.fl.us



Florida is one of seven states in the U.S. with no personal income tax.



# WEATHER



ortheast Florida is home to gorgeous weather, meaning First Coasters can enjoy clear blue skies and balmy ocean breezes practically year-round. While summers can be hot, winters are typically mild, and the region enjoys a median temperature in the mid-70s. North Florida's subtropical climate offers residents an average

annual high of 78 F and an average annual low of 62 F. Residents can enjoy picturesque weather from November until April, with occasional showers during the summer. No need for snow plows and tire chains here!

However, the humid subtropical climate can lead to some of nature's most powerful storms including hurricanes, lightning storms and occasional tornadoes. The following information details what new residents need to know when stormy skies approach.

## HURRICANES

Hurricanes are potentially dangerous storms that form over the ocean. Hurricane season is from the beginning of June to the end of November, and although they are most common during these months, hurricanes can form throughout the year. By nature, hurricanes are most threatening to coastlines, and as a peninsula, Florida has three. Typically, Northeast Florida receives fewer hurricanes than other parts of the state because it is the most western point on the U.S. Eastern Seaboard.

### Weather Words to Remember:

**Tropical Disturbance:** originates in the tropics or subtropics and maintains an identity for 24 hours

**Tropical Depression:** maximum sustained wind speed of 38 mph

**Tropical Storm:** maximum sustained wind speeds of 39 to 73 mph

**Hurricane:** winds 74 mph and above

**Hurricane Watch:** hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours in or near the watch area

**Hurricane Warning:** hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours in or near the warning area

### Hurricane Categories:

When it comes to determining the category of a hurricane, meteorologists use the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. Keep in mind that this categorization scale does not determine other hurricane-related impacts such as storm surge, rainfall-induced floods or tornadoes. It does, however, help gauge the safety measures that must be taken to prepare before the hurricane makes landfall.

- 1: minimal; 74 to 95 mph winds
- 2: moderate; 96 to 110 mph winds
- 3: extensive; 111 to 129 mph winds
- 4: extreme; 130 to 156 mph winds
- 5: catastrophic; 157 mph and higher winds

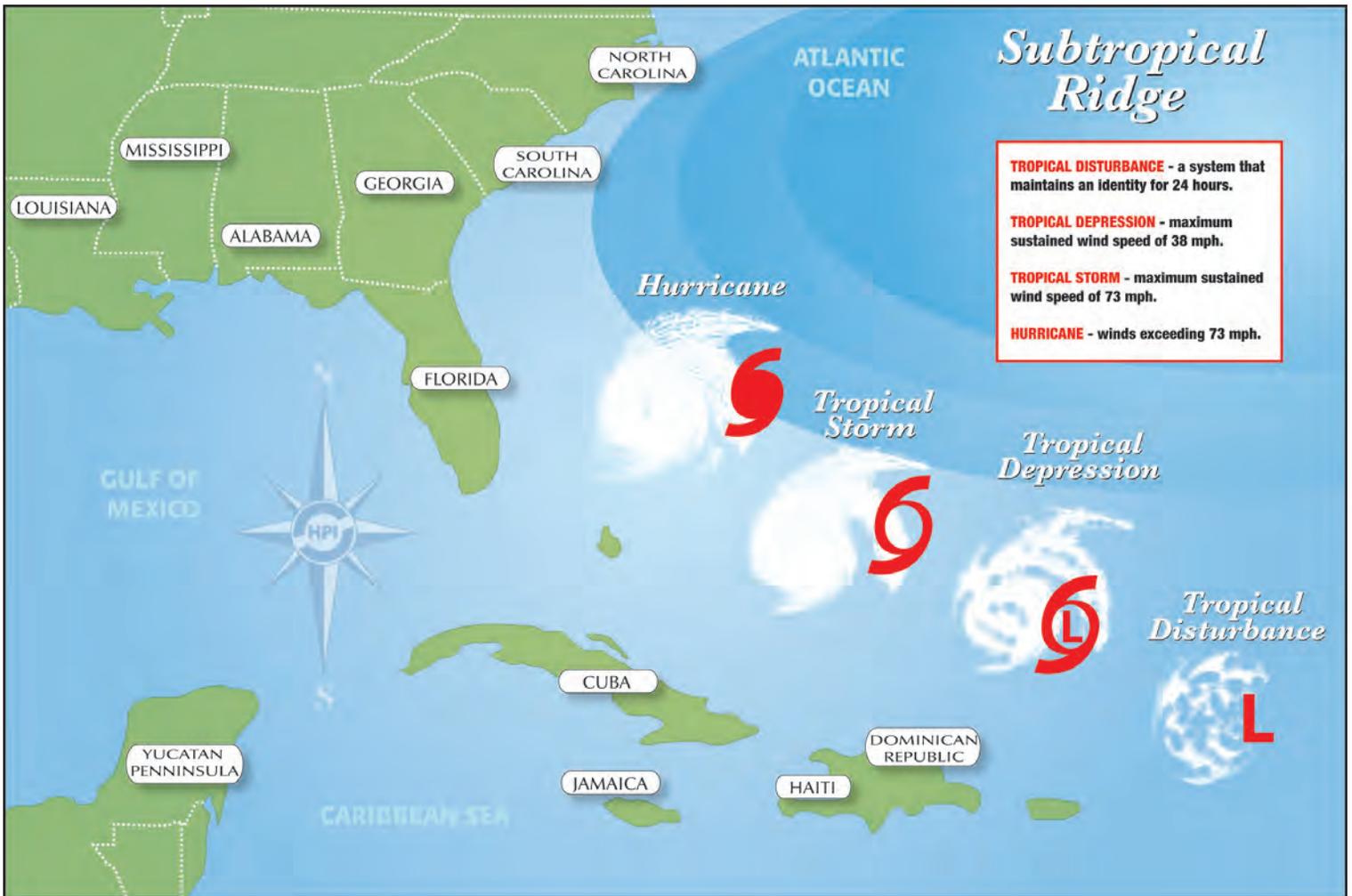
### Storm Preparations

Most natural disasters happen with little or no warning. Being prepared with emergency supplies and having a plan can help reduce the physical and emotional impact in the wake of a storm. Just as you prepare for your family, Northeast Florida counties provide an emergency management system to help the community.

### Emergency Management

Baker County.....	259-6111
Clay County.....	284-7703
Duval County.....	255-3110
Nassau County.....	548-0900
St. Johns County.....	824-5550

Before a storm develops, it is important to have a plan in place. Assemble a disaster supply kit and keep it in a place that can be easily accessed in case of evacuation. Make sure that all members of your family know where the kit is stored. In the event of an evacuation, have enough food and water for at least three days and have fuel in your car's gas tank.



Highways and roads may be closed during evacuation, so plan out multiple travel routes. Make sure you stay informed during the storm. A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio provides comprehensive 24-hour weather forecasts. The City of Jacksonville's website has a detailed map of storm surge zones and evacuation routes, if needed. Call the City of Jacksonville's Central Operations Department at 630-2489 or visit [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) for more information.

Protect your home by boarding up windows and glass doors or installing hurricane shutters. Check your yard for any loose objects such as patio furniture, plants, toys and lawn tools. Any objects that are outdoors and not secured may fly away in high winds.

Call your local emergency management or planning/zoning office to find out if you live in a potential flood zone. If so, consider stocking up on sand bags to keep water out of your home.

### LIGHTNING

Lightning is a major threat during a thunderstorm. Its unpredictability increases the risk to individuals and property. In a severe thunderstorm, it is best to be inside a sturdy building. When indoors, do not handle any electrical equipment because lightning can follow a wire. Also avoid bathtubs, sinks and faucets with metal pipes. If caught outdoors and no structure is available, avoid open areas that have trees, towers, power or telephone lines, and metal objects such as wire fences, bicycles or golf clubs. If in a car, pull onto the shoulder of a road, away from any trees that may fall on the vehicle and avoid any flooded roadways.

**TORNADOES**

Northeast Florida's tornadoes are not typically as powerful as the ones in the Midwest, but can still cause significant damage. Tornadoes can reach 300 mph with an average forward speed of 30 mph. Watch the skies and stay tuned to weather radio or television for information. If a tornado warning occurs, take shelter immediately. When inside a building or home, stay inside a smaller inner room with no windows such as a bathroom or closet. Crouch low on the floor and cover your head with your hands. Tornadoes can develop rapidly, so advanced warning isn't always possible. Always be aware of severe weather in your area.

**Weather Words to Remember:**

*Tornado Watch:* tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area

*Tornado Warning:* tornado sighted or indicated on radar

*Waterspout:* tornado that forms over warm water

AVERAGE HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURE (IN FAHRENHEIT)		
April 2016:	High: 80	Low: 52
May 2016:	High: 87	Low: 62
June 2016:	High: 91	Low: 69
July 2016:	High: 92	Low: 72
Aug. 2016:	High: 92	Low: 72
Sept. 2016:	High: 88	Low: 68
Oct. 2016:	High: 81	Low: 57
Nov. 2016:	High: 73	Low: 47
Dec. 2016:	High: 65	Low: 41
Jan. 2017:	High: 64	Low: 39
Feb. 2017:	High: 67	Low: 42
Mar. 2017:	High: 74	Low: 47

AVERAGE AMOUNT OF RAIN (IN INCHES)	
April 2016:	2.67
May 2016:	1.08
June 2016:	6.32
July 2016:	3.79
Aug. 2016:	8.65
Sept. 2016:	8.66
Oct. 2016:	0.20
Nov. 2016:	3.92
Dec. 2016:	0.56
Jan. 2017:	2.83
Feb. 2017:	4.82
Mar. 2017:	0.16

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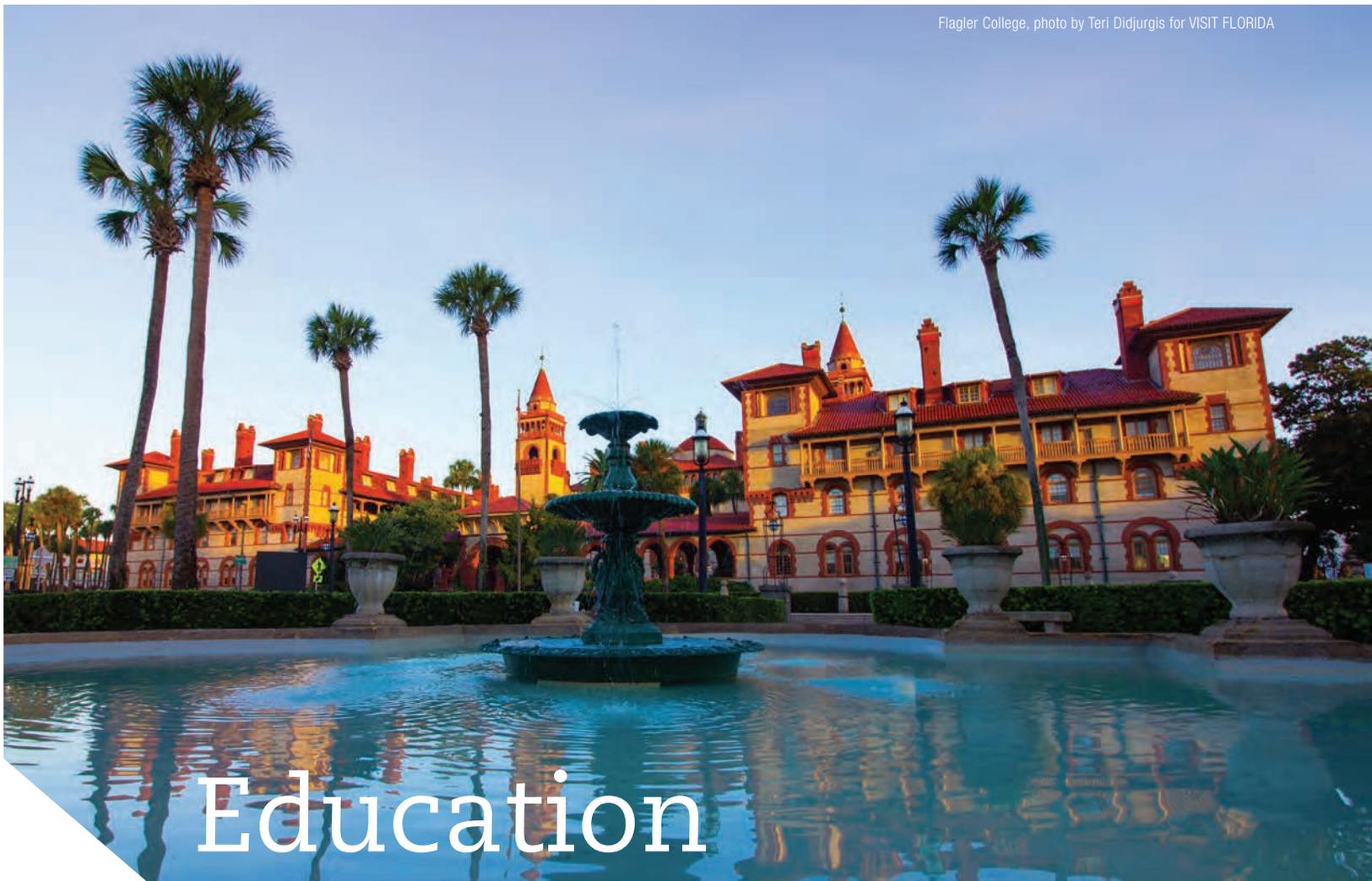
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Hurricane Irma  
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# Education



ur school systems are dedicated to providing students a solid education in a safe learning environment.

Thanks in part to the number of award-winning schools located on the First Coast, choosing one where your child will succeed is quite simple. Our public school systems are dedicated to providing students a solid education in a safe learning environment. Additionally, some counties offer the choice of a magnet, charter or alternative school, allowing children to learn in the best environment possible. There is also an array of outstanding private schools throughout the First Coast. For home-schooled students, there are several organizations in the state to support parent educators.

## REGISTRATION & IMMUNIZATION

To enroll a student in a Florida public school, a few requirements must be fulfilled. Florida law specifies that children who have turned 5 on or before Sept. 1 of the school year are eligible for admission to public kindergarten during that school year based on rules provided by the school board.

All children age 6, or who will turn 6 by Feb. 1 of any school year, are required to attend school regularly during the entire school term. Although Florida law does not provide a specific age requirement for enrollment to public first grade, it dictates that first grade enrollment be limited to students who turn 6 on or before Sept. 1, and who have successfully completed kindergarten; and out-of-state students who turn 6 years old after Sept. 1 who meet the age requirement for public kindergarten admission from the transferring state, and who have successfully completed kindergarten.

When a student turns 16, they are no longer required to attend school if they file the required formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment with the school district, and the declaration is signed by a parent or legal guardian.

When registering your child for school, you will need:

- Proof of age, including a certified birth certificate or other acceptable documentation
- A Florida Certificate of Immunization, Form 680 (blue card)
- Evidence of a medical exam completed no less than 12 months prior to the child's school entry date
- Official documentation that the parent(s) or guardian(s) is a legal resident(s) of the school district attendance area

If a student is transferring from an out-of-state public or nonpublic school, the parents must provide the following data to the school district prior to admission:

- Official documentation that the parent(s) or guardian(s) was a legal resident of the state in which the child was previously enrolled in school
- An official letter or transcript from proper school authority that shows record of attendance, academic information, and grade placement of the student
- Evidence of immunization against communicable diseases
- Evidence of a medical examination completed within the last 12 months

## SCHOOLS - NE Florida Region

<b>Public Schools:</b>	<b>335</b>
<b>K-12 Students:</b>	<b>240,000</b>
<b>Colleges and Universities:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Approximate College Enrollment:</b>	<b>63,000</b>

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

*(Highest Level of Education Completed by Population Age 25+)*

	JAX MSA	Florida	U.S.
<b>High School Graduate</b>	<b>23.4%</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>23.4%</b>
<b>Some College, No Degree</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>
<b>Associate's Degree</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>19.3%</b>
<b>Graduate/Prof. Degree</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

*(Source: ESRI 2017)*

The Florida Certificate of Immunization needs to be completed by a licensed Florida physician or a Florida county health department. County health departments generally offer free immunizations to those unable to afford them through a private physician. Exemptions may be provided for medical or religious reasons. The immunizations required are at minimum:

- Four or five doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP or DTaP) vaccine
- Three, four or five doses of polio (IPV or OPV) vaccine
- Two doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine
- Two or three doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Two doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine
- One dose of Haemophilus influenza type b (HIB) vaccine (for Pre-K entry)

*Note: Before entering seventh grade, your child must get a tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.*

### County Health Departments

Baker County .....	259-6291
Clay County.....	272-3177
Duval County (Immunization Center) .....	253-1420
Nassau County.....	530-6800
St. Johns County.....	209-3250

## FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENTS

The Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) in English Language Arts and in Mathematics serve to measure the progress and educational gains in students. Students in grades 5 and 8 also take the Statewide Science Assessment. The Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments are part of Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Strategic Plan for the purpose of increasing student achievement and improving college and career readiness. EOC Assessments are computer-based, criterion-referenced assessments that measure the NGSSS for specific courses, as outlined in their course descriptions. These assessments are offered for Biology 1, Civics and U.S. History. To learn more about Florida's assessment program, please visit [www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments](http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments). To view the information organized by subject and grade level, visit [www.cpalms.org](http://www.cpalms.org).

## HOME EDUCATION

Home schooling is a parent-directed education program that allows a child to learn at their own pace in the comfort of their home. Parents who home-school must comply with all the state statutes and regulations. Florida Statute 1002.41 requires that the district school superintendent is informed in writing that a child will be home-schooled 30 days prior to the intended start date. A parent must also keep a portfolio of records and materials, and provide an annual educational evaluation. For more information, visit the website of the Florida Parent-Educators Association, [www.fpea.com](http://www.fpea.com) or call 877-ASK-FPEA.

## MONTESSORI

The First Coast offers a selection of schools that provide Montessori education. This approach to learning encourages independence and freedom of choice within approved limits. The Montessori method moves alongside a child's natural development, with regards to social and psychological growth. Children are offered a hands-on style to education, and teachers are required to be specially trained in Montessori programs.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools have been an option in Florida's public education for more than a decade. These schools are publicly funded and were created to give parents and students more education choices. Some charter schools include themed learning approaches focusing on areas such as arts, sciences and technologies. Other charter schools provide services to special populations, such as students at risk of academic failure or students with disabilities. If you would like to learn more about the benefits of a charter school, please email [charterschools@fldoe.org](mailto:charterschools@fldoe.org).

## CHOICES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

There are a variety of postsecondary educational institutions located here on the First Coast. The following gives you a more detailed look at each of them.

### Agricultural, Technical and Specialized Colleges

Colleges focus on preparing students for specific careers in fields such as business, computer technology, cosmetology and seminary. They offer associate degrees, technical diplomas, apprenticeships and certificate programs. Some colleges even offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in certain vocational programs.

### Private Colleges and Universities

Private colleges and universities tend to be more expensive than public institutions due to their reliance on tuition, fees, endowments and other private sources for funding. Unlike public colleges and universities, private institutions are smaller and may offer a more personalized education. These institutions also have selective criteria for their admissions.

### Public/State Colleges and Universities

Public/state colleges and universities are less expensive, particularly for in-state residents, than private institutions. This is because they get most of their funding from the state government. Similar to private institutions, most have selective criteria for their admissions. Public institutions tend to provide more courses than private colleges and universities due to their larger size. Through the Florida College System, former community colleges now offer bachelor's degrees to provide the community with more education options.

## BAKER COUNTY

### Baker County School District

Superintendent: Sherrie Raulerson  
 392 South Blvd. E.  
 Macclenny, FL 32063 ..... 259-0401  
[www.baker.k12.fl.us](http://www.baker.k12.fl.us)

Baker County provides education to its residents with a Pre-K/ kindergarten center, two elementary schools, one intermediate school (fourth and fifth grades), one middle school and one high school. There is also a Family Service Center located at J. Franklyn Keller Intermediate School that offers a number of services for students and families. The Baker County Adult Education Center located on Minnesota Avenue has art and computer classes, academic instruction toward completing a high school education and college classes through distance learning. The Baker County School Board meets every first and third Monday at the District School Board Room, unless otherwise noted.

### FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Career and Adult Education ..... 259-0403  
 Exceptional Student Education ..... 259-7825  
 Family Service Center ..... 259-7871  
 Nutritional Services ..... 259-4330  
 Transportation Department ..... 259-2444

### EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Some Florida schools offer extended day programs to accommodate students who need care past regular school hours. In Baker County, the J. Franklyn Keller Intermediate School provides programs before and after school in its Family Service Center for students. For more information on extended day enrichment programs, please call 259-2315.

### HOME EDUCATION

For home schooling support in Baker County, contact the Florida Parent-Educators Association at [office@fpea.com](mailto:office@fpea.com) or 877-275-3732.

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

United Christian Academy ..... 259-1199

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### Elementary Schools

J. Franklyn Keller Intermediate ..... 259-4244  
 Macclenny Elementary ..... 259-2551  
 Westside Elementary ..... 259-2216

#### Middle Schools

Baker County Middle ..... 259-2226

#### High Schools

Baker County High ..... 259-6286

## CLAY COUNTY

### Clay County School District

Superintendent: Addison Davis  
 900 Walnut St.  
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 ..... 284-6500  
 272-8100 (Orange Park/Middleburg)  
 888-663-2529 (Keystone Heights)  
[www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net)

Clay County public schools have an excellent reputation for academic achievement. Students continually score above state and national levels on the ACT in the district's 42 schools. Those schools consist of 26 elementary schools, six junior high schools, seven high schools, a charter school, an alternative learning center, and a virtual school. The Clay County School Board meets on the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of November, at 7 p.m. at the Teacher In-Service Center on the Fleming Island High School campus, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., Orange Park.

### FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Adult and Community Education ..... 272-8170  
 Exceptional Student Education ..... 284-6509  
 Facility Planning and Construction ..... 529-4966  
 Maintenance ..... 284-6522  
 Operations ..... 284-6524  
 School Food Services ..... 284-6521  
 Transportation Department ..... 284-6523

### EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Care is offered for students at all elementary schools before and after school for a fee. The YMCA provides the service, known as "PrYme Time," as well as several private daycare centers. Check with your child's individual school for details or call the YMCA at 272-4304.

### HOME EDUCATION

For information on home schooling enrollment in Clay County, visit [www.claycountyhomeschool.weebly.com](http://www.claycountyhomeschool.weebly.com) or email [hscinfo@oneclay.net](mailto:hscinfo@oneclay.net).

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

American Heritage Academy ..... 269-2405  
[www.heritageministry.net](http://www.heritageministry.net)  
 Annunciation Catholic School ..... 282-0504  
[www.annunciationcatholic.org](http://www.annunciationcatholic.org)  
 Berean Christian Academy ..... 773-8404  
[www.theboreanbaptistchurch.com](http://www.theboreanbaptistchurch.com)  
 Broach School, The ..... 639-0300  
[www.broachschoool.com](http://www.broachschoool.com)  
 Calvary Christian Academy ..... 282-0407  
[www.calvarycares.net/CBC/Academy.html](http://www.calvarycares.net/CBC/Academy.html)  
 Center Academy – Orange Park ..... 276-3552  
[www.centeracademy.com](http://www.centeracademy.com)  
 Centerpoint Christian Academy ..... 291-1875  
 Christian Home Academy ..... 276-3339  
[www.christianhomeacademy.info](http://www.christianhomeacademy.info)  
 Citizen's High School ..... 276-1700  
[www.citizenshighschool.com](http://www.citizenshighschool.com)  
 Congregational Holiness Church School ..... 529-1798  
 Crossroads School ..... 625-6141  
[www.crossroadsschools.com](http://www.crossroadsschools.com)  
 Faith Christian Academy ..... 276-1300  
[www.fcaflorida.com](http://www.fcaflorida.com)  
 Grace Episcopal Day School ..... 269-3718  
[www.geds.net](http://www.geds.net)

All phone numbers are  
 in area code (904) unless  
 otherwise noted



Flagler College students, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA



UNF students in the lab, photo by Jennifer Grissom

HighPoint Christian Academy .....	272-7949
<a href="http://www.highpointchristianacademy.com">www.highpointchristianacademy.com</a>	
Keystone Christian Academy, Inc.....	352-639-0684
<a href="http://www.keystonechristianacademy.org">www.keystonechristianacademy.org</a>	
Mound Street Christian Academy .....	269-7248
<a href="http://www.msca.academy.com">www.msca.academy.com</a>	
Pinewood Christian Academy .....	272-6408
<a href="http://www.pcaknights.org">www.pcaknights.org</a>	
Russell Christian Academy .....	531-5058
<a href="http://www.russellchurch.com">www.russellchurch.com</a>	
St. Johns Country Day School.....	264-9572
<a href="http://www.jax.sjcds.net">www.jax.sjcds.net</a>	

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Elementary Schools**

Argyle .....	573-2357
Bannerman Learning Center.....	529-2100
Charles E. Bennett.....	336-0475
Clay Hill .....	289-7193
Clay Virtual Academy.....	529-4804
Coppergate.....	336-0675
Doctors Inlet .....	336-0975
Fleming Island .....	336-1075
Grove Park .....	336-1275
Keystone Heights .....	352-473-4844
Lake Asbury .....	336-1525
Lakeside.....	213-2966
McRae.....	352-473-5686
Middleburg .....	291-5485
Montclair .....	278-2030
Oakleaf Village .....	291-5458
Orange Park .....	278-2040
Paterson.....	336-2575
Plantation Oaks .....	214-7474
RideOut.....	291-5430
Ridgeview.....	213-5800
S. Bryan Jennings .....	336-3175
Shadowlawn.....	336-3375
Swimming Pen Creek .....	336-3475
Thunderbolt.....	336-3675
Tynes.....	336-3850
W.E. Cherry .....	336-3975
Wilkinson.....	336-4075

**Junior High Schools**

Bannerman Learning Center.....	529-2100
Clay Virtual Academy.....	529-4804
Green Cove Springs .....	336-5175
Keystone Heights .....	352-473-2761
Lake Asbury .....	291-5582
Lakeside.....	213-1800
Oakleaf .....	213-5500
Orange Park.....	278-2000
Wilkinson.....	291-5500

**High Schools**

Bannerman Learning Center.....	529-2100
Clay .....	529-3000
Clay Virtual Academy.....	529-4804
Fleming Island .....	541-2100
Keystone Heights .....	352-473-2761
Middleburg .....	213-2100
Oakleaf .....	213-1900
Orange Park.....	272-8110
Ridgeview.....	213-5203

**PROGRAMS FOR LEARNING DIFFERENCES**

Center Academy.....	276-3552
<a href="http://www.centeracademy.com">www.centeracademy.com</a>	
Lighthouse Christian School	
Middleburg .....	406-4866
Orange Park .....	272-2524
<a href="http://www.lighthousechristianschool.net">www.lighthousechristianschool.net</a>	
Seven Bridges School .....	269-7377
<a href="http://www.sevenbridgesschool.org">www.sevenbridgesschool.org</a>	
The G.I.F.T.ed Learning Center, Inc. ....	460-4623
<a href="http://www.thegiftedlearningcenter.com">www.thegiftedlearningcenter.com</a>	

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

Altierus Career College .....	264-9122
<a href="http://www.altierus.edu">www.altierus.edu</a>	
Fortis College .....	269-7086
<a href="http://www.fortis.edu">www.fortis.edu</a>	

**PUBLIC/STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

St. Johns River State College .....	276-6800
<a href="http://www.sjrstate.edu">www.sjrstate.edu</a>	



## DUVAL COUNTY

### Duval County Public Schools

Superintendent: Dr. Patricia Willis  
 1701 Prudential Dr.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 ..... 390-2000  
[www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org)

The schools in Duval County strive to provide the best possible education for their students. Duval County's public schools serve approximately 128,000 students at 101 elementary, two K-8, one K-6, 24 middle, two middle-senior and 19 high schools. There are additional options including exceptional student centers, alternative schools, a virtual academy and charter schools. The school district is the 20th largest school district in the nation and the 6th largest in Florida, and effectively manages the 198 schools. School Board meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 1701 Prudential Dr. in the first floor boardroom, unless otherwise indicated.

### DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' REGIONS

#### High School Region

Region Superintendent: Corey Wright  
 22100 W. 45th St.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32209 ..... 924-3722

#### Middle School Region

Region Superintendent: Jermaine Dawson  
 900 Acorn St.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32209 ..... 348-5308

#### Elementary

Region Superintendent: Sheree Cagle  
 4037 Boulevard Center Dr., Bldg. B, Ste. 110  
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 ..... 348-5306

#### Turnaround

Region Superintendent: Carolyn Davis  
 2100 W. 45th St.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32209 ..... 924-3722

#### Magnet/School Choice Region

Assistant Superintendent: Sharwonda Peek  
 1701 Prudential Dr.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 ..... 390-2438

#### Exceptional Centers

Executive Director: Gail Roberts  
 4037 Boulevard Center Dr.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 ..... 348-7800

### FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Communications .....	390-2126
Community Education .....	858-6080
Curriculum and Instruction.....	390-2377
Exceptional Education and Student Services.....	348-7800
Food Service .....	732-5145
Transportation Department .....	858-6200

### MAGNET PROGRAMS

With one of the nation's most successful magnet school programs, Duval County offers students an innovative form of public schooling. While students receive standard education, they are also invited to explore a special interest they may have, such as culinary arts or engineering. Admission is by application only and is available online. Magnet applications for students not currently enrolled in a Duval County public school are available in the School Choice/Magnet Programs Office, located in the Duval County School Board building. Call 390-2082 for additional information and application deadlines, or visit [www.duvalchoice.com](http://www.duvalchoice.com).

### EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

For the convenience of working parents, several elementary schools in the district offer safe, affordable care for students before and after school. The program provides educational enrichment, academic enhancement, recreational activities and tutoring. Hours of operation are from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Parents prepay monthly fees, with morning fees of \$52 per month, and \$100 per month for afternoon care.

### HOME EDUCATION

For information on home schooling in Duval County, please contact Michael McAuley at 390-2477, or at [mcauleym@duvalschools.org](mailto:mcauleym@duvalschools.org).

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Beaches Chapel School .....	241-4211	<a href="http://www.beacheschapelschool.com">www.beacheschapelschool.com</a>
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Atlantic Beach – 247-5924 298 Sherry Dr., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233	474	E, H, M, R, S, U, V	A, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S, T	Academy - Accelerated Learning and Leadership
Axson, J. Allen – 992-3600 4763 Sutton Park Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32224	583	E, H, R, S	A, C, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S, T	Magnet - Montessori, PreK (3-4 year olds, fee)
Chets Creek – 992-6390 13200 Chets Creek Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32224	1,313	E, G	A, H, M, MP, P	Academic and Arts Leadership
Finegan, Joseph – 247-5996 555 Wonderwood Dr., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233	411	H, M, S, V	A, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Integrating the Arts
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	Alternative Education
Jacksonville Beach – 247-5942 315 S. 10th St., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250	605	E, H, S	C, CP, MP, R, S, T, A	Magnet - Gifted and Academically Talented
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San Pablo – 247-5947 801 N. 18th Ave., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250	541	E, G	P	Magnet - Academic Enrichment through Science (Concentrating on Health and Fitness)
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**Duval-Beaches Public Schools - Middle School**

Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts & Clubs	Athletics	Themes
Fletcher, Duncan – 247-5929 2000 N. 3rd St., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250	1,356	S	A, B, C, CTE, F, H, M, MP, MT, T	Basic	Gifted and Talented; Information and Communication Technology
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
Mayport Coastal Sciences – 247-5977 2600 Mayport Rd., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233	858	S	A, B, CTE, CP, F, H, M, MP, T	Basic + PG	Magnet - Coastal Sciences: AVID

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Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts & Clubs	Athletics	JROTC	Themes
Fletcher, Duncan – 247-5905 700 Seagate Ave., Neptune Beach, FL 32266	2,050	ASL, F, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MP, MT, S, T	Basic + L	N/A	Cambridge Secondary 2/AICE, Information Technology, Digital Media (Web Development), Emerging Technology in Business, Law Studies, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle)
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
Marine Science Center – 247-5973 1347 Palmer St., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233	41	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Alternative Education - Overage Students, State Only Center Led By Qualified Fisheries Instructors

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Abess Park – 220-1260 12731 Abess Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32225	700	E, G, H, M, R, S, V	A, B, C, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, T	Arts at the Park - Infusing Arts with Academics
Arlington – 745-4900 1201 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32211	237	E, M	F, M, P, S	Critical Thinking through the Arts
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Biscayne – 714-4650 12230 Biscayne Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32218	715	E, H, M, R, S, V	A, C, CG, CP, D, M, MP, P, R, S	Academy of Performing Arts
Brewer, Don – 745-4990 3385 Hartsfield Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32277	527	E, G, H, M, R	A, C, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S, T	Acceleration in Mathematics
Carver, George W. – 924-3122 2854 W. 45th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	363	I, T, U, V	A, H, M, P	AVID - Foundational AVID Strategies Today
Daniels, R. V. – 630-6872 1951 W. 15th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	322	E, G, H, M, O, R, S	A, C, CP, H, M, MP, P, S	Magnet - Gifted and Academically Talented, IB
Dinsmore – 924-3126 7126 Civic Club Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32219	511	E, H, M, R, S, V	A, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Magnet - Academic Enrichment through Science
Evans, Saint Clair Academy – 924-3126 5443 Moncrief Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32209	378	G, H, M, O, S, U, V	A, C, CP, D, H, M, MP, P, S	Science Academy
Ford, John E. PreK-8 – 630-6540 1137 Cleveland St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	662	CAP, E, G, H, M, O, R, S	A, C, CP, D, F, H, M, MP, MT, P, R, S	Magnet - Montessori and Spanish Montessori
Fort Caroline – 745-4904 3925 Athore Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32277	613	E, H, I, O, R, S, U, V	C, CP, F, H, M, MP, P, R, S	World Language (Spanish)
Garden City – 924-3130 2814 Dunn Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32218	431	CAP, E, H, M, O, R, S	A, C, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Environmental Sciences - Nature
Highlands – 696-8754 1000 dePaul Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32218	462	CAP, E, R, V	MP, M, S, T	Acceleration in Mathematics
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	Alternative Education
Hull, Samuel A. – 924-3136 7528 Hull St., Jacksonville, FL 32219	278	E, H, V, U	B, D, MP, M, P, S, T, A	Broadcasting/Production Technology
Jefferson, Thomas – 693-7500 8233 Nevada St., Jacksonville, FL 32220	519	E, G, S	C, M, P, S, T, A	Magnet - Multiple Intelligence
King, Martin Luther – 924-3027 8801 Lake Placid Dr. E., Jacksonville, FL 32208	420	E, H, M, V	B, C, H, P, M, S, T, V	Magnet - Academics, Music Enrichment
Kite, Henry F. – 924-3031 9430 Lem Turner Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32208	221	E, G, M, S	D, M, P	Magnet - International Studies
Lake Forest – 924-3024 901 Kennard St., Jacksonville, FL 32208	379	H	C, CP, M, MT, P, S, T, A	Magnet - Visual and Performing Arts
Lake Lucina – 745-4916 6527 Merrill Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32277	375	E, G, H, V	C, MP, M, P, R	Arts Academy
Livingston, S. P. – 630-6580 1128 Barber St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	554	E, M, S, V	M, S, T, V	Early Learning Center - PreK-2nd Grade
Lone Star – 565-2711 10400 Lone Star Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32225	567	E, R, I, H, S	C, MP, P, M	Magnet - Math, Science and Technology
Mathis, Sallye B. – 924-3086 3501 Winton Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32208	455	E, R, H, M, V	C, M, MT, P, S, T, V	Magnet - Science, Technology, Pre-Engineering and Math
Merrill Road – 745-4919 8239 Merrill Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32277	588	E, H, V	C, CP, MP, M, P, S, T, V, S	Pre-IB and Primary Years Programme - Spanish
Mount Herman Exceptional Student Center – 630-6740 1741 Francis St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	150	N/A	A, H, M, P	PreK-12 - Exceptional Student Center
New Berlin – 714-4601 3613 New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32226	1,164	E, G, O, S	A, C, H, M, MP, P, T	Technology Academy
Oceanway – 696-8762 12555 Gillespie Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32218	611	E, H, S, V	C, A, P	Academy of Science
Parkwood Heights – 720-1670 1709 Lansdowne Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32211	345	C, H	M, P, S	International Studies with Spanish Resource
Payne, Rufus E. – 924-3020 6725 Hema Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32209	329	R, G, V	M, P	Magnet - Primary Years IB, Chinese, PITSCO STEM
Pearson, Rutledge H. – 924-3077 4346 Roanoke Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32208	279	E, R, H, M, O, U, V	CP, D, H, MP, M, P, R, S, A	K-6 Accelerated Academic Academy
Pine Estates – 696-8767 10741 Pine Estates Rd. E., Jacksonville, FL 32218	281	E, R, V	C, MP, M, A, P	Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math
Sabal Palm – 221-7169 1201 Kernan Blvd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32225	982	E	C, ORC, MP, R, P	Arts Academy - Music
San Mateo – 696-8750 600 Baisden Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32218	619	E, G, H	M, P	Magnet - Accelerated Academy of Learning

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Waterleaf – 565-8000 450 Kernan Blvd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32225	772	E, G, V	C, P	Honors Technology Academy
Woodland Acres – 720-1663 328 Bowlan St., Jacksonville, FL 32211	637	H, M, S, V	C, MP, P	Magnet - Medical Arts

## Duval-North Public Schools - Middle School

Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts & Clubs	Athletics	Themes
Arlington – 720-1680 8141 Lone Star Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211	814	S	B, H	Basic	Information Technology, Acceleration in Math; Pre-Early College
Butler, Eugene – 630-6900 900 Acorn St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	531	C, S	A, B, C, CP, D, G, H, M, T	Basic + PG	Young Men's & Women's Leadership Academy, PITSCO STEM
Ford, John E. PreK-8 – 630-6540 1137 Cleveland St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	662	S	A, C, CP, D, F, H, M, M, MT, R	PE	Magnet - Montessori and Spanish Montessori
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Highlands – 696-8771 10913 Pine Estates Rd. E., Jacksonville, FL 32218	834	S	A, B, CP, CTE, F, H, M, T	Basic	Aviation and Military Science, STEM
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
Landmark – 221-7125 101 Kernan Blvd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32225	1,534	S	A, B, C, CP, CTE, F, H, M	Basic	Honors Academy, Information & Communications Technology; Pre-Early College
Mount Herman Exceptional Student Center – 630-6740 1741 Francis St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	150	N/A	A, H, M	PE, Special Olympics	PreK-12/Transition Services - Exceptional Student Center
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Oceanway – 714-4680 143 Oceanway Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32218	959	S, F	A, B, C, CP, CTE, F, H, M, MP, T, O	Basic	Academy of Arts and Academic Acceleration; Pre-AP Honors; Information and Communications Technology; Computer Application in Business, STEAM
Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center – 693-7516 1301 Palm Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32254	156	N/A	A, H, M	PE, Special Olympics	Middle/High/Transition Services Exceptional Student Center

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First Coast – 757-0080 590 Duval Station Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32218	1,999	S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, L, T, M, MP, S, T	Basic	USN	AP/Honors, Information Technology, Digital Media, Aerospace Technology, Emerging Technology in Business, Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle), Logistics - Food Truck
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center – 693-7516 1301 Palm Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32254	156	N/A	A, CP, H, M, P, S	PE, Special Olympics	N/A	Middle/High/Transition Services Exceptional Student Center
Parker, Terry – 720-1650 7301 Parker School Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211	1,634	ASL, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, L, CTE, D, H, M, MP, MT, S, T	Basic	USN	IB Diploma Programme (Spanish/French), Culinary Arts, Academy - Coastal & Environmental Studies (ACES), Digital Video Production, Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle)
Paxon School for Advanced Studies – 693-7583 3239 Norman Thagard Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32254	1,501	C, F, L, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, G, H, M, MP, MT, ORC, S, T	Basic + L	USA	Magnet - International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, AP/Honors

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Name	Enrollment	Before/After School Programs	Fine Arts & Clubs	Themes
Bartram Springs – 260-5860 14799 Bartram Springs Pkwy., Jacksonville, FL 32258	980	E, G, H, S, R	A, B, C, CP, D, F, H, M, MP, MT, P, R, S, T	Academy of Academic Enrichment
Beauclerc – 739-5226 4555 Craven Rd. W., Jacksonville, FL 32257	802	CAP, E, G, H, M, R, S	A, C, F, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Dual Language and Leadership
Brookview – 565-2720 10450 Theresa Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32246	579	CAP, E, H, M, S	A, C, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Arts
Crown Point – 260-5808 3800 Crown Point Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257	821	E, G, H, M, R, S	A, C, CP, H, M, MP, P, S	Leadership Academy
Duval Virtual Instruction Academy – 390-2037 1701 Prudential Dr., Ste. 431, Jacksonville, FL 32207	305	N/A	A, F, H, M, P, T	K-12, Virtual Education
Englewood – 739-5280 4359 Spring Park Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	452	E, H, M, R, S	A, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Magnet - Academic Enrichment - Literacy and Technology
Greenfield – 739-5249 6343 Knights Ln. N., Jacksonville, FL 32216	540	E, G, M, O, R, S	C, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Magnet - STEM
Greenland Pines – 260-5450 5050 Greenland Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32258	803	E, G, H, M, R, S, V	A, C, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Instrumental Arts
Hendricks Avenue – 346-5610 3400 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32207	685	E, M, S	C, CP, H, MP, M, MT, R, S, P, T, A	French Academy
Hogan-Spring Glen – 720-1640 6736 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32216	354	CAP, E, S, V	MP, M, S, T, A	International Studies with Global Understanding
Holiday Hill – 720-1676 6900 Altama Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32216	581	E, M, S	M, MP, R, S, T, V	Magnet - Gifted and Academically Talented/Leadership
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	Alternative Education
Kernan Trail – 220-1310 2281 Kernan Blvd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32246	713	E, G, H, R, S	C, H, MP, M, C, P, S, T	STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics
Kings Trail – 739-5254 7401 Old Kings Rd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32217	408	S	C, CP, H, M, S, T, V	Elementary Leadership Academy
Loretto – 260-5800 3900 Loretto Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32223	1,039	E, G, S	B, C, CP, H, MP, M, G, P, R, S, A	Magnet - Technology
Love Grove – 720-1645 2446 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32216	213	E, R, G, H	CP, F, H, MP, M, P, R, S, A	Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math
Mandarin Oaks – 260-5820 10600 Hornets Nest Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257	1,051	E, R, G, H, M, S	CP, D, F, H, MP, M, P, R, S, A	Accelerated Learning Program
Pine Forest – 346-5600 3929 Grant Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	436	E	A, C, D, M, MT, ORC, P	Magnet - Visual and Performing Arts
San Jose – 739-5260 5805 St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	794	CAP, E, V	MP, T, S, P	Magnet - Dual Language (Spanish)
Southside Estates – 565-2706 9775 Ivey Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32246	509	E, G, H, V	C, T, S, P	Academic Enrichment - Science and Technology
Spring Park – 346-5640 2250 Spring Park Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	467	E, M, S, V	S, P	Magnet - IB Primary Years Programme (Spanish)
Twin Lakes Academy – 538-0238 8000 Point Meadows Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32256	853	E, R, G, M, S, V	CP, MP, M, R, S, T, A, P	Leadership and Technology Academy
Windy Hill – 565-2700 3831 Forest Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32246	572	E, G, V	P	Magnet - Leadership Through Project-Based Technology

## Duval-South Public Schools - Middle School

Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts & Clubs	Athletics	Themes
Alden Road Exceptional Student Center – 565-2722 11780 Alden Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32246	188	N/A	A, D, M, H, SC	PE, Special Olympics	Middle/High/Transition Services Exceptional Student Center
duPont, Alfred I. – 739-5200 2710 duPont Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32217	853	S, F, C	A, C, CP, D, H, M, S, T	Basic + PG	Computer Applications - Business, Dual Language (Spanish); Pre-Early College; International Business and World Language Academy
Duval Virtual Instruction Academy – 390-2037 1701 Prudential Dr., Ste. 431 Jacksonville, FL 32207	305	S	F, H, T	N/A	K-12, Virtual Education
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
Kernan – 220-1350 2271 Kernan Blvd. S. Jacksonville, FL 32246	1,153	S	A, B, C, CTE, F, H, MT	Basic	Computer Applications - Business, Arts Academy; Pre-Early College; Information and Communications Technology
Landon – 346-5650 1819 Thacker Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32207	758	S	A, B, C, CP, F, H, M, SP, T	Basic	Magnet - College Preparatory, Gifted & Academy



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Mandarin – 292-0555 5100 Hood Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32257	1,480	C, S	A, B, C, CP, CTE, F, H, M, MP, MT, T	Basic	Honors Academy, Computer Applications - Business; Information and Communications Technology; Journalism; TV Production; AVID, GATE
Southside – 739-5238 2948 Knights Ln. E. Jacksonville, FL 32216	847	S	A, B, C, F, H, M	Basic + PG	Magnet - IB Middle Years Programme (Spanish); Pre-Early College; Technology Studies; PITSCO STEM
Twin Lakes Academy – 538-0825 8050 Point Meadows Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32256	1,215	S	A, B, C, CP, CTE, G, H, MP, MT, ORC, T	Basic	Pre AP Honors, Information & Communications Technology; Pre-Early College; Computer Application in Business; Intro to Technology; CTE/STEM Lab

## Duval-South Public Schools - High School

Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts & Clubs	Athletics	JROTC	Themes
Alden Road Exceptional Student Center – 565-2722 11780 Alden Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32246	188	N/A	A, CP, D, CG, H, M, P, S	PE, Special Olympics	N/A	Middle/High/Transition Services Exceptional Student Center
Anderson, Douglas School of the Arts – 346-5620 2445 San Diego Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	1,139	F, G, I, L, S	A, B, CP, D, G, H, M, MP, MT, ORC	PE	N/A	Magnet - School of the Arts
Atlantic Coast – 538-5120 9735 R.G. Skinner Pkwy., Jacksonville, FL 32256	2,377	ASL, S, L	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, G, H, M, MT, MP, ORC, T	Basic + L, Special Olympics	N/A	AP/Honors, Information Technology, Digital Media (Web Design, IT, Photography, TV Production), Commercial Art Technology
Duval Virtual Instruction Academy – 390-2037 1701 Prudential Dr., Ste. 431, Jacksonville, FL 32207	305	C, F, G, L, S	CP, CTE, L, M, S, H, T	PE	N/A	K-12, Virtual Education
Englewood – 739-5212 4412 Barnes Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	1,870	A, F, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MT, MP, S, T	Basic	USA	Early College (AS, AA), Promo Enterprise, Journalism, TV Production, ESOL Newcomers, Building Construction, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle and Edward Waters)
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
Mandarin – 260-3911 4831 Greenland Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32258	2,601	ASL, C, F, L, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, L, M, MP, MT, P, S, T	Basic + L	USN	Magnet - Cambridge Secondary 2/AICE, Information Technology (Web Development), Culinary Arts, Medical Studies - Food Truck, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle)
Sandalwood – 646-5100 2750 John Prom Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32246	2,849	ASL, F, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, L, M, MT, S, T, ORC, SC	Basic + L	USAF	Early College, Applied Information Technology Career Academy, Culinary Arts, AVID, Military Science, and Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle)
Wolfson, Samuel W. – 739-5265 7000 Powers Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32217	795	L, S	A, B, C, CTE, CG, CP, H, M, MP, MT, T	Basic	USA	Magnet - Business/Finance/Law, IB Diploma, VyStar, Army JROTC, Information Technology, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle)



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Bayview – 381-3920 3257 Lake Shore Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	413	E, I, H, M	A, CP, M, MP, P, S, T	Science Technology and Leadership
Brentwood – 630-6630 3750 Springfield Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32206	311	E, G, H, M, R, S, V	A, D, M, MP, MT, P, S	Magnet - Visual and Performing Arts
Bridge to Success Academy at West Jacksonville – 630-6592 2115 Commonwealth Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209	725	H, U	CP, H, P	Bridge to Success Academy
Brown, Richard L. – 630-6570 1535 Milnor St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	351	E, R	A, F, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Magnet - Gifted and Academically Talented
Cedar Hills – 573-1050 6534 Ish Brant Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	535	CAP, M, S	A, M, MP, P, R, S	AVID Strategies
Central Riverside – 381-7495 2555 Gilmore St., Jacksonville, FL 32204	363	CAP, E, H, M, R, S	A, ASL, D, F, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Magnet - Gifted and Academically Talented
Chaffee Trail – 693-7510 11400 Sam Caruso Way, Jacksonville, FL 32221	742	E, H, R, S	A, C, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Information Technology - Communications
Chimney Lakes – 573-1100 9353 Staples Mill Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32244	1,051	E, G, H, R, S	A, C, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Magnet - International Studies
Crystal Springs – 693-7645 1200 Hammond Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32221	1,087	CAP, E, H, M, R, S, V	A, CP, D, H, M, MP, MT, P, R, S	FUNDamental Academy - Business
Enterprise Learning Academy – 573-3260 8085 Old Middleburg Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32222	844	E, H, R, S, V	A, C, CP, G, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Project Based Technology (Digital Media)
Fishweir – 381-3910 3977 Herschel St., Jacksonville, FL 32205	450	E, G, H, M, R	A, B, C, CP, D, H, M, MP, MT, P, S	Magnet - Visual and Performing Arts
GRASP Academy – 630-6570 1535 Milnor St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	335	E, H, M, R, S	A, B, CP, H, M, MP, MT, P, R, S	Academy - Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia
Gregory Drive – 573-1190 7800 Gregory Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32210	643	E, H, M, R, S	A, CP, D, H, M, MP, P, R, S	Academy of Math, Science and Technology
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	Alternative Education
Hyde Grove – 693-7562 2056 Lane Ave. S., Jacksonville, FL 32210	521	H, M, R, V	A, C, CP, D, H, M, S	Early Learning Center - PreK-2nd Grade
Hyde Park – 381-3950 5300 Park St., Jacksonville, FL 32205	339	CAP, M, O, R, S, U	A, C, CG, CP, H, M, MP, P, S	3rd-6th Grade
Jackson, Stonewall – 573-1020 6127 Cedar Hills Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	267	E, H, M, R	A, CP, H, M, MP, P, R, S, T	Academy of Science Acceleration
Jacksonville Heights – 573-1120 7750 Tempest St. S., Jacksonville, FL 32244	717	CAP, E, H, M, O, R, S, U	A, C, CP, H, M, MP, MT, P, R, S	Technology Academy
Jones, Mamie Agnes – 266-1214 700 Orange Ave., Baldwin, FL 32234	362	E, S, V	C, M, P, S, T, V	Character Education/Leadership
Long Branch – 630-6620 3723 Franklin St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	172	G, U	A, T, M, P	3-6 Grade; Visual and Performing Arts with Technology
Love, John – 630-6790 1531 Winthrop St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	213	H, U, V	A, H, M, P	Early Learning Center - PreK-2nd Grade
Morgan, Annie R. – 381-3970 964 Saint Clair St., Jacksonville, FL 32254	375	H, I, O, U, V	A, H, M, MP, P	Leadership and Performing Arts
Normandy Village – 693-7548 8257 Herlong Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	500	S, U, V	M, P, S, T, V	Montessori Academy
North Shore – 924-3081 5701 Silver Plaza, Jacksonville, FL 32208	703	U	B, CP, M, P, S, T, A	Magnet - Academic Enrichment through Science (Health, Nutrition, Fitness)
Oak Hill Academy – 573-1030 6910 Daughtry Blvd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32210	175	E, V	D, M, A, P	Autism Lab
Ortega – 381-7460 4010 Baltic St., Jacksonville, FL 32210	342	E, R, G, H, S	B, C, M, R, S, A, P	Magnet - Museum Studies
Pickett – 693-7555 6305 Old Kings Rd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32254	229	S	C, MP, M, R, P	K-6 Leadership and Character Education Academy

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Pinedale – 381-7490 4229 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32254	492	V	A, C, H, M, P, R	Math, Science, and Pre-Engineering
Ramona Boulevard – 693-7576 5540 Ramona Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32205	403	G, E, S	A, P	Leadership and Logistics
Reynolds Lane – 381-3960 840 Reynolds Ln., Jacksonville, FL 32254	345	R, H, V	M, P, S	World Language (Spanish)
Robinson, Andrew A. – 630-6550 101 W. 12th St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	704	E, R, I, H, M, S, V	D, MP, M, R, C, T, P	Magnet - Math, Science and Pre-Engineering
Stockton, John N. C. – 381-3955 4827 Carlisle Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	474	E	P	Math, Science, and Technology
Tillis, Sadie T. – 573-1090 6084 Morse Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32244	482	E, R	CP, M, T, P	Academy of Math, Science and Technology
Timucuan – 573-1130 5429 110th St., Jacksonville, FL 32244	598	E, M, G	A, M, S, MP, P	Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Leadership
Upton, Ruth N. – 381-7485 1090 Dancy St., Jacksonville, FL 32205	453	CAP, E, G, S, V	C, P	Arts and Digital Media
Venetia – 381-3990 4300 Timuquana Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	447	E, G, V	CP, R, P	Medical Arts
West Riverside – 381-3900 2801 Herschel St., Jacksonville, FL 32205	317	E, S, V	S, P	Dual Language - Spanish
Westview K-8 – 573-1082 5270 Connie Jean Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	1,254	E, G, H, M, S	B, C, CTE, CP, H, MP, M, S, P	Environmental Studies and Culinary Gardening
Whitehouse – 693-7542 11160 General Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32220	468	E	MP, A, P, M	Academy of Science
Woodson, Carter G. – 924-3004 2334 Butler Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209	427	E, S, V	C, M, P	Magnet - Medical Arts

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Baldwin Middle - High School – 266-1200 291 Mill St. W., Baldwin, FL 32234	1,211	S	A, B, CTE, CG, CP, H, M, MP, MT, O, S	Basic	Pre-Honors, EXCITE, Information Technology
Bridge to Success at West Jacksonville – 630-6592 2115 Commonwealth Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209	725	N/A	N/A	N/A	Alternative Education - Overage Students
Darnell-Cookman – 630-6805 1701 Davis St. N., Jacksonville, FL 32209	1,045	L, S	A, C, CP, H, MT, S, T	Basic	Magnet - School of Medical Arts
Davis, Jefferson – 573-1060 7050 Melvin Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	860	S	B, C, D, F, H, S	PE	Cambridge Secondary 1, AVID; Pre-Early College; PITSCO STEM
Gilbert, Matthew – 630-6700 1424 Franklin St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	435	S	CP, CTE, D, F, H	Basic	Magnet - Middle Years Exploration, PITSCO STEM, Technology
Grand Park Career Center – 630-6894 2335 W. 18th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	99	N/A	N/A	PE	Alternative Education - Core Subjects
GRASP Academy – 630-6570 1535 Milnor St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	335	N/A	A, B, CP, H, M, MP, MT, P, R, S	Basic	Academy - Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
Johnson, James Weldon – 693-7600 3276 Norman Thagard Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32254	999	C, F, S	E, H, S, B, C, D, H, P, T, V	Basic + PG, L	Magnet - Gifted and Academically Talented
Kirby-Smith – 630-6600 2034 Hubbard St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	860	S	F, H, G, T	Basic	Magnet - Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
Lake Shore – 381-7440 2519 Bayview Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	1,221	S	A,B,CP,H,M, MT	Basic	Magnet - IB Middle Years Programme (Spanish); Pre-Early College; Technology; AVID
LaVilla School of the Arts – 633-6069 501 Davis St. N., Jacksonville, FL 32202	1,017	N/A	A, B, C, D, G, H, M, MT, MP, O, ORC, T	PE	Magnet - School of the Art
Mattie V. Rutherford Alternative Education Center – 630-6782 1514 Hubbard St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	76	N/A	N/A	N/A	Alternative Education - Core Subjects
Ribault, Jean – 924-3062 3610 Ribault Scenic Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32208	740	F	A, B, C, CP, CTE, H, M, T	Basic	Magnet - Technology, Early High School (Math, Chinese, Science)
Stilwell, Joseph – 693-7523 7840 Burma Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32221	773	S	A, CG, CP, F, H, T	Basic	Magnet - Military Academy, PITSCO, STEM
Stuart, J.E.B. – 573-1000 4815 Wesconnett Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	627	S	A,B,CTE, CP,F,H,M,MP,T	Basic	Technology, Early High School (Math, Chinese, Science); Pre-Early College
Westview K-8 – 573-1082 5270 Connie Jean Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	1,254	S	A, B, C, CP, H, M, MP, R	PE	Environmental I Studies and Culinary Gardening; Cambridge Secondary I

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Baldwin Middle - High School – 266-1200 291 Mill St. W., Baldwin, FL 32234	1,211	S	A, B, CG, CP, CTE, D, G, H, M, S, T	Basic	N/A	AP Capstone Diploma Program, Digital Media STEM Program, Drone Aviation - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle)
Bridge to Success at West Jacksonville – 630-6592 2115 Commonwealth Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209	725	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Alternative Education - Overage Students
Darnell-Cookman – 630-6805 1701 Davis St. N., Jacksonville, FL 32209	1,045	L, S	A, C, CP, H, MT, S, T	Basic	N/A	Magnet - School of Medical Arts
Grand Park Career Center – 630-6894 2335 W. 18th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	99	S	H	PE	N/A	Alternative Education - Graduation Initiative River Region Services, Gateway Services
Hospital Homebound	91	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
Jackson, Andrew – 630-6950 3816 Main St. N., Jacksonville, FL 32206	451	S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MP, S, T	Basic	USAF	Magnet - Cybersecurity, Gaming, Health Sciences Academy, Biomedical, Information Technology, Leadership and Entrepreneurship, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle), Sports Broadcasting, Marketing and Medicine
Lee, Robert E. – 381-3930 1200 McDuff Ave. S., Jacksonville, FL 32205	1,918	G, S, L	A, B, C, CG, CP, D, H, M, MT, S	Basic + L	USN	Magnet - Science, Engineering Academy, Early College, Engineering Pathways, Logistics/Supply Chain, Culinary Arts, Digital Media, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle)
Mattie V. Rutherford Alternative Education Center – 630-6782 1514 Hubbard St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	76	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Alternative Education - Core Subjects
Mount Herman Exceptional Student Center – 630-6740 1741 Francis St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	150	N/A	A, CP, H, M, P, S	PE, Special Olympics	N/A	PreK-12/Transition Services - Exceptional Student Center
Peterson, Frank H. Academies of Technology – 573-1150 7450 Wilson Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	1,186	S	A, CP, CTE, D, G, H, L, P, S, T	Basic	N/A	Magnet - Academies/Career Technology, AP/Honors, Agriscience, Automotive, Aviation, Communications, Cosmetology, Culinary, Early Childhood, Robotics
Raines, William M. – 924-3049 3663 Raines Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209	1,357	C, S	A, B, C, CP, CG, CTE, D, H, L, M, MT, P, S, T	Basic	USN, USA	Cambridge Secondary 2/AICE, Information Technology, Visual/Performing Arts (Dance), Culinary Arts - Food Truck, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle)
Randolph, A. Philip Academies of Technology – 924-3011 1157 Goffair Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32209	415	S	CP, CTE, H, T	Basic	N/A	Magnet - Academies, Career Technology, AP/Honors, Dual Enrollment, Construction, Cosmetology, Electrical, Fire & Rescue, HVAC, Plumbing, Public Safety, Health, Information Technology
Ribault, Jean – 924-3092 3701 Winton Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32208	1,483	C, L, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MP, T	Basic	USMC	Magnet - MJROTC, Secondary 2/Early College, Finance Academy, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle, EWC, FSCJ)
Stanton College Preparatory School – 630-6760 1149 W. 13th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	1,531	C, F, L, S	A, B, C, CP, CG, D, G, H, MP, MT, S, T	Basic + L	N/A	Magnet - International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, AP/Honors
Westside High School – 573-1170 5530 Firestone Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32244	1,596	S, ASL	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, L, M, MT, T	Basic	USAF	Cambridge Secondary 2/AICE, Information Technology (Web Development), Culinary Arts, Emerging Technology, Logistics/Supply Chain, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle)
White, Edward H. – 693-7620 1700 Old Middleburg Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	1,320	ASL, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, H, T	Basic	USN	IB Diploma Programme (Spanish), Information Technology, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle), Business - Food Truck

<b>Abbreviations Key</b>	
<b>Athletics</b>	
Basic = all of the following	Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Fast Pitch Softball, Flag Football, Golf, Physical Education, Soccer, Slow Pitch Softball, Swimming, Tackle Football, Track, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling
Pilot Golf	PG
Lacrosse	L
Physical Education Only	PE
<b>Before and After School Programs</b>	
Cathedral Arts	CAP
Extended Day	E
Enrichment	R
Extra-Hour Reading Initiative	I
Girls on the Run	G
Homework Assistance & Tutoring	H
Mentoring	M
Other (city program)	O
School Clubs	S
TEAM UP	U
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten	V
<b>Fine Arts &amp; Clubs</b>	
Band	B
Chorus	C
Career Technical Education/Academies	CTE
Color Guard	CG
Computers	CP
Culinary	L
Dance	D
Foreign Language	F
Health Education	H
Media Programs/TV	MP
Music	M
Musical Theatre/Drama	MT
Other	O
Orchestra	ORC
Photography/Film	G
Physical Education	P
Recorders	R
Sign Choir	SC
Speech	S
Technology	T
Visual Arts	A
<b>Foreign Languages</b>	
Arabic	A
American Sign Language	ASL
Chinese	C
French	F
German	G
Italian	I
Latin	L
Portuguese	P
Spanish	S



# River City Science Academy Nurtures Academic Excellence

Since 2007, River City Science Academy (RCSA) has been at the vanguard of Duval County charter schools, offering a private school atmosphere in a tuition-free public school setting.

Living up to its reputation for nurturing academic achievement by challenging students to excel, RCSA is the first Duval County charter school to receive an “A” grade and to be named a high-performing charter school by the Florida Department of Education.

Among RCSA’s many honors are full accreditation as a quality school by AdvancED (formerly the Council on Accreditation and School Improvement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) and recognition as a Florida service-learning leader school by Florida Learn & Serve.

Offering an innovative science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum focus, River City Science Academy serves over 2,500 students from kindergarten through 12th grade at four campuses across Jacksonville.

## COLLABORATIVE LEARNING TRANSCENDS THE CLASSROOM

“River City Science Academy provides an unrivaled, collaborative learning experience in a safe, secure, welcoming family environment,” says Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, RCSA’s executive director, who applies his degree in educational psychology and learning systems from Florida State University as well as experience as a program specialist in Leon County. “With freedom and flexibility to be creative, RCSA’s dedicated staff believes learning goes beyond classroom walls,” Dr. Tozoglu adds,

noting that faculty members lead a full spectrum of extracurricular activities from sports to television production to robotics. Students have the opportunity to participate in trips as far as Washington, D.C. and New York and compete in numerous local, state and regional academic contests.

RCSA student teams have taken top honors in state and regional Science Olympiads, even becoming the champion among all elementary schools in Florida. RCSA also hosts these competitions as well as signature public events like the STEM and Health Expo. In addition, RCSA has produced winners in Academic WorldQuest, Math League, Math Counts and History Fair events.

Students are devoted to community service, giving back through the National Honor Society and Interact Club. Students participate annually in the PeaceJam conference at Florida State University where they are able to interact and learn from Nobel laureates.

As a key participant in the newly formed Northeast Florida Regional STEM2 Hub, River City Science Academy is accelerating growth of leading-edge initiatives and encouraging students throughout the region to choose STEM-oriented career paths.

## RCSA STUDENTS PREPARE FOR COLLEGE AND BEYOND

RCSA is committed to preparing its students for college and to become tomorrow’s leaders in the world.

Beginning in sixth grade, students are eligible to take part in RCSA’s college mentorship program (CMP). They are matched with a mentor who helps them navigate a path from middle school to the college of their choice.

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River City Science Academy (RCSA) is a tuition-free Duval County public charter school located in Jacksonville with a focus in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). RCSA is an A school and recognized as a high performing charter school by the FL Department of Education.



## 4 LOCATIONS

**RCSA Elementary**  
Enrolling K-5  
7450 Beach Blvd. (904)855-8010

**RCSA Middle-High**  
Enrolling 6-12  
7555 Beach Blvd. (904)855-8010

**RCSA Mandarin**  
Enrolling K-8  
10911 Old St. Augustine Rd.  
(904)855-8010

**RCSA INNOVATION**  
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“With freedom and flexibility to be creative, RCSA’s dedicated staff believes learning goes beyond classroom walls.”

Opportunities to earn college credits while at RCSA are available through Advance Placement (AP) classes and a dual enrollment program with Florida State College at Jacksonville.

With a graduation rate of over 90%, RCSA is pleased that many of its students earn college scholarships and gain admission to some of the nation’s most prestigious universities.

Application for enrollment at RCSA is open to all Duval County residents. Applications and information on school tours can be found online at [www.rivercityscience.org](http://www.rivercityscience.org). Parents may also call 904-855-8010 with questions, to schedule a tour or an opportunity to shadow current students.

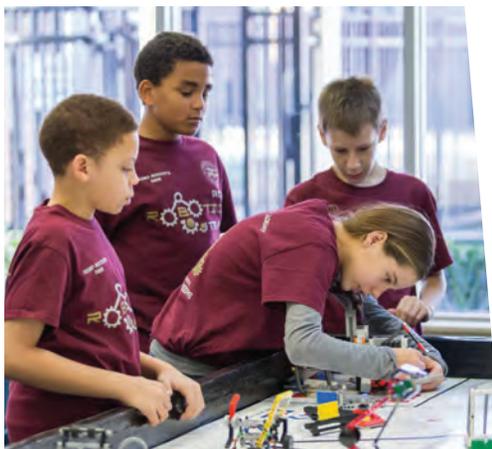
## RCSA's Mission

To instill a love for learning in a structured and nurturing environment through engaging and stimulating learning opportunities.

## RCSA's Vision

- To ensure that students reach their maximum potential, be successful in their subsequent education and become responsible and productive.
- To apply innovative methods and interdisciplinary instruction to create a stimulating and student-centered learning environment.
- To model, educate and engage students in how to truly think and problem-solve by teaching to the whole child, extending beyond the classroom.
- To be a catalyst for change in math and science.
- To graduate every student college-ready.

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**River City Science Academy Elementary School**  
7450 Beach Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
855-8010  
[www.RiverCityScience.org/elementary](http://www.RiverCityScience.org/elementary)



**River City Science Academy Middle and High School**  
7565 Beach Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
855-8010  
[www.RiverCityScience.org/middle\\_high](http://www.RiverCityScience.org/middle_high)



**RCSA Innovation Campus**  
8313 Baycenter Rd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
647-5110  
[www.RiverCityScience.org/innovation](http://www.RiverCityScience.org/innovation)

**RCSA Mandarin Area Campus**  
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[www.RiverCityScience.org/mandarin](http://www.RiverCityScience.org/mandarin)

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## NASSAU COUNTY

### Nassau County School District

Superintendent: Kathy Burns  
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Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 ..... 491-9900  
www.nassau.k12.fl.us

Nassau County has two elementary schools kindergarten through fifth, three elementary schools kindergarten through second, three elementary schools third through fifth, three middle schools, one middle-senior high school and three high schools. The Nassau County School District offers virtual instruction, as well as an alternative academic school, the Nassau County Adult School. The Nassau County School Board meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the School Board District Office in Fernandina Beach.

### FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Administrative Services ..... 491-9906  
Adult Education & Drop Out Prevention ..... 548-1750  
Elementary Education ..... 491-9885  
Exceptional Student Education ..... 491-9881  
Food Services ..... 491-9924  
Transportation ..... 225-0127

### EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Before- and/or after-school childcare is offered through the YMCA's "PrYme Time" program, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Nassau County Foundation, and several private day care centers. Check with the McArthur Family YMCA, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Nassau County Foundation, or local day care centers for more details. After-school programs are offered at the middle schools through Communities in Schools.

### HOME EDUCATION

For home schooling support in Nassau County, contact the Florida Parent-Educators Association at office@fpea.com or toll-free at 877-275-3732.

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Amelia Island Montessori School ..... 261-6610  
www.ameliaislandmontessori.com  
Early Impressions @ Midtown ..... 206-4170  
www.earlyimpressionsfl.com  
Faith Christian Academy ..... 321-2137  
www.fcaangels.com  
Fernandina Beach Christian Academy ..... 491-5664  
www.fernandinachristianacademy.com  
Lighthouse Christian School Callahan ..... 507-6683  
www.lighthousechristianschool.net/callahan-campus  
Sonshine Christian Academy ..... 879-1260  
www.sonshinechristian.com  
St. Michael Academy ..... 321-2102  
www.smacad.org

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### Elementary Schools

Bryceville ..... 266-9241  
Callahan ..... 879-2121  
Callahan Intermediate ..... 879-1114  
Emma Love Hardee ..... 491-7936  
Hilliard ..... 845-4471  
Nassau Virtual School ..... 277-9040  
Southside ..... 491-7941  
Wildlight ..... 225-3053  
Yulee ..... 225-9711

**Middle Schools**

Callahan .....	879-3606
Fernandina Beach .....	491-7938
Hilliard .....	845-2171
Nassau Virtual School.....	277-9040
Yulee .....	225-5116

**High Schools**

Fernandina Beach .....	261-5713
Hilliard .....	845-2171
Nassau Virtual School.....	277-9040
West Nassau .....	879-3461
Yulee .....	225-8641

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**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**St. Johns County School District**

Superintendent: Tim Forson  
 40 Orange St.  
 St. Augustine, FL 32084 ..... 547-7502  
 www.stjohns.k12.fl.us

The St. Johns County School District serves nearly 36,000 students. It includes 18 elementary schools, three K-8 schools, seven middle schools, seven high schools, three charter schools, one virtual school, and one alternative center. Furthermore, the Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind in St. Augustine offers an educational program for deaf and blind children from pre-school through 12th grade, as well as a postsecondary program. Tuition is free to eligible Florida residents. The St. Johns County School Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the School Board Administration Center. Workshops are also held at 8:30 a.m. on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month.

**EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

All elementary schools in St. Johns County offer extended day care, while some schools also provide before-school care. Each school has different fees for the program, because some may offer enrichment activities. Check with your child's individual school for more details.

**HOME EDUCATION**

For information on home schooling in St. Johns County, contact Phyllis Ingram at 547-7753 or phyllis.ingram@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

**FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS**

Career and Technical Education.....	547-4870
Exceptional Student Education.....	547-7672
Head Start.....	547-8965
School Services.....	547-7583
Transportation Department.....	547-7810

**CHARTER SCHOOLS**

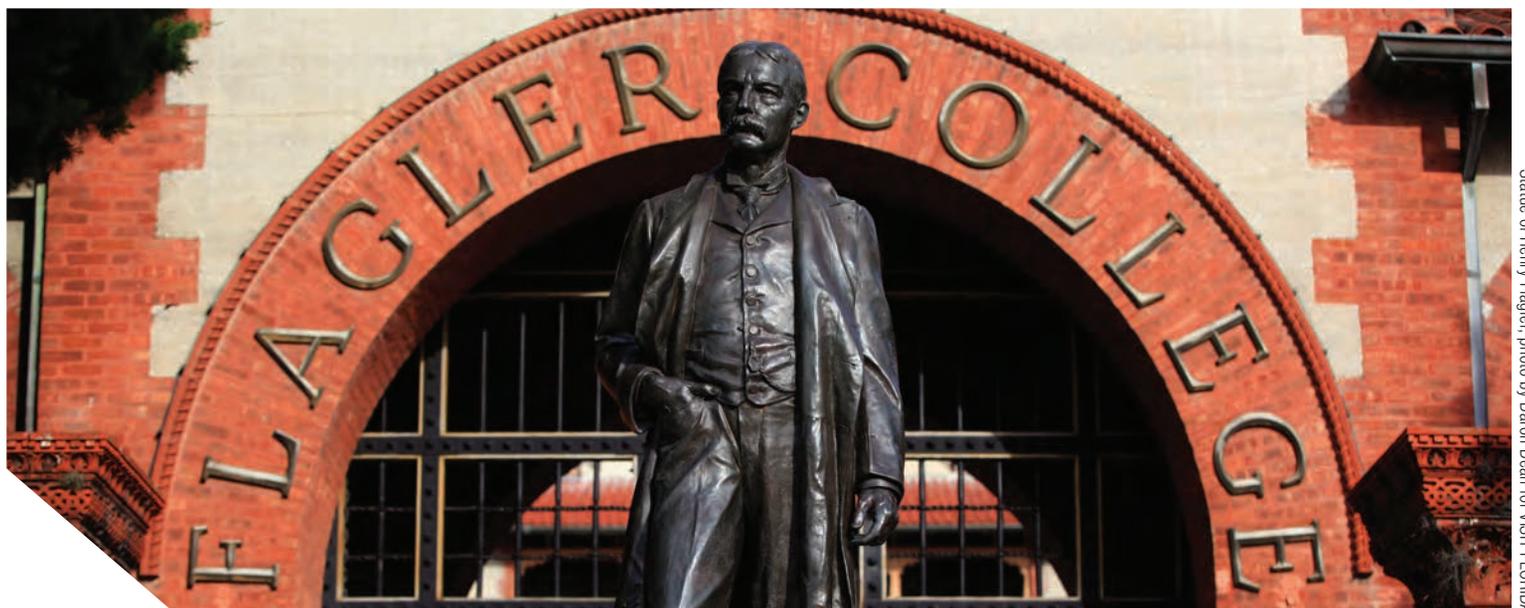
Arc of the St. Johns, The.....	824-7249
www.arcsj.org	
St. Augustine Public Montessori School.....	342-5350
www.staugustinemontessori.com	
St. Johns Community Campus Charter School, The.....	209-6842
www.arcsj.org/communitycampus.html	
Therapeutic Learning Center .....	824-8932
www.arcsj.org/therapeuticlearningcenter.html	

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

Beacon of Hope Christian School .....	797-6996
www.beaconeagles.net	

**Bolles School, The..... 285-4658**  
**www.bolles.org**  
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Cathedral Parish School .....	824-2861
www.thecathedralparishschool.org	
Matanzas Christian Academy .....	794-1623
www.matanzasacademy.com	
Palmer Catholic Academy.....	543-8515
www.pcapvb.org	
San Juan Del Rio Catholic School.....	287-8081
www.sjdrparish.org	
St. John's Academy.....	824-9224
www.stjohnsacademy.com	
St. Johns Grammar School .....	287-8760
www.sjgs.net	
St. Joseph Academy Catholic High School.....	824-0431
www.sjaweb.org	
Turning Point Christian Academy .....	824-0744
www.tpcalvary.com	
Victory Preparatory School .....	810-0535
www.victoryprep.net	



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**Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind**

FSDB is a tuition-free state public school and outreach center available to eligible Pre-K and K-12 students who are deaf/hard of hearing or blind/visually impaired. At FSDB, deaf and blind students learn how to **do more, be more, and achieve more**, fulfilling our vision of preparing them for a lifetime of success.

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**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Elementary Schools**

Cunningham Creek.....	547-7860
Durbin Creek .....	547-3880
Hickory Creek.....	547-7450
John A. Crookshank.....	547-7840
Julington Creek .....	547-7980
Ketterlinus .....	547-8540
Liberty Pines Academy .....	547-7900
Mill Creek .....	547-3720
Ocean Palms.....	547-3760
Osceola.....	547-3780
Otis A. Mason.....	547-8440
Palencia.....	547-4010
Patriot Oaks Academy.....	547-4050
Picolata Crossing.....	547-4160
PVPV – Rawlings.....	547-3820
R.B. Hunt .....	547-7960
South Woods .....	547-8610
St. Johns Virtual .....	547-8080
Timberlin Creek .....	547-7400
Valley Ridge Academy .....	547-4090
W. D. Hartley .....	547-8400
Wards Creek.....	547-8730
Webster.....	547-3860

**Middle Schools**

Alice B. Landrum.....	547-8410
Fruit Cove.....	547-7880
Gamble Rogers .....	547-8700
Liberty Pines Academy .....	547-7900
Pacetti Bay .....	547-8760
Patriot Oaks Academy.....	547-4050
R.J. Murray.....	547-8470
Sebastian .....	547-3840

St. Johns Virtual .....	547-8080
Switzerland Point.....	547-8650
Valley Ridge Academy .....	547-4090

**High Schools**

Allen D. Nease.....	547-8300
Bartram Trail .....	547-8340
Creekside .....	547-7300
Pedro Menendez.....	547-8660
Ponte Vedra.....	547-7350
St. Augustine.....	547-8530
St. Johns Technical.....	547-8500
St. Johns Virtual .....	547-8080

**STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY**

**Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind..... 800-344-3732**  
**[www.fsdb.k12.fl.us](http://www.fsdb.k12.fl.us)**  
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**HIGHER EDUCATION**

First Coast Technical College.....	547-3282
<a href="http://www.fctc.edu">www.fctc.edu</a>	
Flagler College.....	819-6400
<a href="http://www.flagler.edu">www.flagler.edu</a>	
Florida Aviation Career Training, Inc .....	824-9401
<a href="http://www.florida-aviation.com">www.florida-aviation.com</a>	
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences.....	826-0084
<a href="http://www.usa.edu/StAugustine">www.usa.edu/StAugustine</a>	

**PUBLIC/STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

St. Johns River State College .....	808-7400
<a href="http://www.sjrstate.edu">www.sjrstate.edu</a>	



# Health Care

## BAKER COUNTY

### ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Clair Winston House, LLC, The..... 402-1079

### COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS

Baker County's Department of Health provides basic family health and dental care. The department also provides early intervention and medical services to children with special health care needs.

<http://baker.floridahealth.gov>

Adult and Children's Dental Services ..... 259-6291  
 Adult and Children's Health Services ..... 259-6291  
 Disease Control ..... 259-6291  
 Environmental Health..... 259-3569  
 Immunization ..... 259-6291  
 Vital Statistics ..... 259-6291  
 WIC (Women, Infants and Children) ..... 259-3233

### HOSPITALS

#### Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital

159 N. Third St., Macclenny  
 259-3151

[www.bcmedsvcs.com](http://www.bcmedsvcs.com)

### SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center..... 259-4873  
 W. Frank Wells Nursing Home ..... 259-6168

## CLAY COUNTY

### ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Acacia Grove Assisted Living Facility, LLC ..... 327-5584  
 Allegro Senior Living Fleming Island ..... 278-4442  
 Astoria Assisted Living Facility ..... 541-4605  
 Brookdale Orange Park ..... 264-0207  
 Canterfield of Clay County ..... 203-6100  
 Diamond ALF, LLC ..... 863-3000  
 Home Care Assisted Living, LLC ..... 375-2672  
 Middleburg Assisted Living Facility, Inc. .... 291-1632  
 Park of the Palms, Inc. .... 352-473-6100  
 Pine Crest Manor..... 272-2609  
 Quality Care of Florida, Inc. .... 276-7274  
 Queen of Angels ALF ..... 264-9570  
 Spring Gardens of Fleming Island, LLC..... 657-2240  
 Spring Gardens of Orange Park, Inc. .... 276-1778

### COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS

The Clay County Health Department features more than 35 separate programs. It currently works with more than 85 agencies or organizations in its efforts to address community concerns.

<http://clay.floridahealth.gov>

Adult and Children's Health Services..... 529-2800  
 Children's Dental Services..... 531-9695  
 Disease Control ..... 529-2800  
 Environmental Health..... 278-3784  
 Immunization ..... 529-2800  
 Vital Statistics ..... 529-2800  
 WIC (Women, Infants and Children) ..... 272-3177

**HOSPITALS**

**Kindred Hospital North Florida**  
801 Oak St., Green Cove Springs  
284-9230  
www.khnorthflorida.com

**Orange Park Medical Center**  
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639-8500  
www.orangeparkmedical.com

**St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County**  
1670 St. Vincent's Way, Middleburg  
602-1000  
www.jaxhealth.com

**RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**

Allegro at Fleming Island, The .....	677-8819
Brandon Place at Moosehaven .....	278-1281
Brookdale Orange Park .....	264-0207
Canterfield of Clay County .....	203-6100
Moosehaven Retirement Community .....	278-1200
Penney Retirement Community .....	284-5994
Seagrass Village .....	236-6777

**SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES**

Consulate Healthcare of Orange Park .....	269-8922
Governor's Creek Health and Rehabilitation .....	284-5606
Heartland Health Care Center - Orange Park .....	264-3912
Isle Health & Rehabilitation Center .....	541-3500
Life Care Center at Wells Crossing .....	264-1950
Life Care Center of Orange Park .....	272-2424
Oak View Rehabilitation Center .....	269-2610
Pavilion for Health Care, The .....	284-8578
Signature Healthcare of Orange Park .....	272-6194

**SURGERY CENTERS**

Clay Surgery Center .....	264-0400
Fleming Island Surgery Center .....	644-0700
Orange Park Surgery Center .....	272-2550
Surgcenter of Orange Park, LLC .....	385-4854

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Anthem Lakes .....	583-5399
Almost Home Beaches .....	249-3233
Ashford Court .....	285-8827
Atria Park of San Pablo .....	821-9900
Beach House Assisted Living & Memory Care .....	829-6479
Fleet Landing .....	246-9900
HarborChase of Jacksonville .....	821-8030
Windsor at San Pablo, The .....	928-3700

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627-2900  
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www.baptistjax.com

**Mayo Clinic**  
4500 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville  
953-2000/Central Appointment Office: 953-2272  
www.mayoclinic.org/jacksonville

**RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**

Fleet Landing Retirement Community .....	246-9900
Hurley Apartments .....	744-6022
Pablo Hamlet .....	241-5207
Pablo Towers .....	249-3866

**SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES**

Avanté Villa at Jacksonville Beach, Inc. ....	249-7421
Fleet Landing .....	246-9900

**SURGERY CENTERS**

Baptist Medical Center Beaches Surgery Center .....	627-3700
Jacksonville Beach Surgery Center .....	247-8181

**DUVAL-NORTH**

**ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES**

A1 Care Systems, Inc. ....	527-3391
Anew Kings Way, LLC .....	608-1245
Arlington Adult Residential Facility, Inc. ....	725-6600
Arlington Haven ALF .....	743-9069
Barak House .....	353-1787
Brookdale Atrium Way .....	724-4726
Ft. Caroline Gardens, Inc. ....	743-3315
Inn at Aging Grace, The .....	762-8259
Just Like Home .....	743-7809
L'Arche Harbor House .....	721-5992
Laurel Oaks ALF, Inc. ....	765-5227
North Point Community Residential Facility, Inc. ....	635-0346
Peaches-NA-Basket Adult Services .....	766-4993
Reffine's House .....	379-2061
Silver Shores Living, Inc .....	683-1580
Some Place Like Home, Inc. ....	744-8580
Sweet Alice's Place, Inc .....	860-9621

**HOSPITALS**

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Riverside Park Apartments ..... 356-9884  
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Environmental Health .....	209-3250
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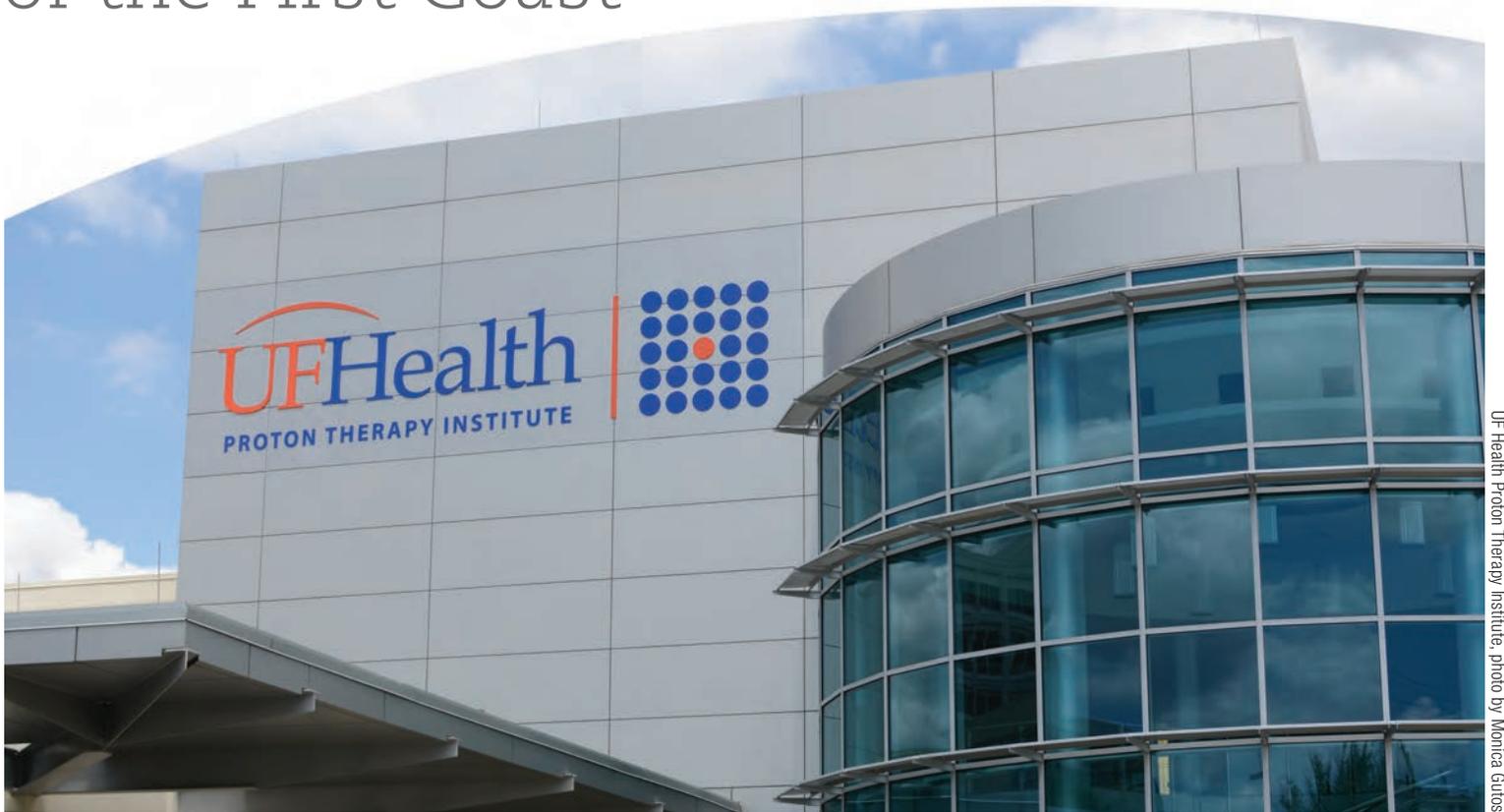
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It is no secret that health care facilities such as hospitals and pharmacies do much to contribute to the health of a population, their curative properties are the very reason they provide invaluable business to an everlasting stream of patients. An integral part of society, health care providers are in no danger of one day becoming irrelevant—as long as there are patients for which to provide, physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health care professionals are needed. This support of community wellness is what most people think of when they look at their local hospitals or medical complexes, thankful they are standing by in case of an emergency or for general consultation. What people forget to remember, however, is what their medical health care businesses do for the greater economy, which is a great deal more than would seem apparent.

The primary way health care facilities stimulate the economy is by being a major source of employment to those educated with the tools and knowledge required to get through their doors. There are a significant number of people needed to operate a health care facility: physicians, nurses, nursing assistants, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, pharmacy technicians and medical assistants to name only a few. This list does not include some of the most specialized health care workers, such as surgeons of all types, ICU professionals, anesthesiologists, oncologists, radiologists, researchers, nutritionists and other professionals many large hospitals employ. These occupations put many graduates in jobs, and allow for the circulation of money to pass from hand to hand by way of the medical channel.

Beyond the obvious is an additional answer, genius but entirely simplistic; another reason medical care bolsters the nation's economy is because it takes care of the people, so they can function well enough to work another day. Without a booming health care business,

every day people could not find the care they desperately need to go through life healthy and without complication to build their own revenues. Healthy people make for healthy families and productivity; the very driving factors of any economy. Without a new generation to succeed the old and that generation's ability to be healthy enough to work, the economy could not grow to such heights as it has today—look to the past as an example. With the growth of medical discoveries, prolonging of life, development of centers for healing and training of the first professionals, life expectancy skyrocketed and, subsequently, so too did the economy.

For the betterment of the economy as well as community health, look to the following medical facilities as guides to health care professionalism, innovation and care that leaves every patient thankful to be living in today's day and age.

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## DUVAL COUNTY

Physicians deeply invested in the care of their patients make for the best guides to recovery. Equipped with 146 beds, more than 500 physicians and a cancer center, **Baptist Medical Center Beaches** commits themselves to using their advanced technology and cutting-edge clinical protocols in the treatment of patients, of whom they serve all ages. Their renowned amenities include behavioral health, brain and spine, geriatric, heart and vascular, primary and women's care, as well as surgical and emergency services. Baptist Medical Center Beaches is the only hospital-based, 24 hour emergency service for beach residents, but that is not the only reason they are frequented by those seeking medical attention: They have quality care patients can feel, and this is what makes them the first choice at the beach apart from convenience.

Following in the footsteps of their founders, the 304-bed **Mayo Clinic** in Jacksonville is committed to the needs of their patients, while remembering to treat every patient with dignity, respect and compassion. They make it their mission to inspire in their patients hope while providing them with the best health care they can afford through an integrated clinical practice, supplemented by research. Most impressive are their extensive centers and programs, treating pediatrics, cancer, Alzheimer's disease and much more with their groundbreaking surgical techniques and in-depth research on topics of great importance, such as cardiovascular diseases. Contributing greatly to the wellness of the people in Duval County, the Mayo Clinic provides recovery under experienced supervision.

Another branch of Baptist Health is **Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville**, similar to its counterpart Baptist Medical Center Beaches with many of the same treatments and expertise. Like its brother affiliate, Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville employs the highest degree of surgical care, performed by 800 plus physicians using the latest technologies, including the da Vinci Surgical System for a minimally invasive approach. The 489-bed Medical Center has found in its practice that individualizing its care and remaining up-to-date on the most advanced diagnostics and services ensures the greatest rates of survivorship—and their patients certainly reap the benefits.

Like the previously mentioned locations, **Baptist Medical Center South** is an organization headed by Baptist Health. Baptist Health expanded their practices to include the growing southern Duval and northern St. Johns, resulting in Baptist Medical Center South, advancing their beliefs and general services to new places. This newly expanding, soon-to-be 407-bed, full-service health facility supports a mission of holistic healing, catering to the spiritual and emotional needs of their patients as well as the physical. Their use of physician knowledgeability and prominent technology serves their patients into a full recovery.

Rehabilitation is a necessity just like any other care, although it often goes underappreciated in the face of other, seemingly more pressing health issues. **Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital** is a special place for the research and practice of rehabilitation, the undertaking of which they have made an art as well as a service. They combine a highly trained staff with the most cutting-edge medical equipment and technologies known to date. Their services include physical and occupational therapy, physical medicine and rehabilitation nursing, to name just a few, and they have 160 beds.

**Memorial Hospital Jacksonville** incorporates their values, PRIDE—People, Respect, Integrity, Devotion and Excellence—into everything they do. Their full line of services is designed with the intent to promote compassionate care, with an emphasis on preserving human life. Their top-notch services, such as cancer and pediatric care, are supplemented by the innovation of their technologies: their robotic and minimally invasive procedures, da Vinci Robotic surgery and InReach Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy. Technologies such as these stake their claim as a respected, foremost facility, both patient-aware and tremendously capable, offering 418 beds.

Baptist Emergency at Town Center, photo by Stephanie Marty



St. Vincent's Riverside, photo by Monica Gutos



**Nemours Children's Specialty Care** understands the significance of collaboration to earn the best results from their care, consequently partnered with Wolfson Children's Hospital, UF College of Medicine and Mayo Clinic Florida to learn from one another in the hopes of discovering the most effective paths to wellness imaginable. There is no disputing Nemours' success in child care—their pediatric gastroenterology and neurology programs are named among the best in the world by *U.S. News & World Report*. Their groundbreaking research and treatments of anemia, bone tumors, brain tumors, leukemia, hemophilia and lymphoma at their facility is an inspiration to pediatrics countrywide. What's more, they believe in treating every child as their own.

Also in Duval County is a 84-bed, rehabilitative mental health facility, **River Point Behavioral Health**, that treats everything from substance abuse to psychiatric abnormalities, while ensuring the facility remains a calm environment perfect for the patients requiring its services. Its many fields of skill, such as psychiatry, medicine, nursing, education and therapy, promote comprehensive rehabilitation of mental health issues, drug and alcohol abuse and other pediatric and adult behavioral health concerns with which they come into contact. Treating these issues with inpatient and outpatient programs, support groups, a continuum of therapies, etc., River Point Behavioral Health has made a name for themselves as a location competent and genuine in their conduct.

**Specialty Hospital Jacksonville** is a 107-bed, long-term acute care hospital that concentrates their care on patients with severe, long-term medical conditions requiring extensive attention. Specialty Hospital Jacksonville makes a concentrated effort to focus on a full recovery, individualizing care in every case to accommodate subjective needs. Treating health care issues such as severe wounds, infectious diseases, respiratory and pulmonary complications, Specialty Hospital Jacksonville integrates holistic care with a personalized plan for a full heal. Achieving excellence in their areas of care, Specialty Hospital Jacksonville is the perfect place for those needing acute attention in or around the Duval County area.

Yet another segment of the multi-branching web comprising St. Vincent's Healthcare's vast system, 309-bed **St. Vincent's Medical Center Southside** was the first private hospital in the state. Serving Duval County in breast health, urgent care, primary care and imaging, and cancer services, St. Vincent's has much to offer Duval County. Along with their state-of-the-art treatments, the hospital is complete with a vein institute, Family Birth Place, Spine and Brain Institute, Center for Orthopedic Excellence and neonatal intensive care unit.

Orange Park Medical Center, photo by Monica Gutos



Also in Duval county, **Wekiva Springs** in Jacksonville is a premier place for care of mental health in the area. The 120-bed facility more than understands what their patients require, including separating their treatment of men and women into gender-divided locations, understanding that genders differ physically, psychologically, socially and emotionally, impacting how care should be approached. Their wellness plans focus on mood disorders, anxiety issues, substance abuse, chemical dependency, detoxification and rehabilitation. Keeping their patients in mind and implementing multifaceted, multidisciplinary recovery plans, Wekiva Springs has established itself as a top provider for mental health problems.

There is no better pediatric care unit in the state of Florida than 202-bed **Wolfson Children's Hospital**. Year after year, their service to children in Duval County and around the region who travel seeking their medical proficiency is rewarded by their rank among the best children's hospitals, as according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Wolfson understands, as any accomplished pediatric facility does, their patients differ from adults, and as such mandate careful, specialized treatment. With services such as surgery, radiology, cancer care, rehabilitation and medical imaging, Wolfson Children's Hospital can handle whatever might arise during their care of their many child patients.

Opened in 2017, **UF Health North** is a 92-bed hospital on the Northside of Jacksonville. This state-of-the-art medical facility comes stocked with some of the latest medical technologies, such as the region's first open, high-field MRI, the latest advances in breast imaging/interventional procedures and much more. Complete with an emergency department, birth center, general surgery services and excellent imaging options, UF Health North is growing with reason to better serve Duval County–North.

For military members, families and veterans, **Naval Hospital (NH) Jacksonville's** mission, since its founding in 1941, has been to heal our nation's heroes—sailors, Marines, soldiers, airmen and Coast Guardsmen (both active and retired), along with their families. The command is comprised of the Navy's third largest hospital and five branch health clinics across Florida and Georgia with locations in Albany, Jacksonville, Key West, Kings Bay and Mayport. The 2,400 active-duty and civilian staff does whatever it takes to deliver the highest quality, patient- and family-centered care. NH Jacksonville stands ready to support operational missions anytime, anywhere—from disaster relief to combat care.

Another St. Vincent's Healthcare affiliate, **St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside** is a 528-bed hospital home to cancer, breast health and surgical centers. Their cancer care and cardiovascular program—the largest of its kind between Atlanta and Orlando—are experts and complete with all the necessities. Aside from their centers, St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside also sports a spine and brain institute, and bariatric and pulmonary disease programs. Founded in 1916, trust St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside to draw from its many resources elsewhere around Florida to provide a well-connected care nurtured from 100 years of experience.

Adopting an approach that academics best fuel scientific discovery and evidence-based advances in the medical arena, UF Health Jacksonville pools its resources in academia and research with a world-class facility, to incorporate the most recent discoveries into their medical practices. **UF Health Jacksonville** is the University of Florida's largest campus outside of Gainesville and, like all UF affiliates, believes in educating, discovery and comfort of the patient to be major tenants

of their care. Some of their health centers at the Jacksonville campus include a breast, birth, cancer and cardiovascular center, performing dermatology services, head and neck surgery, pediatrics, radiology and surgery of all kinds. Committed to seeing lives improve through their up-to-date health care, the 695-bed UF Health Jacksonville connects Jacksonville to UF's comprehensive and effective medical professionalism.

## NASSAU COUNTY

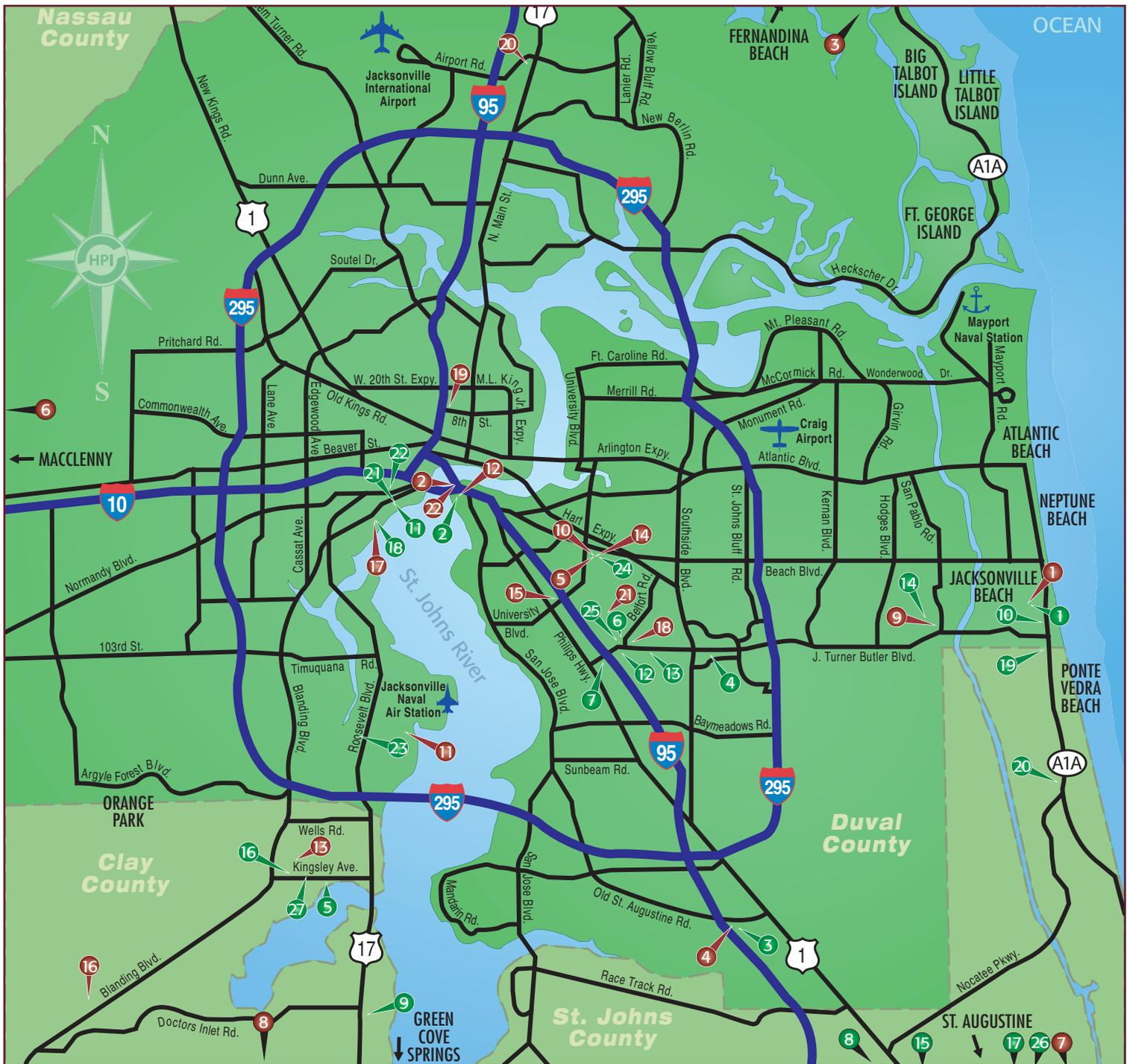
Nassau County residents are fortunate to have **Baptist Medical Center Nassau**, a 62-bed, well-equipped community hospital affiliate of Baptist Health in Amelia Island. This compassionate, attentive facility is impressive with a full continuum of inpatient and outpatient services and 188 expertly trained physicians with the knowledge of 24 different specialties. With a medical staff as diverse and kind as the one serving Baptist Medical Center Nassau, patients enjoy comfortable care in the best hands Nassau County has to offer.

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

As a 335-bed hospital with 274 physicians, **Flagler Hospital** in St. Johns County is an impressive facility, grown to its large stature from humble beginnings as a private, not-for-profit center in the heart of historic St. Augustine. While they have increased in size, their goals have remained the same. Flagler Hospital would like nothing more than to produce the best patient experiences under the care of a celebrated staff. More than anything, they would like to become world-known and imitated as a community-based healthcare model in places which lack a convincing system. Flagler Hospital is an acute care center with services treating cardiac care, inpatient and outpatient surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, cancer and surgical services, to name only a few. Realizing its mission at least partly, Flagler Hospital is recognized nationally for its clinical excellence, paving the way for a future of worldwide renown.

UF Health North Hospital, photo courtesy of UF Health





# HOSPITALS & SURGERY CENTERS

## HOSPITALS

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|---|--|
| 1. Baptist Medical Center Beaches                             | 11. Naval Hospital Jacksonville              |
| 2. Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville/Baptist Heart Hospital | 12. Nemours Children's Specialty Care        |
| 3. Baptist Medical Center Nassau                              | 13. Orange Park Medical Center               |
| 4. Baptist Medical Center South                               | 14. River Point Behavioral Health            |
| 5. Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital                             | 15. Specialty Hospital Jacksonville          |
| 6. Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital                                | 16. St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County |
| 7. Flagler Hospital   | 17. St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside   |
| 8. Kindred Hospital North Florida                             | 18. St. Vincent's Medical Center Southside   |
| 9. Mayo Clinic  | 19. UF Health Jacksonville                   |
| 10. Memorial Hospital Jacksonville                            | 20. UF Health North                          |
|   | 21. Wekiva Springs                           |
|   | 22. Wolfson Children's Hospital              |

## SURGERY CENTERS

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|--|---|
| 1. Baptist Medical Center Beaches Surgery Center | 16. Orange Park Surgery Center                  |
| 2. Baptist Medical Center Eye Surgery Center     | 17. Outpatient Surgery Center Of St. Augustine  |
| 3. Baptist Medical Center South Surgery Center   | 18. Parkside Surgery Center                     |
| 4. CenterONE Surgery Center                      | 19. Ponte Vedra Ambulatory Surgery Center       |
| 5. Clay Surgery Center                           | 20. Ponte Vedra Beach Surgery Center, Inc., The |
| 6. Coastal Surgery Center, LLC                   | 21. Riverside Endoscopy Center, LLC             |
| 7. Eye Surgery Center Of North Florida           | 22. Riverside Park Surgicenter                  |
| 8. Eye Surgery Center Of St. Augustine, Inc.     | 23. Riverside Surgical Center, LLC              |
| 9. Fleming Island Surgery Center                 | 24. Samuel Wells Surgicenter                    |
| 10. Jacksonville Beach Surgery Center            | 25. Southpoint Surgery Center, LLC              |
| 11. Jacksonville Center For Endoscopy-Riverside  | 26. St. Augustine Endoscopy Center              |
| 12. Jacksonville Center For Endoscopy-Southside  | 27. Surgcenter of Orange Park, LLC              |
| 13. Jacksonville Surgery Center                  |   |
| 14. Mayo Clinic Jacksonville ASC For G.I.        |   |
| 15. Old Moultrie Surgical Center, Inc.           |   |



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With a multicultural population of 1.5 million and a workforce of more than 800,000+, Northeast Florida is home to a highly skilled, highly motivated, dynamic workforce capable of meeting the short and long-term needs of a company. Existing businesses and those relocating to Northeast Florida have again and again found high-caliber, skilled and educated workers to be widely available and immediately employable.

Home to three Fortune 500 and four Fortune 1000 companies, and several industry leaders, Northeast Florida is continuing to change how residents Live, Work and Play.

# W O R K



Photo by Stephanie Marty



Blue Angels, photo courtesy of U.S. Navy

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**SHRM Jacksonville Chapter #0011**  
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On behalf of the Human Resource Community and SHRM Jacksonville, welcome to the First Coast! SHRM Jacksonville is the local chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) which is located in the Washington DC area.

SHRM Jacksonville serves nearly 600 human resource professional in eight Northeast Florida counties. As the largest chapter in the state of Florida, SHRM Jacksonville has proudly served the First Coast for 61 years.

Our mission is *Advancing and Serving the First Coast Workforce*. We serve our members and community throughout the year by providing monthly meetings covering workplace and employment issues; offering scholarships to help individuals pursue a higher education in the HR field or obtain HR certifications; connecting employers and job seekers for HR related positions; and helping our members stay up-to-date with the regulatory changes impacting their organizations. We also host the SHRM Jacksonville Annual Regional Conference and Expo, bringing together speakers who are recognized as the best in their field, HR professionals and those serving the HR community for a two-day event every spring.

I would like to extend to you and your family a heartfelt welcome to the Jacksonville area. If you are interested in a career in the human resource field, have been an HR professional for years, or have been a member of another local SHRM chapter, we invite you to visit one of our monthly meetings. Please visit our website for more information on our chapter's next meeting: [www.shrmjax.org](http://www.shrmjax.org).

Welcome to the First Coast!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Vlah". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "V".

Tammy Vlah, CRP  
2018 President  
SHRM Jacksonville

# A Great Place to Work



Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Stephanie Marty

By JAX Chamber



ortheast Florida is a great choice for business. The region has a rich and diverse economy where business thrives and is home to a broad continuum of industries.

With a population of close to 1.6 million, a young and talented workforce, a reputation for affordability and accessibility, and a quality of life that rivals anywhere in the U.S., Northeast Florida's seven-county region is one of the most popular areas in the country for business expansion and relocation. Jacksonville is home to four Fortune 1000 and three Fortune 500 company headquarters, making it one of the top cities in Florida for business. More than 80 local companies have national or divisional headquarters in Northeast Florida. More information on big business in Northeast Florida can be found on page 121.

Northeast Florida's economy is highly diversified and extremely attractive to the numerous businesses that make up the region's targeted industries. The primary industry sectors, identified by Innovate Northeast Florida, the region's five-year strategic plan, are advanced manufacturing, aviation and aerospace, financial services, health and life sciences, information technology and logistics.

## ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Northeast Florida is one of the largest manufacturing regions in the state. Competitive local assets including JAXPORT, three major rail lines, low electricity costs and ample available land for large facilities and operations provide the necessary infrastructure for innovative advanced manufacturing companies, such as Saft America, GE Oil & Gas and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Inc.

## AVIATION AND AEROSPACE

More than 9,000 workers are employed in aviation and aerospace jobs, and more than 100 aviation-related defense contractors operate in the region. Companies including Boeing, Embraer, Flightstar, Northrop Grumman and others value Northeast Florida's global accessibility.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

More than 60,000 people are employed in Jacksonville's financial services industry at companies such as Deutsche Bank, Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Fidelity National Financial, EverBank, BB&T, Wells Fargo, Citi, and SunTrust. The newest financial services company to town, Macquarie Group, joins 12 other major banks and insurance services firms on Forbes' Global 500 list that have established significant operations in the region. Please find more information about the financial industry on the First Coast on page 125.

## HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

One in every six employees in the region works in the health care and bioscience sectors. Five of the top 10 private companies provide or are affiliated with health care, including one of only three Mayo Clinics in the nation and the largest private employer, Baptist Health. Medical device manufacturing, clinical trials, translational research and oncology are just a few of the specialties in Northeast Florida. Please find more information about First Coast health and life sciences on page 133.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

More than 12,000 highly-skilled workers are employed in IT positions throughout the region in a wide range of occupations including computer programming, software design and computer facilities management. *Forbes* magazine continually ranks the JAX region as one of the fastest growing sectors for high-tech jobs. The new Jacksonville Network Access Point (NAP) is positioning Jacksonville as the next international connection capital.

**LOGISTICS**

Northeast Florida's world-class intermodal transportation system, which includes multiple seaports, airports, railways and highways, has made the region a hub for domestic and international commerce. With accessibility to the entire Southeast market – and more than 50 million

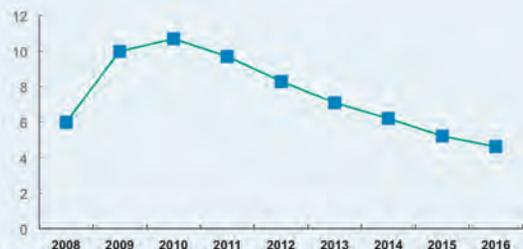
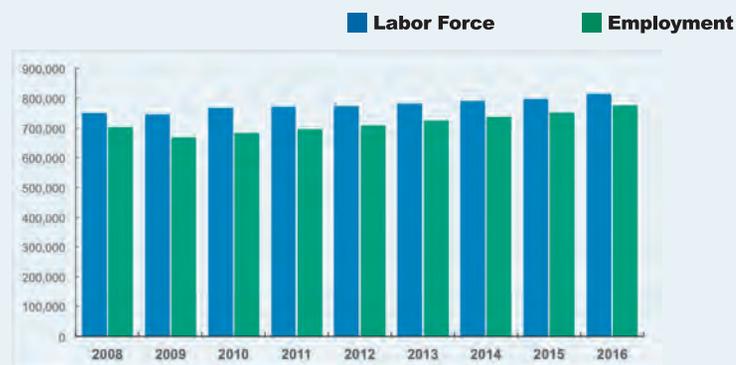
consumers – within an eight-hour drive, the region features a strong transportation infrastructure system and the potential for increased international trade with the support of JAXPORT, CSX Transportation, Suddath, Coach Inc. and Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations. Please find more information about First Coast logistics and distribution on page 138.

The success Northeast Florida has seen in the businesses within its targeted industries speaks directly to the economic advantages and opportunities that exist in the region. Northeast Florida offers employers a business-friendly environment and provides a great quality of life for employees.

**LABOR FORCE**

(August 2017)	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Rate
<b>JAX MSA</b>	<b>762,465</b>	<b>731,004</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b>NEFL Region</b>	<b>835,782</b>	<b>800,618</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,127,000</b>	<b>9,697,000</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>160,863,000</b>	<b>153,576,000</b>	<b>4.5%</b>

**Annual Labor Force - NE Florida Region**



**Unemployment Rate - NE Florida Region**

(Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity)

# Businesses by County

## BAKER COUNTY BUSINESSES

Walmart Distribution Center

## CLAY COUNTY BUSINESSES

Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Orange Park Medial Center  
Parrallon  
Pragmatic Works  
St. Vincent's HealthCare  
Vac-Con  
Vallencourt Construction Co., Inc.  
VyStar

## DUVAL COUNTY BUSINESSES

Amazon  
AT&T  
Baptist Health  
Brooks Rehabilitation  
Citi

CSX  
Deutsche Bank  
Ernst & Young  
Fanatics  
Fidelity National Financial  
FIS  
Florida Blue  
GE Oil & Gas  
Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc.  
Maxwell House  
Mayo Clinic  
Mercedes-Benz  
Merrill Lynch  
Safariland  
St. Vincent's Healthcare  
UF Health

## NASSAU COUNTY BUSINESSES

Rayonier Advanced Materials  
River Valley Paper Company

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY BUSINESSES

2G Energy  
Advanced Disposal  
Carlisle Interconnect Technologies  
D.R. Horton America's Builder  
Flagler College  
Flagler Hospital  
Hydro  
iDeal Aluminum  
MAS HVAC  
Northrop Grumman  
PGA Tour  
Ponte Vedra Inn & Club  
Ring Power  
Sawgrass Resort  
TPC Sawgrass



# Downtown Strengthening

Main Street Bridge, photo by Justin Strosnider

View from Jacksonville's Southbank, photo by Monica Gutos

By JAX Chamber

**J**

acksonville has an eclectic Downtown that is in the midst of a thriving revitalization. With one of the fastest growing metro areas in the country and consistently named a top Southern city for jobs, Jacksonville's urban core houses Fortune 500 companies, as well as many local and regional businesses.

From EverBank and Citizen's Property Insurance to Perdue Office Interiors and Sweet Pete's gourmet chocolate and candy store, Downtown contains a dynamic mix of corporations, culture and city-dwellers. Recent additions include Ameris Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Gresham Smith & Partners and *Folio Weekly*.

The Jessie Ball duPont Center, once home to the Haydon Burns Public Library, is a prime example of historic renovation and reuse. It has shed its former image, transforming into a vibrant and collaborative nonprofit center, home to the duPont Foundation, the United Way of Northeast Florida and other charitable organizations. The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville and Downtown Vision are also both housed in the urban core, working tirelessly to promote Jacksonville to the business, arts and cultural communities.

Downtown's residential sector is enjoying unprecedented growth. There are thousands of Downtown residents, with more than 90 percent of current Downtown residences occupied. The renaissance of the Brooklyn area has brought new residential and retail establishments, and Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) is planning student housing in the heart of Downtown, just blocks from FSCJ's urban core campus.

**More than 100 major companies and non-profits are headquartered in Jacksonville.**

An active entertainment and event schedule keeps Downtown busy at night and on weekends. In addition to the Jacksonville Jaguars, Downtown is home to the city's minor league baseball team, the Florida Marlins Double-A affiliate the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, and the Jacksonville Sharks, an arena football team.

The Elbow, Downtown Jacksonville's entertainment district, is centered around the historic Florida Theatre and has cultivated a walkable culinary, cultural and entertainment arena consisting of restaurants, clubs and other venues. The Jacksonville Landing is one of the city's most popular riverfront venues, hosting more than 350 events annually.

Intuition Ale Works and Manifest Distilling both made Downtown home in 2016, adding to the entertainment options in and around the sports complex. Located at the corner of A. Philip Randolph Boulevard and Bay Street, the building draws in sports fans, concertgoers and Downtown residents alike. Intuition, a craft brewery founded in 2010, timed their September opening to coincide with the match-up between the U.S. Men's National Team and Trinidad & Tobago at EverBank Field. Manifest is Jacksonville's only full-scale distillery to be located Downtown and opened next door to Intuition.

With more than five miles of scenic riverfront and a three-mile Riverwalk, Downtown is also home to the annual Jacksonville Jazz Festival and Jacksonville's popular monthly Art Walk. Visitors can also enjoy the nearby Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), the Museum of Science and History (MOSH), the Ritz Theatre and Museum, the Downtown Jacksonville Public Library and the Riverside Arts Market.

"I've been a Downtown stakeholder, property owner and business owner for more than a decade and over that amount of time, Downtown has consistently improved. The surge of residential and retail in Brooklyn has been a huge shot in the arm, and the Southbank is steadily growing with its office, residential base and future multi-use projects. With the attention being paid to the sports and entertainment district by EverBank Field, I expect even more growth will follow. We also have millions in public and private investment planned for art in the public realm Downtown in the next few years. I'm very bullish on the new projects coming in and the adoption of Downtown as the hot spot to be." –Tony Allegretti, Executive Director, Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville



Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Stephanie Mary



Mural in Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Monica Gutos



Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Justin Stroemder

## NATIONAL RANKINGS

- ▶ *Forbes* ranked **JAX** as the **#5 fastest growing city in America**
- ▶ *Money Magazine* ranked **JAX** as the **#7 Best City for Job Seekers**
- ▶ *Forbes* lists Jacksonville as one of the **Top 40 Places for Business and Careers**
- ▶ Realtor.com ranked Jacksonville as the **#2 Hot Spot Where Americans are Moving Right Now**
- ▶ Jacksonville has been named **#2 Best City for Tech (Outside California and New York)** by Datafox
- ▶ Jacksonville recognized as a **Top U.S. Logistics Hub** by Global Trade
- ▶ 24/7 Wall Street ranked **Palm Coast** among the **Best Cities to Live**

## JAX FAST FACTS

- ▶ Home to **three Fortune 500 company headquarters** and more than 80 national or divisional headquarters
- ▶ **NO** corporate franchise tax and **NO** state personal income tax
- ▶ **Young, dynamic workforce** with median age lower than the U.S. median
- ▶ Home to the **#6 Top High School** in America
- ▶ Clay, Flagler, Nassau and St. Johns Counties have competitive **'A' and 'B' rated** school districts
- ▶ Excellent quality of life and favorable cost of living with the **largest urban park system in the nation**
- ▶ Home to the **Jacksonville Jaguars**, one of only 32 NFL franchises in the nation
- ▶ World-class health care system, home to **one of only three Mayo Clinic campuses** and **one of six MD Anderson Cancer Center partnerships**



# Northeast Florida: A Growing Job Market

**B**

usiness has been booming in Northeast Florida in recent years. Big names including Amazon, Ikea, Fanatics, Coach and others bring hundreds of jobs to the First Coast. Jacksonville is home to four Fortune 1000 and three Fortune 500 company headquarters. Also, more than 80 local companies have national or divisional

headquarters in Northeast Florida, giving us an impressive list of businesses with a track record of success in our market.

Many companies choose to locate their regional, national or global headquarters here because of the competitive cost of living, highly skilled talent and quality of life. In addition, lean manufacturing, regulatory compliance, information technology and military are strengths unique to our region.

## **Amazon**

**Amazon**, the largest Internet-based retailer in the world, is investing an additional \$115 million in Jacksonville to build an international, state-of-the-art fulfillment center that will create another 1,000 jobs. This is in addition to the company's multi-story facility that was announced

last year that will total approximately 2.4 million square feet of space. The Northwest Jacksonville facility represented the single largest jobs announcement in the city's history. The second facility is breaking all records of employment possibilities in Jacksonville.

"We're excited to further expand our presence in the state with this new fulfillment center in Jacksonville," said Akash Chauhan, Amazon's vice president of North American operations. "Florida has been an ideal location to help enable superfast shipping speeds to customers and a source of exceptional talent for Amazon. We're proud to be creating great jobs with benefits for Floridians."

"This is a huge win for our city and citizens," said Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry. "I am incredibly excited about the opportunities Amazon is bringing to our city, and specifically northwest Jacksonville, a community that will now serve as host to an international, state-of-the-art fulfillment and distribution center. Their entry brings more than 1,500 new jobs, strengthens Jacksonville's position as a destination for international business, and contributes to increased economic development growth and improved quality of life."



**Ikea**

The announcement of construction of a new **Ikea** in Jacksonville not only brought 500 construction jobs to the area, but also created jobs for 325 Floridians in November. Fifty of these jobs are in food service, while the others include home furnishings sales, warehouse receiving, facility management, child play-area supervision, etc. The 290,000-square-foot Sweden-based store boasts one of Florida’s largest retail solar roofs, furthering Ikea’s ideal of sustainable living. The Jacksonville store is the 46th Ikea location in the U.S.—and finally, we can get our share of the two million Swedish meatballs eaten at Ikea stores each day.

**Hans-Mill Corporation**

JAXUSA announced in May 2017 that **Hans-Mill Corporation**, a manufacturer of stainless steel trash cans, opened its first U.S. factory in Jacksonville, Florida, moving production from China.

According to the post, Hans-Mill’s new 121,000 square foot facility anticipates creating more than 50 local jobs as part of Walmart’s 10-year commitment to buy an additional \$250 billion in products supporting American jobs. The factory will use state-of-the-art automated assembly equipment and, in the beginning, produce stainless steel, pedal trash cans. This equipment, developed by a consortium of international equipment makers, is believed to be the first of its kind in this industry.

“Our economy continues to gain significant momentum with new jobs and opportunities coming to our city,” said Mayor Lenny Curry. “Jacksonville’s growing manufacturing industry is attracting international companies like Hans-Mill Corporation that are adding even more opportunities for families in our community. With the opening of this new facility, we are increasing Jacksonville’s growing reputation as a hub for international business.”

**Fanatics, Inc.**

Jacksonville-based **Fanatics Inc.** is a global leader in licensed sports merchandise. The company is a technology-driven, consumer company that powers the Fanatics, FansEdge, Kitbag and Majestic brands, as well as the largest selection of sports collectibles and memorabilia through Fanatics Authentic. Fanatics also operates more than 300 online and offline partner stores, including the e-commerce business for all major professional sports leagues (NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL, NASCAR, MLS, PGA), major media brands (NBC Sports, CBS Sports, FOX Sports) and more than 200 collegiate and professional team properties.

In addition to e-commerce, Fanatics provides a global sports retail platform to fans through multichannel-integrated events, offering team retail merchandise across all leagues in stadiums and at major sporting events.

**FIS Global**

Headquartered in Jacksonville, **FIS** offers a broad range of enterprise banking and capital markets capabilities to empower financial institutions and businesses worldwide. FIS currently has nearly 1,100 employees in Duval County and employs more than 4,500 Floridians statewide.

FIS, a global leader in financial services technology, is expanding its presence in Jacksonville and will be creating 250 new jobs. The expansion will generate a capital investment of more than \$2 million in the local community.

“The combination of Jacksonville’s business- and family-friendly climate has been key success factors in attracting top talent to the company. It’s this talent that enables us to empower the financial world and make a difference in the lives of consumers touched by it. We’re very committed to Jacksonville, home of our global headquarters, and are excited to further deepen our roots in the community through the addition of these new jobs,” said Gary Norcross, president and CEO, FIS Global.

**Florida Plastics Recycling**

**Florida Plastics Recycling**, a plastic water bottle recycling company, announced in March 2017 it will build a plastics recycling facility in Jacksonville to process polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles, according to JAXUSA.

After an extensive search in Florida, the company settled on a site in northwest Jacksonville, bringing 30 jobs to the region. Florida Plastic Recycling recently leased a 33,000-square-foot facility in the metro Jacksonville area, citing the accessibility of the port and the logistics infrastructure.

The PET plastic bottles Florida Plastics recycles will be used to create raw plastic flakes that will be used by other companies to make plastics products.

**GRACE Aerospace**

**GRACE Aerospace** announced in February 2017 that the company is relocating its product manufacturing operations and expanding its current Jacksonville operations near Cecil Commerce Center. “Our priority as a company is to meet the real-time design, manufacturing and schedule needs of our customers. Locating all our capabilities here in JAX—from engineering to manufacturing, and electrical to structural—allows us to be more accessible and responsive to design changes and often time-sensitive requirements without compromising schedule. It just makes sense,” said GRACE Aerospace President Stephen Carlo.

JAXUSA reported that with more than 16 years of experience building aircraft, vehicle and ground support parts for both military and commercial end users, GRACE’s expansion will bring an additional 25 jobs to the local community and expand the production facility by more than 15,000 square feet.

“Like so many other companies have before, GRACE Aerospace recognized the opportunities for growth in Jacksonville’s aviation sector,” said Jacksonville City Councilman Doyle Carter. “We are excited to see the company expanding and bringing more advanced manufacturing jobs to Cecil Commerce Center that will continue to put our citizens to work.”

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## Ernst & Young

Meanwhile, **Ernst & Young (EY)**, a leading global professional services firm, has announced it will open a client service delivery center in Jacksonville, creating 450 highly skilled jobs by 2020. The positions created for the center will be focused on information technology, testing and risk skills.

“Jacksonville is a desirable corporate location, and the established financial services presence here makes the city a great fit for our newest client service delivery center,” said Shawn Smith, partner, Southeast financial services leader, Ernst & Young.

The center will be an integral part of the firm and will bring specialized technology, business process support and other professional services to clients in the Banking and Capital Markets, Insurance and Wealth and Asset Management industries. The center will also further enhance EY’s ability to help clients streamline and improve business operations and manage risk in order to achieve cost savings and maintain their competitive advantage.

“We look forward to growing the EY community in Jacksonville and investing in talented individuals who share our values and commitment to delivering exceptional service,” said Mike Brennan, North Florida offices managing partner, Ernst & Young.

## Fidelity Investments

Another company bringing significant change to Jacksonville is **Fidelity Investments**, one of the world’s largest providers of financial services. Last year, the company announced plans to add 300 jobs over the coming three years as part of an expansion of its Customer Contact Center in Jacksonville.

Over the past nine years, the operation has grown to employ approximately 800 associates. Fidelity, which is currently at capacity at its regional offices located at Deerwood North, plans to lease additional office space near its current operation to accommodate the expansion.

The new positions will require broker and securities industry licensing. Positions in Fidelity’s Customer Contact Centers are vital to Fidelity and its focus on delivering the best customer service in the industry.

“Today, we take pride in announcing an expansion of our current organization in Jacksonville,” said Harold Stankard, senior vice president and regional leader for Fidelity Investments in January. “We are extremely proud of the organization we have built here and the people who comprise it. We thank Mayor Curry and the state of Florida for their continued collaboration and partnership.”

“This expansion by Fidelity Investments shows continued confidence in Jacksonville’s growing economic momentum,” said Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry. “With this and other recent announcements, our city is increasingly becoming the financial services capital of our region, thanks to the strong support from the state, JAX Chamber, and our local business community.”

## Saft America

**Saft America**, a French firm that moved its manufacturing plant to Jacksonville in 2011 to make lithium-ion batteries has blossomed into a state-of-the-art advanced manufacturing facility with nearly 300 employees as of 2017. The company credits much of this growth to the support of local organizations including JAXUSA Partnership, the First Coast Manufacturers Association, Florida State College Jacksonville and the University of North Florida. “The region’s favorable business climate, skilled workforce, good logistics and low operational costs solidified our decision to build our manufacturing plant at Cecil Commerce Center and relocate our U.S. headquarters to the area,” said Tom Alcide, President and CEO of Saft America.

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The 235,200-square-foot manufacturing facility produces 4,800,000 cells per year. Supported in part through Department of Energy investments, batteries produced at the facility go into cutting-edge electric drive vehicles for American families. They are also used to power military hybrid vehicles and for other industrial, agricultural and military applications.

## **Mercedes-Benz USA**

**Mercedes-Benz USA**, a division of Daimler AG, will be moving an engineering services division from New Jersey to Jacksonville. The company is consolidating the engineering services division with its Quality Evaluation Center (QEC) in Jacksonville.

The 50 jobs will be a mix of employees relocating to Northeast Florida and new hires from the local market. Mercedes-Benz currently employs more than 100 Floridians at the Jacksonville facility.

"I am proud to announce that Mercedes-Benz USA has chosen Florida over New Jersey as the best place to grow their company and create jobs for Jacksonville families. With no income tax, a low business tax, and a focus on helping businesses succeed, it is clear why more companies are choosing to invest in our state. I look forward to seeing Mercedes-Benz USA's continued success in Jacksonville as we continue to work each day to help Florida outcompete other states for new opportunities," said Gov. Rick Scott.

Mercedes-Benz USA began operations in Jacksonville in 2010 and has invested more than \$20 million in its 500,000 square feet Jacksonville facility.

"Florida continues to outshine other states as a great place to do business. Mercedes-Benz chose Florida over expansion in another state because of our talented tech workforce and business-friendly climate. The company's relocation announcement is great news for Florida jobseekers," said Cissy Proctor, executive director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

## **Johnson & Johnson Vision Care**

**Johnson & Johnson Vision Care (J&J)**, based in Jacksonville, is the largest manufacturer of Acuvue brand contact lenses. J&J expanded its existing Jacksonville facility twice in the last four years in order to manufacture its latest generation of Acuvue brand contact lenses.

The company has invested more than half a billion dollars in the local economy since 2013 and continues to grow. J&J employs more than 3,400 people at its state-of-the-art campus. Its latest expansion supports the design and development of new products for the global market.

## **KLS Martin Group**

In 2016, **KLS Martin Group** announced the company was coming to Jacksonville. The global leader in high-quality, innovative surgical technology is establishing its first U.S.-based manufacturing company in Jacksonville. The company will focus on 3-D printing while creating at least 25 new jobs and investing more than \$5 million with the potential for future growth.

According to JAXUSA Partnership, the company considered a number of cities across the country when deciding on a site for its manufacturing operations. Ultimately, Jacksonville's competitive location, access to talent and current footprint were key reasons in the company's decision—a good news for Jacksonville.

## **Kaman**

**Kaman**, a global aerospace and industrial manufacturer and distributor, announced in 2016 that it plans to add 200 jobs in Jacksonville as an expansion of its operation.

"Florida has been very good to Kaman and we have been pleased to grow here in Jacksonville. Under Governor Scott's leadership, Florida is a great place to operate and grow a business. We continue to look for opportunities to create jobs here in Jacksonville and across the state," said Neal Keating, chairman, president and CEO, Kaman Corporation.

Kaman began operations in Jacksonville at the airport in 1993 with a small facility of 10 to 15 people. The company has continued to experience tremendous success in the Sunshine State and across the country, with four locations in Florida. The company manufactures and provides parts, components, systems and programs that meet mission-critical aerospace and industrial challenges.

"Kaman's continued growth and innovation in the Jacksonville market is a great example of our strength in the aviation sector," said Aaron Bowman, senior vice president of JAXUSA Partnership. "Jacksonville is uniquely positioned in the middle of the Southeastern aviation corridor and the company's continued investment in our region further enhances our image as a major player in the aviation and aerospace industry."

## **Novolex**

**Novolex**, a leader in packaging and sustainability, is expanding its Hilex Poly® brand manufacturing facility in Jacksonville.

Novolex, a North American sustainability company, is increasing operations and creating 25 new jobs while investing \$6 million in the local economy. Novolex manufactures plastic bags for retailers and employs more than 5,000 at 37 plants across the U.S., Canada and Mexico. During the announcement, Governor Scott also signed House Bill 7099, which includes the permanent elimination of the sales tax on manufacturing machinery, providing Florida with a competitive advantage.

"While we considered several sites throughout the U.S. for this expansion, it was clear that Jacksonville was the most business-friendly location for the Novolex team to continue growing," said Mark Daniels, senior vice president of sustainability, Novolex.

## **Puma Aero Marine**

Over in Clay County, **Puma Aero Marine (PAM)**, a leader in the development and production of commercial aerospace and marine vehicles, is ramping up operations at Reynolds Airpark in Green Cove Springs. The company has plans to add 40 new jobs and lease 60,000 square feet of space to renovate 737s and rotary wing aircraft for clients. The company, operating for more than 50 years, develops, engineers, tests and evaluates high-tech vehicles in the aviation and marine industry. Puma also provides unique solutions for a broad spectrum of needs in the gas turbine power field.

## **Calavo Growers**

Clay Florida Economic Development Corporation announced last year that **Calavo Growers** has signed a lease for a 208,000-square-foot distribution center in Green Cove Springs. The new facility has a large refrigerated storage space with railroad tracks that run through the building. It was also announced that Calavo has committed to create 262 jobs within the first five years of tenancy which will significantly impact the local economy and surrounding region. "This is a publicly traded company that does \$783 million dollars of business, annually," said Bill Garrison, President of the Clay County Economic Development Corp. "They are a major company and having them come to Clay County changes our perception in the world of big business. They're expanding nationwide and they're doing it from right here in Clay County."

Calavo Growers Inc. was awarded a tax incentive that would offset the 7 percent property tax that is applied to commercial building leases by \$10,000 each year by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners.



Downtown Jacksonville, photo by Stephanie Marty

# Financial Service Industry

Andy Cheney, president and COO of Ameris Bank, said, "Our stronger presence in Northeast Florida is more convenient for our commercial, small business and personal account holders, and we welcome our new customers and team members."

With the Jacksonville Bank acquisition, Ameris Bank is now the largest community bank by deposit market share in the Jacksonville market.

**Bank of America** is one of the world's largest financial institutions, serving individual consumers, small- and middle-market businesses and large corporations with a full range of banking, investing, asset management and other financial and risk management products and services. With more than 50 locations throughout Northeast Florida, Bank of America is among the nation's leading wealth management companies and is a global leader in corporate and investment banking and trading across a broad range of asset classes, serving corporations, governments, institutions and individuals. Bank of America provides business services, car loans, checking, credit cards, home equity, investments, mortgages, personal loans, and savings and CDs.

Most of the nation's leading financial and professional services companies have established large operations in Northeast Florida to take advantage of its global connectivity, experienced workforce and favorable business climate.

Nearly 90 percent of Florida's gross economic output is generated in the service sector. Florida firms in fields such as banking, accounting, architecture, consulting, engineering, legal services and others represent the state's fourth largest industry, with 12.5 percent of the state GDP.

**121 Financial Credit Union**, headquartered in Jacksonville, is a federally insured, state chartered credit union with eight branches and assets of over \$400 million. Established in 1935, 121 Financial Credit Union offers a full range of financial services including car loans, checking, credit cards, home equity, investments, mortgages, personal loans, prepaid cards, savings and CDs. The local credit union prides themselves on knowing their customers by name, listening to their needs and working as a team to find solutions.

**Ameris Bancorp**, the parent company of Ameris Bank, announced recently that the conversion of The Jacksonville Bank operating systems and signage to Ameris Bank is complete. The acquisition was finalized in March 2016 and The Jacksonville Bank operated as a division of Ameris Bank until the conversion.

With the city's growing reputation as a modern-day Wall Street, it's easy to see why global companies have chosen to call Northeast Florida home.

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**Capital City Bank Group Inc.** is one of the largest publicly traded financial holding companies headquartered in Florida and has approximately \$2.8 billion in assets. Capital City Bank provides a full range of banking services, including traditional deposit and credit services, mortgage banking, asset management, trust, merchant services, bankcards, data processing and securities brokerage services. Capital City Bank was founded in 1895 and now has 60 banking offices and 71 ATMs in Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

Since opening in 1999, **CBC National Bank** has been committed to putting their customers first. From day one, the vision for CBC has been to be a strong and growing regional financial institution where collective strengths and resources are shared and where local autonomy is exercised.

The professionals at CBC National Bank are committed to fulfilling this vision by continually providing the best products and services to the communities they proudly serve.

Beginning in 1997 when it acquired AT&T's Universal Card business, **Citigroup** has operated a major credit card operations center in Jacksonville. From that time, the financial group has been growing and having a positive impact on the financial climate in Jacksonville.

In 2015, Citigroup added 500 new positions in Jacksonville, and recently announced a plan to hire 800 people for its credit card operations center in the Flagler Center. The new jobs include management positions as well as customer service, fraud and collections representatives. The New York-based global banking company currently employs about 4,000 people at the site and the company is continuing to expand the operation to support business growth while bringing more jobs to Jacksonville.

Jacksonville is home to **Deutsche Bank's** second largest office in the U.S. and represents the majority of the company's business and infrastructure functions. The Frankfurt-based lender plans to add 350 additional staff in Jacksonville by the end of next year and leased a second building, according to an Aug. 9 statement from Florida Governor Rick Scott. Deutsche Bank employs about 1,800 workers there, including traders, bankers and wealth managers along with employees for information technology and compliance. These numbers are up from fewer than 100 employees in 2008.

Gov. Scott and Mayor Lenny Curry highlighted Deutsche Bank's ongoing expansion during a ribbon cutting ceremony at its Jacksonville campus. Deutsche Bank will invest more than \$10 million in the Jacksonville community over the next two years. "I am proud to join Deutsche Bank today to celebrate the ribbon cutting for its new campus in Jacksonville. Deutsche Bank is on track to create 350 new jobs through this ongoing expansion which is great news. Deutsche Bank could have chosen to invest in any of its other locations across the world but recognized that our commitment to cutting taxes and creating a business-friendly environment makes Florida the best place to succeed," said Gov. Scott.

“Since coming to Jacksonville in 2008, Deutsche Bank has become an important player in one of our economy’s fastest growing sectors – financial services. With the opening of this new facility, we are demonstrating Jacksonville’s growing commitment to recruiting and supporting global leaders in the financial services industry. I am delighted to have Deutsche Bank continue their commitment to and presence in our city, bringing 350 new jobs to our citizens,” Mayor Curry said.

This expansion is the second in two years at Deutsche Bank’s Jacksonville campus and comes just five years after the company’s initial venture in the region. Since 2008, the banking leader has created more than 1,000 high quality jobs. The strong success of those projects allowed the bank to make this further expansion of 300 jobs and additional capital investments in the state.

**EverBank** has deep roots in Jacksonville, starting when bank CEO Robert Clements led a group that bought Alliance Mortgage Co. in 1994. The company took its current name in 2004 and has continued to grow, including three major acquisitions, before issuing an IPO in 2012.

Headquartered in New York City, TIAA recently acquired EverBank, a nationwide consumer and commercial bank with \$27.4 billion in total assets. Officials at TIAA have said the sale, which was finalized in June 2017, did not have a significant impact on employment for those already working at EverBank offices. EverBank was created in 1994, then known as Alliance Mortgage Co. It acquired everbank.com in 2002 and then changed the parent company name to EverBank shortly thereafter. EverBank, headquartered in Jacksonville, employs 2,963 workers of which 1,624 work in the city. It is the largest bank based in Florida by deposits and over 1,600 of their 3,700 employees work in Jacksonville.

With eight convenient locations in Northeast Florida, **Fidelity Bank** provides personal, business and wealth management financial services with their signature friendly customer service. Fidelity Banks has over 40 years of experience in personal and corporate financial services including consumer, commercial, construction, as well as mortgage lending, traditional deposit and other credit services.

**Fifth Third Bank**, with 11 locations in Northeast Florida, is driven as much by community outreach and involvement as they are servicing their customers’ financial needs. In 2017, the bank helped feed over one million people in need, the employees donated more than 98,000 hours of community service and donated more than \$7 million to United Way through their Driving Change program. The bank provides personal, business, investment and wealth management financial services in a friendly and dependable way.

**Regions Financial Corporation**, with locations throughout the region, is dedicated to making life better – better for their associates, their customers and their communities. With \$135 billion in assets, Regions is one of the nation’s largest full-service providers of consumer and commercial banking, trusts, securities brokerage, mortgage and insurance products and services. Recognized by the advisory firm Reputation Institute and the *American Banker* magazine as having the best overall reputation among U.S. banks in 2016, Regions Bank maintains a strong presence in Northeast Florida.

With more than 50 locations in Northeast Florida, **Wells Fargo** provides car loans, checking, credit cards, investment services, personal loans, savings and CDs, home equity and more. Following a recent merger with Wachovia Bank, Wells Fargo has doubled in size, but their vision remains the same: To satisfy all their customers’ financial needs while helping them succeed financially. The national company with operations across the globe identifies itself as a community-based, diversified financial services company.

**VyStar Credit Union**, based in Jacksonville, is the 19th largest credit union in the nation, serving more than 500,000 members worldwide. As of 2015, VyStar had over \$5.6 billion in assets and 45 locations. This is significant because credit unions, which are member-owned financial cooperatives, are typically much smaller than community banks. The local credit union, however, is the second largest financial institution based in Jacksonville and has been in business for more than 62 years.

Northeast Florida is one of the fastest-growing regions in the U.S. The area’s growth is made possible by a large and talented workforce, and by communities and government leaders who are dedicated to its economic development.

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The Main Street America Group Headquarters in Jacksonville



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# Insurance & Mortgage Industry

It takes a lot for a city the size of Jacksonville to operate smoothly. The state's largest city, known as the "River City," is an epicenter of big business, facilitating the growth of all major industries, including the mortgage and insurance industries. Like the veins that allow blood to flow to and from the heart, Jacksonville's nine bridges allow for the successful survival of the city's day-to-day business with a steady flow of traffic that feeds the mortgage industry. New business brings new employees, which in turn creates the need for housing and insurance. Jacksonville's blossoming finance, information technology and real estate sectors create new jobs, lending to more people buying homes, which in turn positively affects the mortgage industry. These buyers also need insurance to protect their newly acquired assets, which benefits the insurance industry. As two fields that encompass a large percent of the Jacksonville workforce, area brokers, lenders and agents are committed to investing in the River City's future.

A recent *Financial Times* article showcases how Jacksonville is emerging as a banking and finance hub over cities such as New York and London. The article goes on to state that Jacksonville is fast becoming a preferred option for financial services groups as operating costs are 23 percent lower than in New York. Jacksonville has gained

more than 4,000 jobs from companies such as Macquarie, Deutsche Bank and Ernst & Young, furthering demonstrating the city's growing financial services sector.

Jacksonville-based **JPMorgan Chase** is at the forefront of this investment with 3,900 finance and mortgage jobs in Northeast Florida. Serving nearly half of America's households with services including mortgages and personal banking, JPMorgan Chase is in the business of creating engaged, lifelong relationships. Following an unfortunate layoff of 130 workers in early 2015, the lender was able to rehire about 30 percent of those people by transferring them to other branches within the region.

**Citi Group**, with regional headquarters in Jacksonville, seeks to transmit the same positive growth message: Jacksonville is on its way up. Committed to tirelessly providing customers with a wide range of financial services including mortgages, Citi is looking to grow the financial workforce to support its North American services. With their recent influx of 800 newly created jobs this past July, Citi's quota for North Florida employment now reaches 5,000 strong. Bulk retail giant Costco recently decided to switch from long-time credit card provider, American Express, to Citi Group, which has directly impacted the addition of new jobs.



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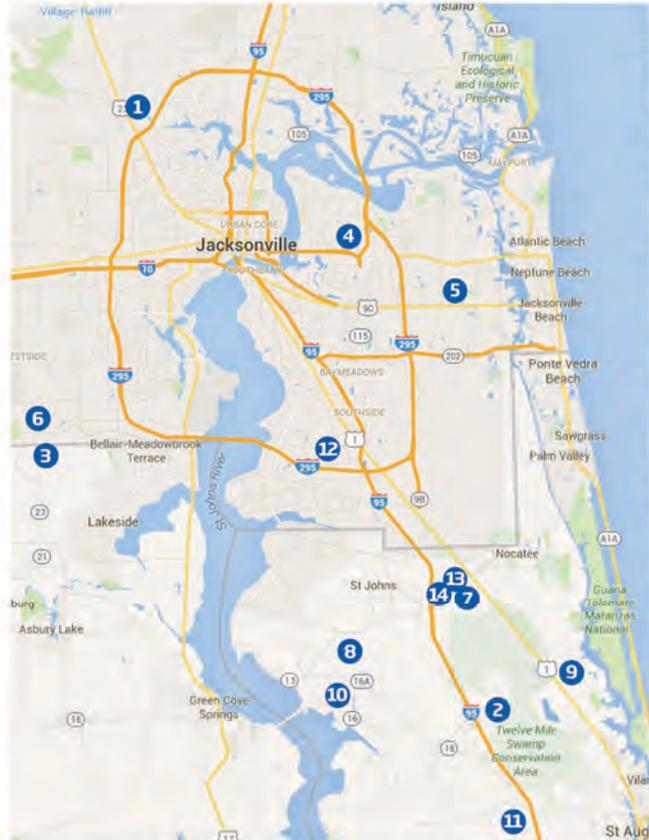


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**VyStar Credit Union**, one of Northeast Florida's major bank systems, strives to be the primary financial organization for their members by providing services for all financial needs. While they are known mostly for their banking services, VyStar offers members anything from mortgage assistance to insurance. During the 2015 fiscal year, VyStar served over 500,000 members and surpassed their net income by 37 percent. The company has been ranked as the nineteenth largest credit union out of the 6,090 credit unions in the nation.

With its roots firmly planted in both past and present Jacksonville, **EverBank Financial Services** has made it a point to chart its own path and its own history. EverBank's company-wide forward thinking is what enables and fosters the creation of better ways for its customers to manage and grow their money. With an estimated 2,239 employees, over 50 percent of their workforce, working solely in Northeast Florida, EverBank stands firmly grounded in its commitment to Jacksonville's financial standing and future. In addition, the company's presence is expected to expand with its recent acquisition by TIAA, a financial services firm.

One of Jacksonville's largest employers, **Bank of America**, is known across the country for their services in banking, mortgage and auto loans, and investment options. Bank of America is one of the "Big Four" (the top four largest banks in the U.S.) and they strive to help "make financial lives better, through the power of every connection." The company has over 30 financial centers in the Jacksonville area that are ready to assist their customers.

**Wells Fargo**, the number one retail mortgage lender according to *Inside Mortgage Finance*, has been serving the U.S. for over 160 years. The company is also a part of the "Big Four" and employs over 264,700 people all over the country, which is more than any other bank. With numerous locations in the Jacksonville area, Wells Fargo is committed to serving Northeast Florida with all of their banking needs.

Another Jacksonville-based industry leader, **Black Knight Financial Services Inc.**, understands that great products must be equaled with great support. Their customers are involved in every aspect of their business model, from product priorities and future enhancements to all aspects of customer support. Black Knight Financial Services is committed to being a premier business partner that lenders and servicers rely on to achieve their strategic goals, realize greater success and better serve their customers by delivering best-in-class technology, services and insight with a relentless commitment to excellence, innovation, integrity and leadership.

Following the trend of basing operations in Jacksonville, **Florida Capital Bank** recognizes that businesses are the backbone of our economy and our communities. Their goal is to deliver profitable growth through their employees by creating an atmosphere of "optimism, teamwork, creativity and resourcefulness that results in superior customer service in an ethical manner."

Rounding out the list of major financial mortgage providers in Northeast Florida is the state's largest auto insurance company, **State Farm**. A company that stands on the motto "No one serves you better," State Farm stems from a long legacy of passionate employees who lean fervently on the mission of being a Good Neighbor. When it comes to looking at the collective dreams of a community as well as an individual, State Farm is there to assist in making the right choices. While State Farm prides itself on being the country's number one auto insurer, its financial services including that of mortgages are comparable to the previous mortgage heavy hitters listed above. Its 38 State Farm offices spread throughout the Jacksonville area emphasize the long-existing relationship with the River City and its 1,500 State Farm employees.

All in all, these mortgage leaders encompass a great majority of what the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics calls the Financial, Insurance and Real Estate Industry here in the Northeast Florida. With a collective tally of more than 20,000 employees spread throughout the Jacksonville area, these companies provide a significant percent of the financial lifeline necessary for the city's continued growth. Care must be taken to continue this positive trend and to allow these financial mortgage leaders to foster the necessary growth that is conducive and equal to Jacksonville's upward economic trend.

Of equal impact on our local economy is the insurance industry. From health insurance and life insurance to property and casualty insurance, Floridians have many choices. While not all Jacksonville insurance companies are represented in this list, many of the larger companies in the area are mentioned. Additionally, there is an abundance of information about the more than 1,700 insurance companies in the area online.

#### HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES:

Headquartered in Jacksonville, **Florida Blue** is the oldest and largest health plan insurer in the state. In its primary health business, Florida Blue serves more than 4.3 million members, which represents a 30 percent share of the overall Florida health insurance market. In 2006, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida opened the first of our Florida Blue retail stores in Jacksonville and Pembroke Pines. The original stores were design to provide easier access to health care for people of Florida. Florida Blue currently has 11 Florida Blue retail centers in operation. Of their 11,500 employees, 10,500 of them are employed in Florida, making Florida Blue one of the state's largest employers.

Named "World's Most Admired Company" in the insurance and managed care sector for six consecutive years by *Fortune*, **UnitedHealthcare** serves their clients through two distinct platforms. UnitedHealthcare, the health benefits platform, serves key markets and geographic regions with a broad range of health benefit products and services for both consumers and benefit sponsors. UnitedHealthcare serves people in employer-sponsored health plans, those enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid, as well as those who purchase their own health plans. The second platform, Optum, provides information and technology-enabled health services. According to UnitedHealthcare, Optum focuses on helping improve the health care system itself, including population health management, care delivery and improving the clinical and operating elements of the system.

**Humana Inc.**, one of the nation's leading health and well-being companies in the U.S., offers a wide range of health and wellness products and services that incorporate an integrated, holistic approach to health. Founded in 1961, Humana serves a broad range of clients, including families, individuals, military members and people with Medicare. According to Humana, their strategy integrates care delivery, the member experience, and clinical and consumer insights to encourage engagement, behavior change and wellness for the millions of people served across the country. Also of note, Aetna announced in 2015 that it would acquire Humana for \$37 billion, a deal which is expected to close this year.

**The First Coast  
has a wealth of  
young, experienced  
talent with a broad  
range of services  
in investments,  
insurance and  
mortgage.**

**Aetna** is one of the nation's leaders in health care, dental, pharmacy, group life and disability insurance, and employee benefits. Dedicated to helping people achieve health and financial security, Aetna puts information and helpful resources to work for its members to help them make better-informed decisions about their health care. Aetna recently moved from Jacksonville's Southbank to the newly named Gramercy Woods office park in Southside, moving the large employer from a downtown office tower to a suburban campus environment. The company moved 800 employees in mid-2017.

Headquartered in Tampa, **WellCare Health Plans Inc.** focuses exclusively on providing government-sponsored managed care services, primarily through Medicaid, Medicare Advantage and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, to families, children, seniors and individuals with complex medical needs. WellCare serves approximately 3.8 million members nationwide as of June 2016.

The most expensive insurance policy in the world belongs to Steven Spielberg, with a life insurance policy for \$1.2 billion.



Wells Fargo Building, photo by Monica Gutos

#### PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANIES:

**The Main Street America Group** offers a full range of personal and business insurance, and surety bond products through a network of 3,000 independent insurance agents. Product lines include personal insurance, business insurance, surety bonds, reinsurance services and flood insurance. Since their inception in 1923, The Main Street America Group has remained committed to demonstrating their core value of service through many philanthropic efforts and was named one of 30 "Companies That Care" by *Jacksonville Magazine*.

**State Farm** is a family of insurance and financial services companies that together serve tens of millions of customers in the U.S. With 38 agents in Jacksonville alone, State Farm offers life, health and disability insurance, as well as annuities and business insurance. According to State Farm, they are a mutual company that makes its primary focus its policyholders. Their more than 65,000 employees and more than 18,000 agents service 82 million policies and accounts throughout the U.S., and have a strong, established presence in Northeast Florida.

With a history dating back to 1879, **Bankers Life** products focus on the insurance needs of the middle-income retirement market through nationwide subsidiaries of CNO Financial Group, Inc. These companies offer a broad portfolio of life and health insurance designed especially for those near and in retirement. At their Jacksonville locations, insurance agents take the time to get to know customers, listen to their needs and understand their values with the intention to help customers reach their goals for a secure retirement.

Headquartered in Jacksonville, American Heritage Life Insurance Company was founded in 1956 in Jacksonville and has expanded to a national presence. In October 1999, American Heritage Life was acquired by The **Allstate Corporation** and now uses the marketing name of **Allstate Benefits**. More than 22,000 agents are licensed to sell American Heritage Life products. Their portfolio of products includes universal life, term life, disability income, cancer, accident, heart and stroke, critical illness, hospital indemnity, vision and dental insurance. The company strongly believes everyone should be able to access quality insurance from a company they trust and their agents in Jacksonville are a solid representation of those values.

**Prudential Financial Inc.** is an American Fortune Global 500 and Fortune 500 company whose subsidiaries provide insurance, investment, and other financial products and services to both retail and institutional customers throughout the U.S. and in over 30 other countries. Primary services provided include life insurance, annuities, mutual funds, pension- and retirement-related investments, and commercial and residential real estate. Prudential employs about 42,000 people and about 900 in Northeast Florida.

CSX, photo by Stephanie Marty



# Information Technology Industry Thrives



ortheast Florida's prominent information technology (IT) industry is diverse, boasting a wide range of companies, including independent software developers, corporate IT operations and telecommunications infrastructure for major financial firms, health care providers, insurers and global logistics

companies. DataFox recently ranked Jacksonville No. 2 on its 2016 Best Cities for Tech list (outside of New York and California) due to the city's support of local entrepreneurs and startups, low cost of living, and a median age of 35.

The city's new Network Access Point—the Jax NAP—is attracting IT companies to the area and positioning Jacksonville as a main connection point along the network of subsea and terrestrial cables that move data due to its new Network Access Point—the telecom industry's version of a major hub airport or a Tier1-level routing site. The Jax NAP will benefit the telecom and data center industry by providing greater connectivity, conductivity, reliability and a lack of latency in trafficking large amounts of data.

According to JAXUSA, information technology employs more than 13,000 in the region in a wide range of occupations including computer programming, software design, and computer facilities management. With Jacksonville's talent pool growing more rapidly than the U.S. average, it is a great time to be employed in this field. It is no wonder that *Forbes* magazine continually ranks Jacksonville as one of the best cities for high-tech jobs. As businesses in Jacksonville grow, the need for quality IT follows suit. Companies with large information technology operations in Northeast Florida include Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Florida Blue, Citi and Deutsche Bank.

Here are some of the leading IT employers on the First Coast:

**AT&T** is the second largest provider of mobile telephone services and the largest provider of fixed telephone service. Additionally, AT&T is the largest telecommunications company in the world by revenue. As of 2016, it is also the 17th largest mobile telecommunications operator in the world, with over 130 million mobile customers. AT&T was ranked sixth on the 2015 rankings of the world's most valuable brands published by Millward Brown Optimor. AT&T employs 2,600 on the First Coast.



Based in Jacksonville, **Availity** operates the largest real time information network in health care, delivering health information solutions to more than 200,000 physicians and providers of care, 1,000 hospitals, 1,300 health plans and 450 industry partners. As one of the leading health information networks in the country, Availity optimizes information exchange between multiple health care stakeholders through a single, secure network. Availity also offers health care providers, hospitals, and health systems revenue cycle and patient financial management solutions. Inc.com named Availity one of its 500 fastest-growing health care companies.

Headquartered in Jacksonville, **Beeline** is a leader in software solutions for sourcing and managing a company's extended workforce. Beeline offers workforce solutions including a Vendor Management System and a Freelancer Management System which helps procurement, sourcing, and human resources professionals optimize costs, reduce risks, and add value to their contingent labor programs. Beeline is a strategic and independently operated business unit of Adecco Group, a leading provider of human resource solutions.

**Black Knight Financial Services** provides integrated technology, data and analytics for lenders and servicers in the mortgage and real estate industries looking to successfully manage the entire loan lifecycle. Headquartered in Jacksonville's Riverside neighborhood, their understanding of regulatory and compliance issues complements the knowledge, technology and solutions they offer to help their clients achieve their business goals.

**C2C Innovative Solutions Inc.**, located in Jacksonville, has served as a Qualified Independent Contractor (QIC) for the Medicare program since the inception of the second-level appeal process in September 2004. Today, C2C is the QIC contractor for several QIC task orders.

Operating as a subsidiary of **CSX Corporation**, CSX Technology develops information technology applications for railroad transportation and logistics. The company's products include ShipCSX, which facilitates freight scheduling, tracking, and monitoring. It also offers IT services for data resource management, system architecture and network management.

Jacksonville-based company **Fanatics** is an online retailer of licensed sports apparel and merchandise. Services include e-commerce and customer service, website platform development, secure shopping solutions, expertise in merchandising and fulfillment, advanced digital marketing, and complete design, licensing and manufacturing. The company currently powers the e-commerce sites of all major professional sports leagues (NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL, NASCAR, PGA, UFC), major media brands (NBC Sports, CBS Sports, FOX Sports) and over 150 collegiate and professional team properties.

Headquartered right here in Jacksonville, **Fidelity Information Services (FIS)** is the largest provider of banking and payment technologies. FIS assists financial companies with its payment processing and banking solutions, which include software and technology outsourcing. FIS serves more than 20,000 clients in over 130 countries. Their technology allows billions of transactions to take place each year that move over \$9 trillion around the world. FIS is a Fortune 500 company and is a member of Standard & Poor's 500® Index. FIS currently has nearly 1,100 employees in Duval County and employs more than 4,500 Floridians statewide. As a world leader in financial services technology, FIS is expanding its presence in Jacksonville and will be creating 250 new jobs.

**Randrr** is a digital platform that connects potential employees with employers, and plans to hire 200 employees in Jacksonville in the next few years. The *Jacksonville Business Journal* recognizes Randrr as the city's most innovative startup. "When deciding where to locate, we had a number of choices but Florida and the Jacksonville community embraced us with open arms. The depth and availability of the technical talent here is critically important to our company and will sustain our growth for years to come. We hope to be a part of making Jacksonville a world-class tech hotspot," said Randrr owner and CEO Terry Terhark.

Founded in Jacksonville in 2010 by retired Navy Veteran Juan Carlos Villatoro, **Urban Mining** was created to address the growing global issue of hazardous electronic waste and the need for recycling in a technology-driven world. The company is changing the way electronics recycling occurs with a focus on environmental sustainability, transparent downstream management and attention to data security. Services cover a full range of IT asset management and disposition services, including Department of Defense-compliant data destruction, audited tracking, resale of assets with marketable value, and the complete tear-down of old electronics resulting in a net zero impact on landfills.

"Our technology has global implications, but we think, and act, in a way that impacts our customers, employees and the communities we live in," said Urban Mining. "We generate STEM jobs, activate local remarketing programs to improve access to technology, support the Corporate Social Responsibility and IT goals of local businesses and stand up sustainability programs for the greater Northeast Florida region."

**Web.com**, headquartered here in Jacksonville, provides a wide range of web services for small and medium-sized businesses, including website design, online marketing, e-commerce, web hosting and registering a domain name. Web.com also offers resources and advice to help businesses grow their online presence. Web.com has 3 million customers and employs 900 people in the Jacksonville area.

UF Health, photo by Monica Gutos



Baptist South, photo courtesy of Baptist Health



# Health Care's Economic Impact in Northeast Florida

By Monica Gutos

Jacksonville and Northeast Florida have a prominent health care industry that benefits the community. As we take a look at the expansion of health care facilities currently in operation, new health care facilities being built and an increase in medical tourism, we see the overall impact of the health care industry is directly linked to a successful economy in Northeast Florida.

The local economy shows evidence of being on the rise since the recession of 2007. According to the October 2017 *Florida & Metro Forecast* report by the University of Central Florida, employment growth is expected average 2.7 percent annually in Northeast Florida and unemployment will average 4.1 percent.

## HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS

As one of the area's largest employment sectors in Northeast Florida, it is no wonder health care has such a significant impact on the economy. ZipRecruiter ranked Jacksonville as No. 5 on its "Top Southern Cities for Jobs Right Now" list. It notes Jacksonville as having a thriving health care sector with health care executive directors as the top position in demand. In 2015, the health and education services industry added 48,400 new jobs, according to [floridatrend.com](http://floridatrend.com).

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## WORK Health Care's Economic Impact in Northeast Florida

One in every six jobs in Northeast Florida is in the health care and life sciences sector, according to the JAXUSA website. The annual economic impact of this industry is \$25 billion, with more than \$400 million invested in Jacksonville's hospitals.

Eight of the top 50 employers in Jacksonville are health systems and hospitals. This includes Baptist Health, Mayo Clinic, University of Florida (UF) Health, St. Vincent's HealthCare, Memorial Hospital, Flagler Hospital, Orange Park Medical Center and Brooks Rehabilitation. Health care related companies also top the list with Florida Blue, Johnson & Johnson Vision Care and Aetna.

The health care industry is a major economic driver in the region. Not only do health care facilities provide a significant amount of jobs to the area, they provide quality jobs where employees want to have long-lasting careers.

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville has been rated one of the top 10 "nurse-friendly" hospitals in the U.S. The nursing education and information website TopRNtoBSN.com listed Baptist as No. 4 out of 30 hospitals that provide superior work environments and benefits for their nursing staff.

In 2016, Becker's Hospital Review named St. Vincent's HealthCare one of "150 great places to work in health care." It recognizes that the health system has adopted numerous initiatives, including the creation of an intranet, where workers can request new equipment and submit suggestions for workplace improvement.

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### EXPANDING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

With the expansion of health care facilities in Northeast Florida, business opportunities and high paying jobs are added economic security to the area. Building new structures creates jobs for those in the construction industry as well as health care.

Baptist's groundbreaking affiliation with MD Anderson Cancer Center is changing cancer treatment and research in Northeast Florida. The official partnership has successfully brought economic growth to the region. Baptist Health and MD Anderson are bringing in additional medical and surgical experts to join the existing cancer care staff. Baptist broke ground on construction on the facility in June 2016, which provides access to care from the Texas-based cancer center. The center will temporarily be housed in the 100,000-square-foot Baptist Outpatient Center, which is currently home to Baptist Health's Hill Breast Center and the Edna Williams Cancer Center.

In 2016, Brooks Rehabilitation opened University Crossing, a new 111-bed skilled nursing facility. The three-story, approximately 82,000-square-foot building specializes in neurological conditions and includes two specialty units: a 12-bed unit for patients requiring a ventilator and a 10-bed brain injury unit. University Crossing is located at the intersection of Beach and University boulevards and serves short- and long-term patients.

The addition of St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County, a \$110 million facility, has added approximately 700 jobs to the region and provided more accessible health care to those living in Clay County. The new hospital continues to expand and impact the economic growth in Northeast Florida. A patient tower opened in 2016, bringing more than 100 jobs to the area. The \$33.1 million project added 30 inpatient beds, 13 treatment rooms in the ER, in addition to maternity and women's services.

UF Health opened the first phase of UF Health North in 2015. The 210,000-square-foot, six-story outpatient medical complex consists of a 28-bed emergency room, a medical office building in addition to more than 20 specialty services. UF Health broke ground on the project in 2013. The second phase of UF Health North opened in June 2017 and includes a 92-bed inpatient hospital. The population has been steadily increasing in this area and is expected to increase by 10 percent in the next five years, according to the UF Health Jacksonville website. The new state-of-the-art hospital will fill the medical needs of the growing population in northern Duval and Nassau counties. UF Health North is expected to have an ongoing positive impact on the local economy through the creation of approximately 350 new jobs. The campus is adjacent to River City Marketplace, one of the busiest shopping centers on the Northside of Jacksonville.

Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center



Baptist Health is also adding facilities to the growing region of Jacksonville's Northside. Opened in 2016, Baptist North Medical Campus includes two emergency centers, one for adults and one that focuses on pediatric care. Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville Hospital President Michael Mayo estimated approximately 65 new full-time jobs would be created just in the construction of the emergency center alone. In 2017, the second phase opened a new YMCA, physician offices and a Healthy Living Center.

With the continuation of new projects commencing in the Jacksonville area, it is evident that health care accounts for a significant portion of job creation. Creating jobs in the health care field is beneficial to the economy of the area, since they require an advanced skill set. Professional health care careers require specialized education, training and continuing education. Hospitals and health care facilities not only create employment for physicians and nurses, but also for accountants, computer programmers and administrators. Health care careers attract workers who typically command higher wages that benefit the economy as these individuals possess higher purchasing power for homes, commodities, entertainment and other services, thus boosting the economic growth in the area.

The health care industry can also lead to direct and supporting employment at local businesses in the community that provide goods, services and resources needed to operate and maintain the multiple medical, biomedical, communication and technological components of the industry.

Ranked No. 1 in Florida and No. 1 in Jacksonville by the 2016-2017 *U.S. News & World Report*, Mayo Clinic continues to bring groundbreaking medical expertise to the First Coast. The hospital has begun construction on a \$300 million expansion project. The 150,000-square-foot medical center will have a two-year timeline, and is projected to be completed in 2018. In addition, Mayo has added 900 new staff members. The new facility will provide integrated services for patients with neurological problems, neurosurgery, hematology and oncology. Initially rising four stories, the building will potentially reach 11.

Another construction project includes a state-of-the-art positron emission tomography (PET) radiochemistry facility. It will house a radiochemistry laboratory and a cyclotron—a particle accelerator, providing prostate cancer patients with access to the latest advancement in staging and detection. Mayo has also announced that it is investing \$70.5 million to add four floors to the Mayo Building South and remodel the Davis Building. The project will add 80,000 new square feet and renovate the 40,000 existing square feet. The project is expected to be completed in 2019.

These expansions are expected to boost Mayo Clinic's medical tourism industry and will increase the number of people Mayo employs in the Jacksonville area, which will benefit the local economy even more. Currently, Mayo employs 5,900 and contributes more than \$2 billion to Florida's economy.

## MEDICAL TOURISM

Another boost to the area's economy is a growing trend known as medical tourism. Many people travel to Florida to escape the harsh weather of the north. However, some visitors to Jacksonville and Northeast Florida are not only seeking a vacation, they are also taking advantage of the area's medical expertise. According to Florida TaxWatch, "Medical tourism has been on the rise and Florida, with renowned medical expertise, health centers of excellence, desirable vacation locations, and multiple transportation access routes, is poised to capture a portion of [the] world market."

Medical tourism and meetings generate around \$53 million in local economic impact, according to Visit Jacksonville, with about \$30 million of that coming from conventions and other gatherings. According to Mayo Clinic, medical tourists are those seeking medical care in Jacksonville who live at least 150 miles from the area. Some medical tourists travel from as far as Europe to seek medical treatment in Northeast Florida.

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In Jacksonville, The University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute has had a significant impact on bringing in medical tourists. The institute sees hundreds of pediatric patients each year, who come with their families and stay in Jacksonville for more than a month. Thousands of patients from around the world have received proton therapy at the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute. Grants have been given for medical tourism and part of that money is going towards UF Health's Proton Therapy Institute and other facilities.

## A PROMISING OUTLOOK ON THE FUTURE

The vibrant and expanding health care industry in Northeast Florida contributes significantly to the overall economy of the region. Health care generates higher paying jobs, contributes to growth in sales and employment in other business sectors, facilitates the attraction and retention of new businesses, and enables consumers to effectively and conveniently access quality health care in their own community. With all these factors combined, it is safe to predict that the already significant economic impact of the local health care industry will continue to flourish for years to come.



# Top 50 Employers

**Naval Air Station Jacksonville**

19,590 Employees  
P.O. Box 102  
Jacksonville, FL 32212-0102  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/jacksonville](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/jacksonville)

**Naval Station Mayport**

15,400 Employees  
P.O. Box 280112  
Mayport, FL 32228-0112  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/mayport](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/mayport)

**Duval County Public Schools**

11,876 Employees  
1701 Prudential Dr.  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
[www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org)

**Baptist Health**

10,500 Employees  
800 Prudential Dr.  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
[www.baptistjax.com](http://www.baptistjax.com)

**Bank of America Merrill Lynch**

8,000 Employees  
50 N. Laura St.  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
[www.bofam.com](http://www.bofam.com)

**City of Jacksonville**

117 W. Duval St.  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
[www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)

**Florida Blue**

6,700 Employees  
4800 Deerwood Campus Pkwy.  
Jacksonville, FL 32246  
[www.floridablue.com](http://www.floridablue.com)

**Mayo Clinic**

6,000 Employees  
4500 San Pablo Rd. S.  
Jacksonville, FL 32224  
[www.mayoclinic.org/jacksonville](http://www.mayoclinic.org/jacksonville)

**Southeastern Grocers**

5,700 Employees  
5050 Edgewood Ct.  
Jacksonville, FL 32254  
[www.segrocers.com](http://www.segrocers.com)

**St. Johns County School District**

4,534 Employees  
40 Orange St.  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
[www.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**Citigroup, Inc.**

4,500 Employees  
14000 Citicards Way  
Jacksonville, FL 32258  
[www.citigroup.com](http://www.citigroup.com)

**JPMorgan Chase & Co.**

3,900 Employees  
10151 Deerwood Park Blvd., Bldg. 400  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
[www.jpmorganchase.com](http://www.jpmorganchase.com)

**Jacksonville Sheriff's Office**

3,832 Employees  
501 E. Bay St.  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
[www.jaxsheriff.org](http://www.jaxsheriff.org)

**CSX Corporation**

3,600 Employees  
500 Water St., 15th Fl.  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
[www.csx.com](http://www.csx.com)

**UF Health**

3,600 Employees  
655 W. 8th St.  
Jacksonville, FL 32209  
[www.ufhealthjax.org](http://www.ufhealthjax.org)

**Wells Fargo**

3,500 Employees  
1 Independent Dr.  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
www.wellsfargo.com

**St. Vincent's HealthCare**

3,000 Employees  
1 Shircliff Way  
Jacksonville, FL 32204  
www.jaxhealth.com

**AT&T**

2,600 Employees  
10375 Centurion Pkwy. N.  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
www.att.com

**Black Knight Financial Services**

2,400 Employees  
601 Riverside Ave.  
Jacksonville, FL 32204  
www.bkfs.com

**UPS**

2,300 Employees  
4255 James E. Casey Dr.  
Jacksonville, FL 32219  
www.ups.com

**Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc.**

2,000 Employees  
7500 Centurion Pkwy.  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
www.jnj.com

**Deutsche Bank**

1,800 Employees  
5022 Gate Pkwy. S., Ste. 400  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
www.db.com

**Memorial Hospital Memorial Health**

1,800 Employees  
3625 University Blvd. S.  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
www.memorialhospitaljax.com

**Flagler Hospital**

1,800 Employees  
400 Health Park Blvd.  
St. Augustine, FL 32086  
www.flaglerhospital.org

**Aetna**

1,700 Employees  
841 Prudential Dr.  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
www.aetna.com

**Orange Park Medical Center**

1,640 Employees  
2001 Kingsley Ave.  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
www.orangeparkmedical.com

**Brooks Rehabilitation**

1,600 Employees  
3599 University Blvd. S.  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
www.brooksrehab.com

**One Call Care Management**

1,500 Employees  
841 Prudential Dr., Ste. 900  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
www.onecallcm.com

**Fanatics**

1,500 Employees  
8100 Nations Way  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
www.fanaticsync.com

**EverBank**

1,400 Employees  
501 Riverside Ave.  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
www.everbank.com

**VyStar Credit Union**

1,300 Employees  
4949 Blanding Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32210  
www.vystarcu.org

**GuideWell Source**

1,300 Employees  
532 Riverside Ave.  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
www.guidewellsources.com

**Flightstar Aircraft Services**

1,300 Employees  
6025 Flightline Dr.  
Jacksonville, FL 32221  
www.flightstarjax.com

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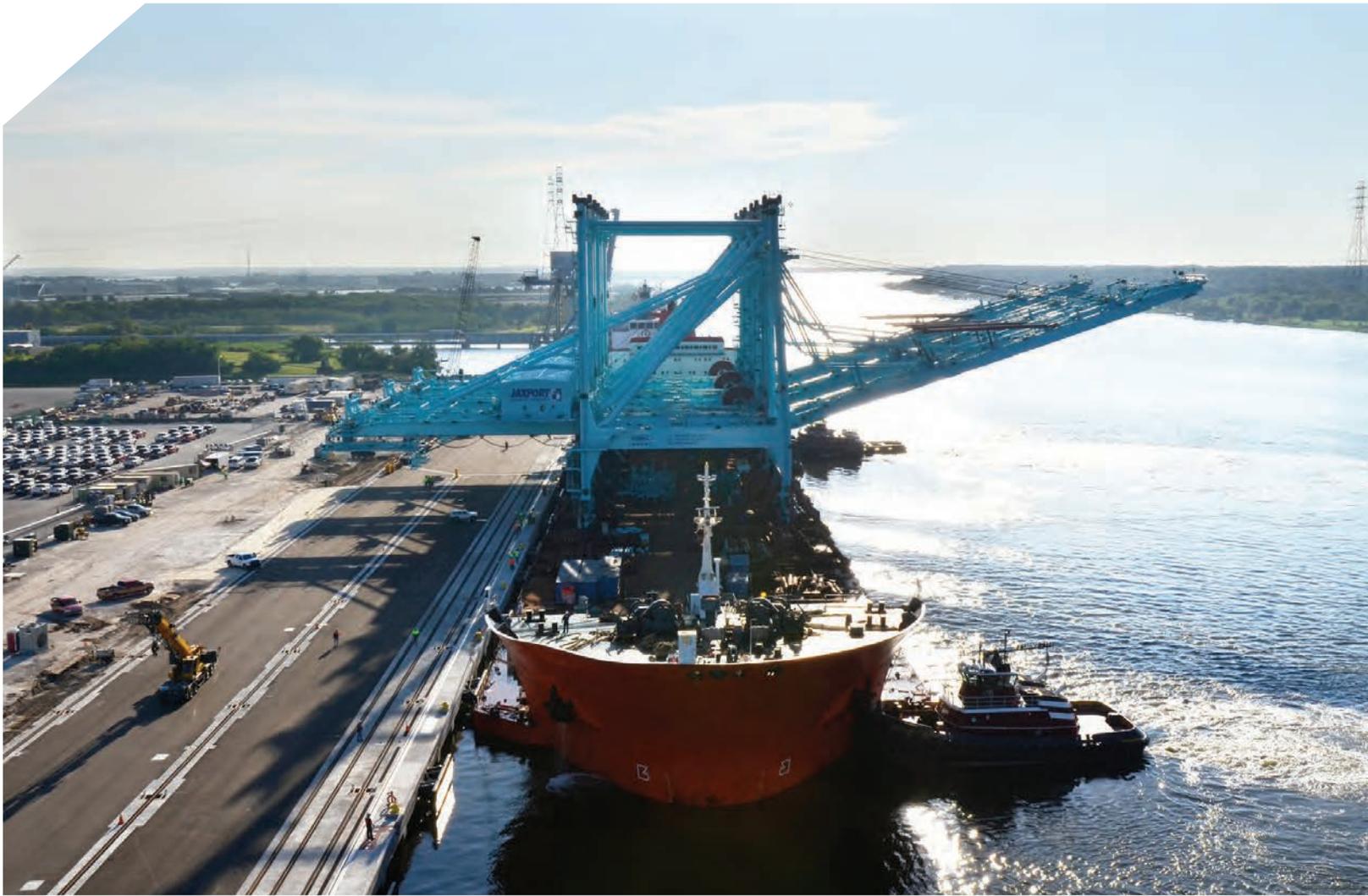
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# Big Business: Logistics & Distribution

**A**s a core industry of Northeast Florida, logistics and distribution employs more than half a million Florida residents with a vast wholesale trade, and transportation and logistics industry. Several major logistics companies have a presence in Florida, including CEVA Logistics, Coach Inc., Crowley Logistics Inc., CSX Intermodal Inc., Mediterranean Shipping Company and Landstar Systems Inc. As a gateway to the Western Hemisphere, Florida's logistics and distribution industry is continuing to grow with the Panama Canal expansion this year and the many infrastructure developments in the works around the region.

There are three main forces that drive the logistics and distribution business in Jacksonville. The first is Value Added Logistics Services (VALS). Florida offers a prime location for VALS, as well as a skilled multilingual workforce and competitive overall business costs. Firms benefit from Florida's multimodal transportation system, foreign trade zones and other competitive advantages. Second, there is the wholesale trade and transportation sector. As a major international trade center and a huge market in its own right, Florida has a robust

wholesale trade and transportation sector. Florida offers easy access to global markets, plus the infrastructure to facilitate the needs of any wholesale trade and transportation provider. Finally, the Jacksonville market offers specialized logistics IT (information technology), which play a crucial role in the industry. Our large IT cluster is home to a number of firms specializing in logistics IT and related areas such as transportation management, inventory control, and homeland security applications.

## **CEVA Logistics**

**CEVA Logistics** is one of the world's leading non asset-based supply chain management companies with industry-leading design and implementation solutions in both freight management and contract logistics. In 2013, CEVA Logistics opened its first Center of Logistics Excellence in Jacksonville. The Center is designed to demonstrate 'real world' logistics innovation through supply chain optimization and enhanced visibility, integrated services and technology solutions to power supply chain efficiency and allows organizations to see supply chains in action.

According to CEVA, Information technology plays a crucial role in helping customers achieve their supply chain objectives. The Center for Logistics Excellence showcases the CEVA Matrix™ platform, which optimizes best-in-class components from independent software vendors with proprietary CEVA components and expertise to deliver innovative customer solutions that support all aspects of the end-to-end supply chain.

Recently, CEVA brought in a new Senior Vice President Business Development – Contract Logistics, Stephen Dean. Dean is based at the Jacksonville location and has added 30 years of contract logistics experience and expertise. Speaking of his new role, Dean says, “CEVA is a major player on the international stage with a great reputation and I believe there is significant potential to further enhance our portfolio of services. My relocation to Jacksonville puts me at the heart of our sales and solutions teams in North America and I’m looking forward to developing our customer offering to further grow the business.”

### **Coach, Inc.**

Everyone knows the iconic **Coach** label; it may come as a surprise that every product the company produces comes through Jacksonville at their 850,000-square-foot distribution center. The center, located at the Jacksonville International Tradeport, has tripled in size since it opened in 1995, and the company’s rapid growth in Asia may necessitate additional expansions in the future.

The Jacksonville facility is the company’s only U.S. distribution center and more than 350 employees are responsible for shipping out hundreds of thousands, sometimes even millions, of orders every month. Jacksonville is the company’s largest and main facility, and is supported by two smaller distribution centers in Asia.

It was recently reported that the Jacksonville warehouse and distribution center had been sold for \$90.5 million. The sale was first announced last August, but it didn’t close until 12 months later. According to a press release, Intercontinental Real Estate Corp., an investment firm based in Boston, bought the property. Coach will continue to occupy the entire building, as the New York-based maker of bags, outerwear and a variety of accessories still has 13 years left on the lease, along with two 10-year options.

Mike Davis, executive director of Cushman & Wakefield, the company that brokered the deal, said in August that it was the largest non-portfolio industrial sale in the area since 2013.

### **Crowley Logistics, Inc.**

**Crowley Logistics Inc.** is a U.S.-owned and operated marine solutions, transportation and logistics company providing services in domestic and international markets through six operating lines of business: Puerto Rico/Caribbean liner services; Latin America liner services; logistics; marine contract solutions; deep sea petroleum transportation; and petroleum transportation, distribution and sales in Alaska.

With two locations in Jacksonville, Crowley Maritime Corporation has a strong shipping and distribution presence in Northeast Florida. Crowley is the leading ocean cargo carrier between the U.S. and Puerto Rico, the Eastern and Western Caribbean and Central America. According to Crowley, with frequent and timely sailings, and the proximity of the Caribbean Basin to the U.S., they are able to deliver “Speed to Market” for customers in need of liner shipping services.

With a fundamental understanding that supply chains continue to operate within an increasingly complex and dynamic set of variables, the company is positioned as a worldwide partner offering flexible, scalable and agile logistics solutions. Crowley is known for being able to seamlessly handle most any logistics requirement by offering services that it has spent over 121 years perfecting.

### **CSX Intermodal**

**CSX** provides rail, intermodal and rail-to-truck transload services and solutions to customers across a broad array of markets, including energy, industrial, construction, agricultural and consumer products. In 2003, CSX Corporation established headquarters in Jacksonville and is the leading supplier of rail-based freight transportation in North America.

At the Jacksonville location, CSX has a Major Rail Yard, as well as several terminals, including the intermodal, TRANSFLO, service bulk transfer and auto distribution terminals.

The company had a rough year in 2015. Shortly after 2014’s buyout of members at headquarters, there was a layoff of 52 employees, followed by a derailling in February that led to the spillage of 100 cars each carrying 30,000 gallons of crude oil. This accident fed an ongoing safety debate over crude oil tankers. A press release from CSX reported that the company will continue to have a bumpy ride as the macroeconomic environment continues to challenge many of the railroad’s markets. The low price of natural gas is expected to displace domestic coal, a challenge CSX has been dealing with for the last four years.

Despite these obstacles, the Jacksonville-based company has been able to continue improving operations while growing intermodal and the outlook for the upcoming years is much improved. It is worth noting, that despite these obstacles, *Forbes* magazine named CSX as one of the “Best Employers” in the U.S., and *Fortune* magazine honored the company by ranking CSX as one of its most admired transportation companies.



Logistics is defined as “the cost-effective process of planning, implementing and controlling the efficient movement and storage of goods from the point of origin to the end-user.”

**Mediterranean Shipping Company**

**Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC)** is a world leader in global container shipping and a company known for offering global service with local knowledge. MSC also provides an integrated network of road, rail and sea transport resources that stretches across the globe.

As the world’s second largest shipping company in terms of container vessel capacity, MSC has an established fleet of 480 container vessels with global sailing schedules covering 200 routes and calling at 315 ports, including JAXPORT. The company’s sea freight offering is complemented by integrated warehousing and haulage services.

**Landstar Shipping**

Yet another industry leader based in Jacksonville, **Landstar Shipping** specializes in supply chain solutions and global and domestic transportation. The Landstar network is made up of independent agents and transportation capacity providers with various capabilities including logistics, engineering, analysis, design, shipping, brokerage and warehousing.

Landstar is proudly known for their “safety-first culture” and has a 99 percent claim-free delivery rate. The company’s accident frequency is well below the industry average, and according to Landstar, this is a direct result of their strict capacity requirements and innovative safety initiatives.

The unique network of independent agents and capacity providers operating under the Landstar umbrella enjoys the strength and support of one of the industry’s most stable and successful companies. This unique business model “provides customers with personalized service at the local level with the global reach and resources of a multi-billion dollar company,” said Landstar. Various value-added services include pick/pack and fulfillment, consolidation/deconsolidation, cross-dock/transloading, custom labeling, HazMat handling, kitting, sub-assembly and reverse logistics, all of which contribute to the integrated management solutions offered at Landstar.

For the 14th consecutive year, Landstar has been recognized by *Inbound Logistics* magazine as a “Top 100 3PL” (third-party logistics company). Landstar was also selected by *Inbound Logistics* with a “Readers’ Choice: Top 10 3PL Excellence Award.”

The volume of big business in Northeast Florida requires a means to support the transport of products. Fortunately, the First Coast is blessed with a deep water port boasting the widest shipping channel in the Southeast U.S.—a channel wide enough for two ships to pass at the same time. **JAXPORT** is a full-service, international trade seaport situated at the crossroads of the nation’s rail and highway network. The port has three marine terminals that handled 8.2 million tons of cargo in 2015, including more than 650,000 vehicles and more containers than any other port complex in Florida.

Port of Fernandina, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council





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The port owns, maintains and markets three cargo terminals, a cruise terminal and an intermodal rail terminal along the St. Johns River: Blount Island Marine Terminal, Dames Point Marine Terminal, Talleyrand Marine Terminal, the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal and the JAXPORT Intermodal Container Transfer Facility.

According to a 2014 study commissioned by JAXPORT, cargo activity through Jacksonville's seaport positively impacts tens of thousands of jobs and supports nearly \$27 billion in annual economic output for the region and state. The study cites significant growth in the port's impact during the last five years with figures that represent an increase of nearly 10 percent since 2008, a recessionary time period in which overall job figures declined in Duval County. "Job generation in the private sector is a primary goal of ours," said JAXPORT Chief Executive Officer Brian Taylor. "This updated research reaffirms that as JAXPORT grows its international reputation and as we continue to invest in building a state-of-the-art public seaport, we create significant opportunities for local businesses and individuals to prosper."

### JAXPORT Cargo

JAXPORT owns, maintains and markets three cargo terminals and one passenger cruise terminal along the St. Johns River: Blount Island Marine Terminal, Dames Point Marine Terminal, Talleyrand Marine Terminal and the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal.

The **Blount Island Marine Terminal** has 7,094 linear feet of deep water berth and is JAXPORT's largest marine facility and one of the largest vehicle import/export centers in the U.S. The newly rebuilt heavy lift cargo berth ranks as one of the nation's highest weight-bearing capacity docks, offering up to 1,800 pounds per square foot of load capacity.

Located 10 nautical miles from the Atlantic Ocean, **Dames Point Marine Terminal** is JAXPORT's newest marine facility with 5,002 linear feet of deep water berths. The TraPac Container Terminal at Dames Point features new port infrastructure, including roadways, terminal buildings, two 1,200-foot berths and six New Panamax container cranes. The **JAXPORT Cruise Terminal** at Dames Point is home to Carnival Cruise Lines' 2,052-passenger ship, Fascination.

The third terminal, **Talleyrand Marine Terminal**, is located 21 nautical miles from the Atlantic Ocean on the St. Johns River with 4,780 linear feet of berthing space. The terminal handles containerized and breakbulk cargoes, automobiles and liquid bulk commodities such as molasses and vegetable oils.

Talleyrand's on-dock rail facilities are run by Talleyrand Terminal Railroad Inc., which provides direct switching service for Norfolk Southern and CSX rail lines. The terminal is only 25 minutes from Florida East Coast Railroad's intermodal ramp, and is conveniently located within minutes of interstates I-95 and I-10.

### JAXPORT Cruise Terminal

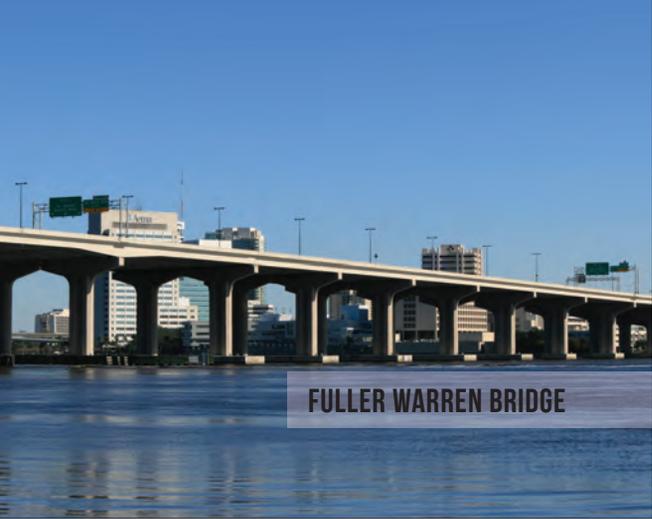
Since 2003, more than 2 million passengers have sailed from Jacksonville and the **JAXPORT Cruise Terminal**. More than 183,000 cruise passengers sailed from the JAXPORT cruise terminal in 2015 and the ships have an average 120 percent occupancy rate. With passengers traveling from all 50 states, the cruise industry has created an estimated 460 new jobs and more than \$67 million in new annual economic impact for Northeast Florida.

On May 2, 2016, JAXPORT welcomed the Carnival Elation to Jacksonville. The 2,054 passenger Carnival Elation is a newer ship that replaced the Carnival Fascination, which is now home-ported in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Elation offers four-day cruises to Freeport and Nassau in the Bahamas and five-day voyages to Nassau and the private Bahamian island of Half Moon Cay, making JAXPORT an ideal cruise departure location.

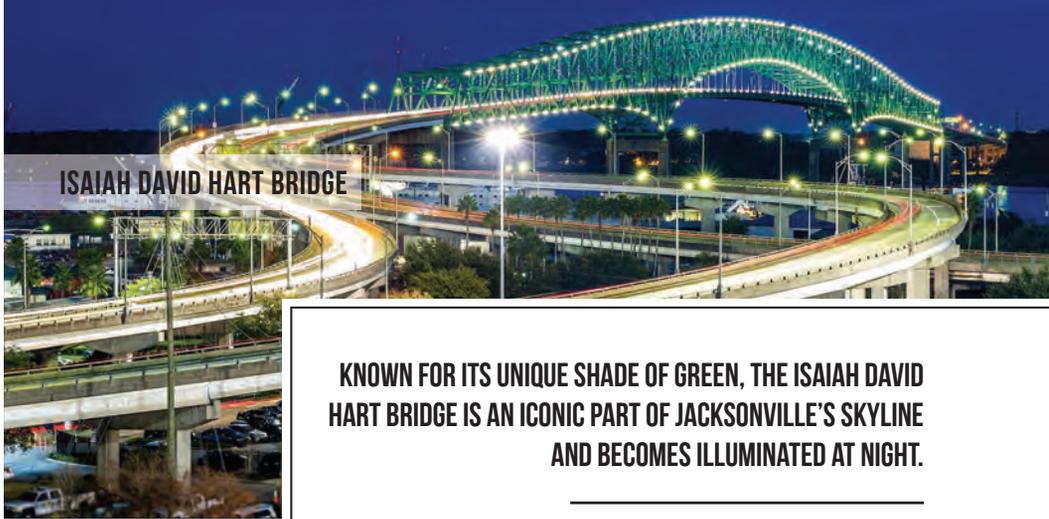
### Port of Fernandina

**The Port of Fernandina** provides terminal service to over 10 pulp and paper producers located throughout Florida and the Southeast. In addition, the port has expanded in providing steel export services to several steel mills in the Southeast. Because of the unique positioning of the Port of Fernandina, the OHPA is also developing partnerships with various lines to create a connection to interstate, rail and air services by which more goods and services can be delivered to more destinations around the globe.

The Port of Fernandina features a short entrance channel only 2.2 miles from the ocean with a channel draft of 36 feet MLW free of any overhead obstructions. The 850 foot turning basin is directly adjacent to the 1,200 liner foot pier. Tug services are available, but not required, weather permitting. Most vessels can transit from the sea buoy in one hour. Exports include forest products such as Kraft Liner Board and lumber, machinery, yachts and steel products. Imports handled at the Port of Fernandina include steel rebar and wire rod coils, hardwoods and oats. Additionally, the containerized commodities moving through the port are made up of consumer goods, building materials, plastics, beverages, frozen and chilled foods, and newsprint.

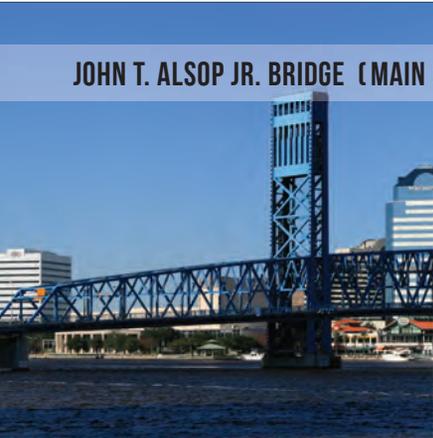


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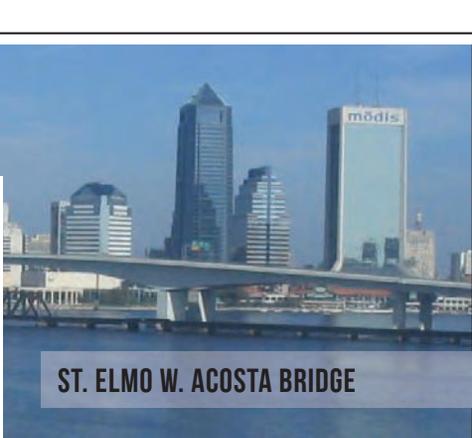
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KNOWN FOR ITS UNIQUE SHADE OF GREEN, THE ISAIAH DAVID HART BRIDGE IS AN ICONIC PART OF JACKSONVILLE'S SKYLINE AND BECOMES ILLUMINATED AT NIGHT.

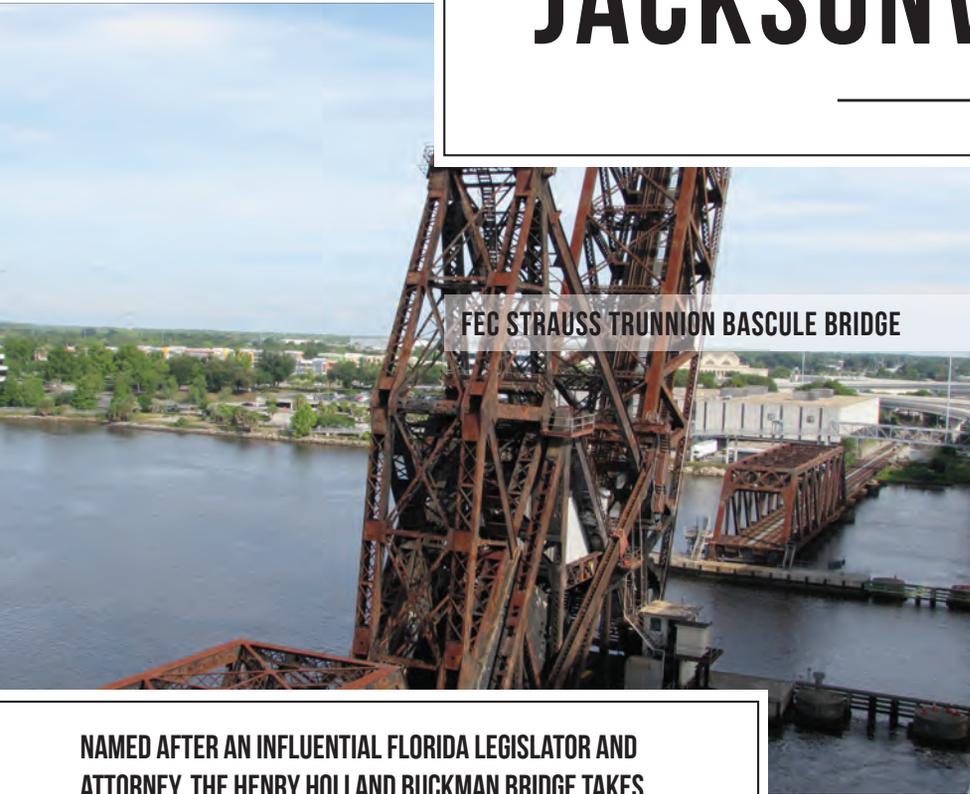


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# Transportation

## ROADS

As a newcomer to an area, one of the more frustrating things can be when locals give you directions and refer to roads by names that you are not familiar with. The First Coast has many roads and highways that make it easy and convenient for residents to get where they need to go, so long as they know the ropes. For example, you need to get to the end of Roosevelt Boulevard, but when the directions you have tell you to take Park Avenue, it can become quite confusing if you don't know that they are in fact the same road. To help new residents with the challenge of learning a new town, we have provided the common alternative names for some of the major roadways.

**U.S. 1** also known as ... New Kings Road, Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Philips Highway and Dixie Highway

**U.S. 17** also known as ... Main Street, Roosevelt Boulevard and Park Avenue

**U.S. 90** also known as ... Beach Boulevard

**State Road 10** also known as ... Atlantic Boulevard

**State Road 13** also known as ... Hendricks Avenue and San Jose Boulevard

**State Road 202** also known as ... JTB, John Turner Butler and Butler Boulevard

**State Road A1A** also known as ... State Road 200 and Third Street

**I-295 East Beltway** formerly known as ... State Road 9A

### By car, downtown Jacksonville is:

40 minutes from Fernandina Beach/Amelia Island

50 minutes from historic St. Augustine

Two and a half hours from Orlando

Six hours from Atlanta

## BRIDGES

The First Coast is home to many bodies of water, including rivers, the largest of which is the St. Johns River. Seven major bridges cross the St. Johns in the Jacksonville area, shooting over the river like arcs from an enormous fountain. From northeast to southwest they are: Dames Point Bridge, Mathews Bridge, Hart Bridge, Main Street (John T. Alsop, Jr.) Bridge, Acosta Bridge, Fuller Warren Bridge (I-95) and the Buckman Bridge. Additionally, the Shands Bridge, near Green Cove Springs, connects St. Johns County with Clay County, where you can almost always find a fisherman or two trying their luck by casting a line off of the bridge.

North of Jacksonville, two bridges connect Amelia Island to Duval and Nassau counties—the Nassau Sound Bridge and the Thomas J. Shave, Jr. Bridge. The Nassau Sound Bridge is located on Heckscher Drive. The bridge crosses the Nassau Sound and connects Amelia Island to Duval County. The Thomas J. Shave, Jr. Bridge is located on A1A; it crosses the Intracoastal Waterway and connects Amelia Island to Yulee in Nassau County for a scenic commute.

The most well-known bridge in St. Johns County is the Bridge of Lions, which connects St. Augustine's historic district to Anastasia Island. The majestic bridge received its name from the two marble lion statues that are perched at the base of the bridge. The lions are stunning replicas of those at Florence's Loggia dei Lanzi. The Mickler O'Connell Bridge, also known as the State Road 312 Bridge, crosses the Matanzas River into Anastasia Island near Flagler Hospital. Another widely used bridge is the Vilano Beach Causeway, where State Road A1A crosses the Tolomato River.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (JTA)**  
www.jtafla.com

JTA is an independent state agency providing public transportation services. The agency also designs and constructs highways and bridges.

**Bus** – JTA manages all bus services in the greater Jacksonville area, with buses traveling more than 30 routes around Duval County. The **JTA Paratransit** offers door-to-door service for disabled and disadvantaged riders. JTA has **Park-n-Ride** lots around the city with express service to downtown Jacksonville. The **Stadium Shuttle** provides transportation to and from the stadium via two downtown and three suburban lots for sporting events. The Inter-County Shuttle Service connects with neighboring county transportation providers, including the Sunshine Bus Company in St. Augustine, to provide access to locations all over the First Coast. JTA also offers **Community Shuttles** with scheduled stops and premium curbside pickups by reservation. Community Shuttles run in the following areas: Arlington, the Beaches, Cecil Commerce Center, Dinsmore-River City Marketplace, Edgewood, Golfbrook, Mandarin, Northside, Ortega-NAS and Talleyrand.

**Trolley** – JTA's trolley lines offer increased transportation flexibility in and around Riverside and at the Beaches. **The Riverside Trolley** connects Downtown and Riverside. The fare is \$0.75. **The Beaches Trolley** provides transportation between Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach and Jacksonville Beach. The fare is \$1.50. All trolley transport is free for seniors.

**Skyway** – The **Skyway** is an automated transit system for easy and convenient access around downtown Jacksonville. Trains depart every three minutes during peak times and every three to six minutes at other times. The Skyway is inter-connected with the trolley system to provide transportation to a more expanded area of downtown Jacksonville.

## SUNSHINE BUS COMPANY

[www.sunshinebus.net](http://www.sunshinebus.net)

**Sunshine Bus Company** is St. Johns County's public transit and offers six different bus lines plus a connector throughout the county. The Purple Line connects with JTA at the Avenues Mall in Jacksonville. The Sunshine Bus operates Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., though the Connector and Purple Line have extended hours.

## AERONAUTICAL

**Jacksonville International Airport (JAX)** serves as the gateway to Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia with nonstop service from both legacy and low-cost carriers. Airport amenities include free Wi-Fi and recharging stations in seating areas. The JAX Passport program

allows passengers utilizing on-airport parking to earn points towards free parking and retail discounts. Thanks in part to Haskel Art Gallery and Sky Gallery, JAX has been honored by the Observer as one of the top four airports in which artwork enhances the traveler's experience. For more information, visit [www.flyjax.com](http://www.flyjax.com).

Located approximately 15 miles west of downtown Jacksonville, **Cecil Airport** has easy access to air and rail connections as well as Jacksonville's deep-water port. Cecil Airport's facilities are ideally suited for aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul operations, as well as a variety of aviation-related industrial and commercial developments. In addition, Cecil Airport is a Federal Aviation Administration licensed spaceport. For more information, visit [www.cecilairport.com](http://www.cecilairport.com).

Also located on Jacksonville's Westside, **Herlong Recreational Airport (HEG)** is used for sport and recreational flying activities including skydiving, helicopters, glider airplanes and more. An on-airport fixed based operator provides pilots with an opportunity to fuel up, play some billiards and chart their flights. For more information, visit [www.flyherlong.com](http://www.flyherlong.com).

**Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport (JAXEX)** is located on the Southside, near office parks and downtown. JAXEX provides convenient access to corporate travelers flying in and out of the city. With JAXEX serving as the business reliever airport for the region, JAX can focus primarily on commercial activity. For more information, visit [www.flyjaxex.com](http://www.flyjaxex.com).

Three First Coast airports lie outside of Jacksonville. In Nassau County, the **Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport (FBMA)** serves Amelia Island. The airport is located approximately three miles south of the downtown historic district of Fernandina Beach and less than two miles from Amelia Island's beaches, hotels, vacation rentals and resort accommodations. The airport has three runways, all more than 5,000 feet in length. FBMA also offers convenient access to Jacksonville, approximately 25 miles to the south. For more information, visit [www.fbfl.us/airport](http://www.fbfl.us/airport).

**Keystone Heights Airport (42J)** serves travelers in Clay and Bradford counties and is located 43 nautical miles southwest of Jacksonville International Airport. The airport has two runways. For more information, visit [www.keystoneairport.com](http://www.keystoneairport.com).

**Northeast Florida Regional Airport (KSGJ or UST)** is located in St. Johns County, four miles north of St. Augustine. The airport is home to the county's largest for-profit employer, Northrop Grumman and, combined with other on-airport business, annually generates more than 4,000 jobs and almost half-a-billion dollars in economic benefit to the area. The facility is centered in a gateway market of 4.4 million passengers within a two-hour drive to the airport. The Northeast Florida Regional Airport is "the economic gateway to St. Johns County." For more information, visit [www.flynf.com](http://www.flynf.com).

## RAILROAD

### PASSENGER

**Amtrak** provides passenger rail service in Jacksonville with a station near New Kings Road. Amtrak provides rail service throughout the U.S. For more information, visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

### CARGO

Four companies provide freight rail services in the Jacksonville area. **Florida East Coast Railway (FEC)** has one major rail yard in Jacksonville, located off Philips Highway and J. Turner Butler Boulevard. The railway operates 351 miles of mainline track along Florida's east coast with direct access to South Florida ports. The FEC connects to CSX and Norfolk Southern in Jacksonville and moves intermodal loads and carload commodities. For more information, visit [www.fecrwy.com](http://www.fecrwy.com).

**Norfolk Southern** has a terminal off Edgewood Avenue. The corporation has access to every major sea, river and Great Lakes port in the eastern United States. Norfolk Southern ships agriculture products, automobiles, clothing, coal, electronics, furniture, lumber, machinery and paper. For more information, visit [www.nscorp.com](http://www.nscorp.com).



Jacksonville Transportation Authority bus, photo by Stephanie Marty



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For more information on logistics and distribution on the First Coast, see page 138.

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### FERRY

**The St. Johns River Ferry**, also known as the Mayport Ferry, transports passengers and vehicles across the St. Johns River. The ferry service began in 1948 and was owned and operated by the state of Florida. Today, the St. Johns River Ferry is a car and passenger ferry that connects the north and south ends of Florida State Road A1A in Duval County, linking Mayport Village and Fort George Island via a scenic sail across the St. Johns River. The 0.9-mile voyage crosses the St. Johns River 2.5 miles inland of the river's mouth and departs every half hour. For more information, visit [www.stjohnsriverferry.com](http://www.stjohnsriverferry.com).

**The Jacksonville Water Taxi** provides transportation across the St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville. The taxi service has been Jacksonville's premier water transportation provider for more than 20 years. Today, there are four stops that provide water taxi service to the downtown area. These boats are perfect for transportation or a leisure boat ride around the river. Special services and hours are provided for Jaguars games and other downtown events. For more information, visit [www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming.aspx](http://www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming.aspx).

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1

**Download the free Florida 511 mobile app available on Google Play or Apple App Store**

2

**Visit FL511.com for interactive roadway maps showing traffic congestion and crashes, travel times and traffic camera views**

3

**Call 511 toll-free from any phone within Florida to hear about road conditions, to connect to airports and transit agencies, and to receive important alerts throughout the state**

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US Navy Blue Angels in Jacksonville, November 2017

# Military



Cyclone-class coastal patrol ship USS Zephyr (PC 8) returns to Naval Station Mayport following a 76-day patrol in support of U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations



The U.S. military has a very strong presence here on the First Coast with more than 50,000 Active Duty and civilian contractors stationed at the area's three naval bases. This flurry of activity brings the Navy's local economic impact to more than \$7 billion annually. The following article highlights the area's three naval bases as well as the United

States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, located adjacent to Naval Station Mayport.

**Naval Air Station Jacksonville** (NAS Jacksonville) is a 2012 Presidential Navy Installation of Excellence Award winner, and the Commander, Naval Installations Command Installation Excellence Award winner for 2013. The air installation prides itself on being a premier installation for delivering effective, sustained and improved shore readiness to the forward deployed fleet, warfighters, their families and the civilian workforce. NAS Jacksonville is an operational headquarters for more than 110 tenant commands, including the Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven, 14 VP, VR, HS and HSM operational and reserve squadrons. It is home to the largest squadron in the Navy—Patrol Squadron Thirty (VP-30). It provides P-3 specific training to pilots, naval flight officers and enlisted aircrew before reporting to the fleet. Major tenants aboard the base include Commander, Navy Region Southeast; Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast; Naval Hospital Jacksonville; Naval Supply Fleet Logistics Center; and Fleet Readiness Center Southeast. The Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) performs refurbishment, repair and modification of aircraft, engines and aeronautical components in its mission to support the fleet, fighter and family.

As one of the most dynamic and diverse naval installations in the world, employing 23,000 personnel, NAS Jacksonville is a primary instrument of national security and its warfighters are a key component in conducting the core capabilities of the U.S. Navy's Maritime Strategy. NAS Jacksonville is the third largest naval installation in the country and the largest in the Southeast. It has an annual regional economic impact of \$2 billion. Located on nearly 4,000 acres along the beautiful St. Johns River, NAS Jacksonville also operates the

Pinecastle Range Complex in the Ocala National Forest—the only Navy range on the East Coast where warfighters can deliver live ordnance—and the Naval Outlying Landing Field Whitehouse. Through the years, NAS Jacksonville personnel have been engaged globally while actively participating in the local communities within Northeast Florida, continuing their professional development and nurturing their families.

NAS Jacksonville personnel have a dynamic and flexible presence around the world, which contributes to the unique strengths of the U.S. Navy. Its sailors and civilian workforce play a pivotal role in ensuring the security, prosperity and vital interests of the U.S. and her allies. Focused directly on support to operational units, air station personnel work around the clock providing services to their home-based squadrons as well as supporting numerous detachments joint commands, government agencies and carrier readiness sustainment exercises. The NAS Jacksonville team continues to work in partnership with the City of Jacksonville, surrounding counties and local citizens to limit encroachment through compatible land use around Naval Outlying Landing Field Whitehouse and the Pinecastle Range Complex.

**Naval Station Mayport** (NS Mayport) was commissioned in 1942. Covering more than 3,400 acres, it is the third largest fleet concentration area in the continental United States. Currently, NS Mayport's harbor is capable of holding 34 ships and has an 8,000-foot runway that can handle any DoD aircraft. The station's airfield is operated and maintained by Naval Station Mayport's Air Operations Department and conducts more than 100,000 helicopter and fixed-wing flights each year. Military passenger flights are available through the air terminal, which processes about 13,000 passengers each year. The naval station has more than 80 tenant commands, six helicopter squadrons and 22 naval ships.

The Navy's \$1.3 billion **Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay** (NSB Kings Bay), located just 35 miles north of Jacksonville in Camden County, Georgia, is a part of the Jacksonville military community. The nearly 17,000-acre installation is the only Navy base on the East Coast capable of supporting the Trident II (D-5) Missile, an integral part of our nation's strategic deterrence program. Currently, the base berths eight Ohio-class submarines and employs more than 8,000 military and civilian personnel.

The **United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville** is located on six acres of land, adjacent to NS Mayport. Sector Jacksonville is accountable for 40,000 square miles of ocean and inland waterways, including 190 miles of coastline from Kings Bay, Georgia to Port Malabar, Florida. All Coast Guard missions that fall into this area are Sector Jacksonville's responsibility. The unit utilizes Multi-Mission Mayport and Security Detachment Mayport, as well as Station Ponce de León Inlet and Station Cape Canaveral to successfully cover this large area of responsibility.

**NAS JACKSONVILLE IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

**Base Operations**

AMVETS National Services .....	542-2834
Deployment/Mobilization.....	542-7547
NAS Jacksonville Main .....	542-2338
Personnel Support Detachment.....	542-4217
Quarterdeck .....	542-2338

**Base Support**

Commissary .....	542-5311
Housing Referral Office .....	542-2996
ID CARDS, DEERS and RAPID.....	542-3633
ID/CAC Card Processing .....	542-4528
Information & Referral Services .....	542-5745
Navy Exchange .....	777-7286
Post Office.....	800-275-8777
Recycling Center .....	542-3113
Single Sailor Accommodations (CQB).....	542-8195
Temporary Lodging/Billeting .....	542-3138

**MWR**

Allegheny & Sea King Parks.....	542-2930
Auto Skills Center .....	542-3227
Base Gym .....	542-3239
Bingo.....	542-5007
Bowling - Freedom Lanes.....	542-3493
Fisherman's & Mariner's Cove .....	542-3260
Fitness Source.....	542-3518
Golf Course .....	542-3249
Gymnasium & Indoor Pool.....	542-2930
Liberty Recreation Center .....	542-1335
Mulberry Cove Marina.....	542-3260
MWR Main Office.....	542-3111
Navy Flying Club.....	777-8549
Outdoor Pool.....	542-3720
Outdoor Recreation .....	542-3260
Retirement Services.....	542-3249
Sea Bat Park .....	542-3260
Tickets & Travel .....	542-3318
Travel Office.....	542-4217
Yellow Water Youth Center.....	777-8247
Youth Activities Center.....	778-9772

**NAVAL STATION MAYPORT IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

**Base Operations**

Business Manager.....	270-6912
CAPT NAVSTA Action Line .....	270-5589
Command Master Chief.....	270-5688
Command Master-at-Arms .....	270-5940
Commanding Officer.....	270-5201
Duty Officer .....	270-5401
Executive Officer.....	270-5202
Explosive Ordnance Disposal.....	270-5412
Harbor Operations.....	270-5179
Military Pay .....	270-5571
Naval Investigative Service.....	270-5361
Personal Property .....	542-1000
Personnel Support.....	270-7614 x331
Public Affairs Office.....	270-5226
Quarterdeck .....	270-5401

**Base Support**

Commissary .....	249-7524
ID Cards/DEERS .....	270-7614 x300
Navy Exchange Fleet Store.....	242-3283
Navy Exchange Mayport Road .....	249-8883
Office .....	270-5730
Recycling Center .....	270-5095
USO .....	246-3481
Vehicle Scale .....	270-5095
Vehicle Storage Compound.....	270-7022
Visitors Pass/Decals .....	270-5585

**MWR**

Auto Skills Center .....	270-5392
Beachside Community Center	
- Admin Office.....	270-7198
- Bingo .....	270-7204
- Castaway's Lounge .....	270-7205
- Computer Cove.....	270-7198
- Pizza Hut Express .....	249-6773
Fleet Recreation.....	270-5551
Gymnasium .....	270-5451
Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT).....	270-5145
Mayport Bowling Center .....	270-5377
Mayport Liberty Center .....	270-7788
MWR Main Office.....	270-5228
Ocean Breeze Conference Ctr. ....	270-5313
Outdoor Adventures .....	270-5221
Personnel (MWR & NGIS) .....	270-6061
Pool.....	270-5425
Surfside Fitness Center.....	270-7718
Teen Center "Club Teen" .....	246-0347
Windy Harbor Golf Club.....	270-5380
Youth Activities Center (YAC) .....	270-5680



Photo courtesy of US Navy

Youth Fitness Factory .....270-7134  
 Youth Sports .....270-5680

**Transportation**

Base Shuttle.....270-5678

**KINGS BAY NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

**Base Operations**

After Hours Check-In.....912-573-2020  
 Construction Battalion Maintenance .....912-573-3618  
 Criminal Investigative Service.....912-573-2148  
 Directory Assistance.....912-573-2000  
 Franklin Gate (contractors)..... 912-573-8609  
 Human Resources.....912-573-4868

Judge Advocate General .....912-573-4732  
 Marine Corps Security Force .....912-573-2680  
 Naval Fac. Engineering Command SE .....912-573-4600  
 Naval Submarine Support Center .....912-573-0853  
 Personnel Support Detachment.....912-573-3728  
 Protocol.....912-573-2088  
 Public Affairs.....912-573-4714  
 Quarterdeck .....912-573-2020  
 Stimson Gate .....912-573-1180  
 Strategic Weapons Facility, Atlantic.....912-573-4109  
 Submarine Group 10 .....912-573-3733  
 Submarine Squadrons 16/20.....912-573-2573  
 Tours (Approved DoD Only) .....912-573-9155  
 Trident Refit Facility.....912-573-3702  
 Trident Training Facility.....912-573-3453

**Base Support**

Commissary .....912-573-3310  
 Conference Center .....912-573-4559  
 Navy Exchange .....912-882-6098  
 Post Office Kingsland .....912-729-3462  
 Post Office On-Base.....912-882-5199  
 Post Office St. Marys.....912-673-7700  
*The Periscope* (base newspaper).....912-573-4719

**MWR**

Bowling .....912-573-9492  
 Fitness Complex.....912-573-3990  
 Game Warden .....912-573-3145  
 Golf Course: Trident Lakes .....912-573-8475  
 Information, Tickets & Tours.....912-573-2289  
 Liberty Office .....912-573-8328  
 MWR Human Resources .....912-573-4583  
 MWR Main Office.....912-573-2538  
 Outdoor Adventures .....912-573-8103  
 Pool.....912-573-3001  
 Youth Center .....912-573-2380

# PLAY



Fountain at the Fernandina Beach courthouse, photo by Monica Gutos



Sailing skyline - photo by Stacey Sather courtesy of Florida'sHistoricCoast.com

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UNF Trails, photo by Justin Strosnider



Jacksonville offers countless sporting events, including the Jaguars, one of only 32 National Football League (NFL) teams nationwide. We enjoy baseball with the Jumbo Shrimp, arena football with the Sharks, and annual events like THE PLAYERS Championship and TaxSlayer Bowl. There is no shortage of cultural activities throughout the year with numerous nationally recognized museums, thriving performing arts and downtown's Art Walk.





**Cultural Council**  
OF GREATER JACKSONVILLE

Greetings –

And welcome to Jacksonville!

Jacksonville is a world-class city of culture and we know you are going to love it here. We boast more waterfront and more parkland than any other city in the U.S. Jacksonville features miles of magnificent beaches, beautiful forests and preserves, historic walkable neighborhoods, and extraordinary arts and entertainment venues to explore with your family.

Our quality of life is very high and we owe much of that to arts and culture.

Here are some highlights:

- The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens—renowned for its educational programs and nationally significant gardens on the banks of our beautiful St. Johns River, one of only 14 American Heritage Rivers
- The Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville—featuring the largest museum collection of contemporary art in the Southeast
- The Jacksonville Jazz Festival—one of the largest free jazz fests in the U.S. Bringing together the best in international contemporary music for three days in the heart of our revitalized downtown
- The Museum of Science and History—newly revitalized and boasting a state-of-the-art planetarium experience, set on historic Friendship Fountain

Additionally, a walking tour of our downtown will reveal installations of contemporary public art close to restaurants and cultural venues like the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts and the Florida Theatre. Of particular note are the pieces found at the Veteran’s Memorial Arena, our Downtown Library and our spectacular River Walks.

In addition to all you will be able to find in the pages of your First Coast Relocation Guide, be sure to check our [Facebook.com/moreartculture](https://www.facebook.com/moreartculture) page and [@MoreArtCulture](https://twitter.com/MoreArtCulture) Twitter feed for up-to-the-minute listings of all there is to do and see in Jacksonville!

I hope you’ll look into the countless art programs, events and opportunities. We truly have something for every member of your family. And we are very happy to have you call our river city by the sea – home.

Cheers!

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Blue heron on Amelia Island, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA

By JAX Chamber



The beaches communities along Northeast Florida's coastline are welcoming and friendly, and offer endless opportunities to enjoy the sand, surf and sunshine. The miles of shoreline connecting the coastal communities in Northeast Florida offer a beach for every personality and lifestyle.

The barrier islands east of the Intracoastal Waterway are home to Jacksonville Beach and the communities of Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach and Mayport to the north and Ponte Vedra Beach to the south. The shoreline attracts swimmers and surfers as well as those who enjoy sunning and playing in the sand. These beach communities offer a classic relaxed beach lifestyle, yet are minutes from entertainment and employment centers.

**Jacksonville Beach**, also known as Jax Beach, is a family-friendly destination with a popular beachfront for sunning and surfing. Jax Beach is home to an iconic fishing pier where residents can try their luck and catch some amazing ocean views. The Jacksonville Beach Central Business District has numerous public spaces including Latham Plaza and Seawalk Pavilion, a gathering place for concerts, movies and other special events.

Nearby, **Neptune Beach** and **Atlantic Beach** offer a more laid-back vibe. The communities are home to the Beaches Town Center, a pedestrian-friendly area that offers numerous boutiques and restaurants. The area is a haven for foodies with culinary delights ranging from burgers and tacos to fine dining.

Further north is the village of **Mayport**, a historic fishing community located at the mouth of the St. Johns River and well known for its shrimp and shrimp boats. From Mayport, cross the St. Johns River via the St. Johns River Ferry, also known as the Mayport Ferry, one of the last remaining car ferries in Florida. The quick five-minute trip

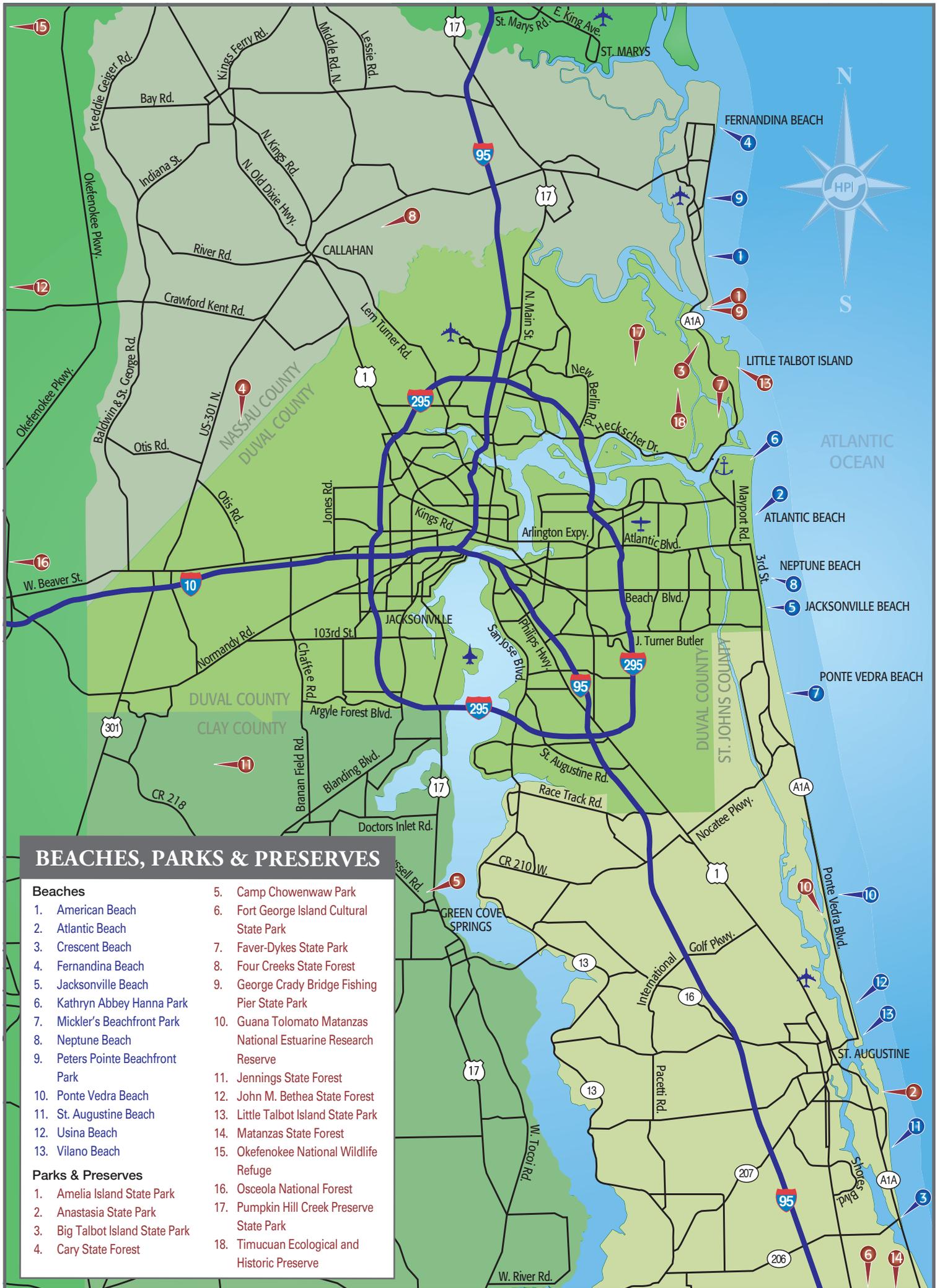
is the gateway to natural attractions including the unspoiled beaches of **Big Talbot Island** and **Little Talbot Island** state parks, **Kingsley Plantation** and **Fort George Island**. The area is a hot spot for boaters, beachgoers and eco-tourists, offering access to tidal marshes for bird watching, horseback riding and kayaking. Boaters will find easy access to the Atlantic Ocean from Mayport's large public boat ramp, just a mile from the mouth of the river, or from the boat ramp on the Intracoastal Waterway in Jacksonville Beach.

To the south is **Ponte Vedra Beach** in St. Johns County, which is known for its palm-fringed coquina beaches, five-star resorts and world-class golf courses. Ponte Vedra Beach is home to THE PLAYERS Championship, a PGA Tour event that brings golf's greatest to the prestigious seaside community to compete for one of the most coveted titles in golf. While much of Ponte Vedra's beach is private, Mickler's Landing offers public access. Beyond the beach, nature lovers are drawn to the GTM Research Reserve for kayaking and viewing wildlife such as egrets and alligators.

The beaches are a cultural mecca for the arts and home to the Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre, Players by the Sea and the Beaches Fine Arts Series. Jacksonville Beach and the Beaches Town Center present monthly art walk events. Numerous beaches galleries, including the J. Johnson Gallery and the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, showcase visual artists, and regional and national artists perform at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

The beaches offer top-performing public and private schools. Jacksonville's beaches communities have their own local governments, and there is an active Beaches Division of the JAX Chamber engaging the area's business community.

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### BEACHES, PARKS & PRESERVES

**Beaches**

- 1. American Beach
- 2. Atlantic Beach
- 3. Crescent Beach
- 4. Fernandina Beach
- 5. Jacksonville Beach
- 6. Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park
- 7. Mickler's Beachfront Park
- 8. Neptune Beach
- 9. Peters Pointe Beachfront Park
- 10. Ponte Vedra Beach
- 11. St. Augustine Beach
- 12. Usina Beach
- 13. Vilano Beach

**Parks & Preserves**

- 1. Amelia Island State Park
- 2. Anastasia State Park
- 3. Big Talbot Island State Park
- 4. Cary State Forest
- 5. Camp Chowenwaw Park
- 6. Fort George Island Cultural State Park
- 7. Faver-Dykes State Park
- 8. Four Creeks State Forest
- 9. George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park
- 10. Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve
- 11. Jennings State Forest
- 12. John M. Bethea State Forest
- 13. Little Talbot Island State Park
- 14. Matanzas State Forest
- 15. Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge
- 16. Osceola National Forest
- 17. Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park
- 18. Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve

# Beaches & Waterways



Jacksonville Beach surfer, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA

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hite sandy beaches and cool waters beckon visitors and residents to relax in the sunshine. Part of what makes the First Coast unique is all the different bodies of water. With miles of pristine coastlines, untouched marshes, flowing rivers and calm lakes, the First Coast offers endless opportunities to

enjoy a day by the water—salt or fresh. Take a glimpse at the various beaches and beachside parks, as well as important waterways in Northeast Florida.

## BEACHES

### DUVAL COUNTY

Of the three major beach communities, **Atlantic Beach** is the northernmost in Duval County. Spend the day paddle boarding, kayaking, surfing or fishing among many other saltwater activities.

North of Atlantic Beach is the historic fishing village of **Mayport**. Further north is **Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park**, which many locals say has the best surfing waves in Northeast Florida.

South of Atlantic Beach is the quaint city of **Neptune Beach**, which has hard-packed sand for bike rides and ideal waves for avid surfers. The Beaches Town Center, in the heart of Neptune Beach, is located where Atlantic Boulevard meets the ocean and connects Atlantic and Neptune beaches. The Beaches Town Center is the cultural center of Atlantic and Neptune beaches, and hosts events such as Dancin' in the Street and offers a wide variety of trendy shops, restaurants and bars.

**Jacksonville Beach** is situated between the towns of Neptune Beach and Ponte Vedra Beach. With public beach access and nearby parking, Jacksonville Beach is a favorite spot for local surfers, families and vacationers. The area is known for its many events like the

Beaches Parade, which draws vendors, guests and residents from all over the First Coast. Jacksonville Beach also has plenty of beachside dining, bars and shops.

### NASSAU COUNTY

Located in the northern part of the First Coast, **Amelia Island** is a barrier island boasting 13 miles of sandy, white beach. The coastal city of **Fernandina Beach** is located on Amelia Island. Residents and visitors enjoy Fernandina's pristine beaches for sunbathing, beachcombing and horseback riding. South of Fernandina Beach is **American Beach**, which was created as a vacation destination for African-Americans during the time of racial segregation. This beach is rich with history and, as of January 2002, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. **Peters Point Beachfront Park** is located on Amelia Island and offers biking and jogging trails, picnic areas and ocean boat access.

### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Johns County has 40 miles of beautiful coastline, and the community of **Ponte Vedra Beach** is located along the northern portion of the county. This coastal community has various beach access points. **South Ponte Vedra Beach**'s shore is beautifully lined with sand dunes. If you're looking for shark teeth and shells, this is the beach for you. Also in Ponte Vedra, **Mickler's Landing** is a popular beach access destination for surfers and families. Mickler's also has restrooms, showers and allows visitors to comb the beach on horseback.

Located in the historic city of St. Augustine is **St. Augustine Beach**. The beach is home to the **St. Johns County Ocean Pier** and also offers a visitor center, showers, a splash park and a pavilion. Also

in St. Augustine are **Usina** and **Vilano** beaches. Both are ideal for beachcombing, wakeboarding and surfing. Vilano Beach is equipped with public restrooms, a dune walkover, covered picnic tables, showers and a popular Jet Ski launching spot. Located on Anastasia Island, three miles south of St. Augustine Beach, is **Crescent Beach**, which offers horseback riding with a permit, as well as pavilions, picnic tables and showers.

## WATERWAYS

### THE INTRACOASTAL

The **Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway** stretches more than 1,200 miles from Norfolk, Virginia to Key West, Florida. The waterway runs through the First Coast and can be accessed by both commercial and recreational vessels. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains the waterway, which is used by the U.S. Coast Guard, military equipment and supply transportation barges and vessels, as well as commercial and charter fishing vessels, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessels, the Department of Energy research vessels, dredging vessels and other watercraft.

The Atlantic Intracoastal's saltwater rivers, inlets, sounds and manmade canals are open to recreational vessels providing opportunities to explore the many natural wonders the area has to offer. Residents can enjoy sailing, kayaking, jet skiing, tubing, boating and other outdoor activities.

### ST. JOHNS RIVER

Among the wealth of rivers on the First Coast, the largest is the **St. Johns River**, which spans 310 miles from Indian River County to Mayport. The St. Johns is the longest river in Florida and is one of the few in the U.S. that flows north. It provides a variety of activities for residents and visitors looking to spend a day by the lazy river. Boaters can enjoy fishing, sightseeing, riverside parks and even restaurants with boat docks. In Jacksonville, some of the biggest annual events take place on the river, such as fireworks for the Fourth of July and the Jacksonville Light Boat Parade.

In other parts of the First Coast, rivers provide an excellent escape for those who enjoy quiet camping and scenic boating. Visitors can find themselves surrounded by not only wildlife but also rich history. On **Amelia River**, boaters can cruise by historic landmarks such as Fort Clinch State Park. In St. Johns County, the **Tolomato** and **Guana** rivers surround Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve—believed to be where Ponce de León first landed in Florida. Further south in St. Augustine, sail around the **Matanzas Bay and River** to see spectacular views of the Castillo de San Marcos, the Bridge of Lions and the St. Augustine Lighthouse.



Dunes on Amelia Island, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA

Beachgoers in Jacksonville Beach, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA



## Beaches FYI

### American Beach, 530-6120

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Permitted in certain areas; non-residents need a pass

### Atlantic Beach, 247-5828

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Not permitted

### Crescent Beach, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Seasonally with pass

### Fernandina Beach, 277-7300

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Permitted in certain areas; non-residents need a pass

### Jacksonville Beach, 247-6236

Dogs: Permitted on leash anytime Oct. - March and before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. April - Sept.

Cars: Not permitted

### Kathryn Abbey Hanna State Park, 249-4700

Dogs: Permitted in certain areas; must be on a leash.

Cars: Not permitted

### Mickler's Beachfront Park, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Seasonally with pass

### Neptune Beach, 270-2400

Dogs: Permitted on leash before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

Cars: Not permitted

### Peters Point Beachfront Park, 530-6120

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Permitted in certain areas; non-residents need a pass

### Ponte Vedra Beach, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Seasonally with pass

### St. Augustine Beach, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Seasonally with pass

### Usina Beach, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Seasonally with pass

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# Parks & Preserves



GTM Reserve, photo by Justin Strosnider

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ith a multitude of natural parks and preserves encompassing sandy beaches, marshes, creeks and islands, Northeast Florida is just waiting to be explored. Visitors to the First Coast's parks and preserves will get a true taste of the real Florida. Along with precious protected lands are a variety of birds native

to Florida, including storks, cranes, cormorants, song birds and spoonbills. The 2,000-mile Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail is a self-guided trail designed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Spots on the First Coast include many of our state parks, forests and preserves.

Our area is fortunate enough to have the largest urban park system in the country, with more than 80,000 acres of parks, along with state parks, forests and a national preserve. Whether you are looking to hike through a shaded trail, kayak down a creek, spot birds perched high in the trees or have a peaceful picnic, parks and preserves provide a perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of urban life. When it comes to playing outdoors, there is something for anyone and everyone. Get ready to enjoy the First Coast wilderness!

## BAKER COUNTY

### John M. Bethea State Forest

259-2157  
11656 SR 2, Sanderson  
[www.freshfromflorida.com](http://www.freshfromflorida.com)

Black bears, river otters and bobcats, oh my! These and many other animals can be found in the 37,735-acre forest, which establishes a continuous wildlife corridor between the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and the Osceola National Forest. Visitors can enjoy the nearly three miles of riverfront along the St. Marys River, where they can launch canoes. Small ponds are sprinkled throughout the forest, the perfect spots for serene fishing aside from the river.

### Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

912-496-7836  
2700 Suwannee Canal Rd., Folkston, GA  
[www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee)

Wild, mysterious and expansive, Native Americans called this region Okefenokee, meaning "land of the trembling Earth." Though the East Entrance of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is technically in Georgia, this unique southern wilderness swamp spills over the border into Northeast Florida. As one of the world's largest intact freshwater ecosystems, the refuge encompasses almost 400,000 acres of cypress forest, marsh, lakes and islands. Visitors can see black bears, alligators, sandhill cranes and red-cockaded woodpeckers, in addition to more than 400 other animal species. Witness the vast refuge through a guided boat tour, or strike out on foot using the park's winding boardwalks and trails, which feature observation towers and viewing platforms.

### Osceola National Forest

386-752-2577  
24874 US Hwy. 90, Sanderson  
[www.fs.usda.gov/osceola](http://www.fs.usda.gov/osceola)

Nearly 200,000 acres of forested woodlands and swamps await exploration in this Baker County treasure. The forest provides a wide range of recreational activities for residents and visitors including camping, hiking, swimming, fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing. The forest is home to the Florida black bear and swamp-dwelling American alligators. Some recreational activities require a pass or permit.

## CLAY COUNTY

### Camp Chowenwaw Park

529-8058

1517 Ball Rd., Green Cove Springs

[www.claycountygov.com/departments/parks-and-recreation](http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/parks-and-recreation)

Located south of Fleming Island, this Clay County treasure sits on 150 acres between Black Creek and Peters Creek. Visitors to Camp Chowenwaw might see alligators, deer, eagles, manatees, otters and foxes, among many other inhabitants. Visitors can stop by to go canoeing, fishing, hiking, swimming, picnicking or attend environmental classes, or stay a bit longer in the park's camping facilities.

### Jennings State Forest

406-6390

1337 Long Horn Rd., Middleburg

[www.freshfromflorida.com](http://www.freshfromflorida.com)

Jennings State Forest features 25,301 acres of more than 15 different natural biological communities including flatwoods and forests. Rare plants such as Bartram's Ixia can be spotted. The forest's three hiking trails, horse trails and primitive campgrounds make Jennings State Forest a great place to get back to nature. The forest is open during daylight hours for hiking, bicycling, fishing, canoeing, horseback riding and wildlife viewing. Hunting and fishing are regulated and limited to defined dates.

### Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park

352-473-4701

6239 SR 21, Keystone Heights

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/mike-roess](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/mike-roess)

Located on 2,000 acres of rolling sandhills, marshes, ravines, lakes and scrub, Gold Head Branch provides a peaceful habitat for a wide variety of wildlife. Nature enthusiasts can enjoy hiking and wildlife viewing along the park's trails and a 5.44-mile stretch of the Florida National Scenic Trail. Visitors can also swim, fish or spend a relaxing afternoon canoeing.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

249-4700

500 Wonderwood Dr., Jacksonville

[www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)

Visitors to Hanna Park can explore nearly 500 acres of Coastal Hammock forest with over 20 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails, campgrounds, and 1.5 miles of white sandy beaches, with multiple access points and home to Northeast Florida's premier surfing spot, The Poles. To escape the summer heat, children can enjoy the Kids Splash Park, open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

## DUVAL-NORTH

### Amelia Island State Park

251-2320

SR A1A N., Jacksonville

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/amelia-island](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/amelia-island)

Visitors can catch a glimpse of the original Florida beauty seen in the beaches, salt marshes and coastal maritime forests. Amelia Island has become a favorite stop for horseback riders, as it is one of only a few locations on the East Coast that permits horseback riding on its beaches. The park is also a great spot for fishing, shelling and wildlife viewing.

### Big Talbot Island State Park

251-2320

SR A1A N., Jacksonville

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/big-talbot-island](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/big-talbot-island)

Primarily a nature preserve ideal for bird-watching and photography, Big Talbot Island State Park provides an opportunity to explore a natural sea island preserve by boat or on foot. Set up a picnic at one of the park's pavilions or stroll down to Boneyard Beach, where visitors will see the eerie salt-washed skeletons of live oak and cedar trees that once grew on the shore. The park's hiking trails lead explorers to the shoreline or through the marshland. Fishing and kayaking tours are available through Kayak Amelia.

### Fort George Island Cultural State Park

251-2320

11241 Fort George Rd., Jacksonville

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-george-island](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-george-island)

Inhabited for over 5,000 years, Fort George Island was named for a fort built in 1736 to defend the southern flank of Georgia when it was a colony. Today, visitors can enjoy boating, fishing, off-road bicycling and hiking. The restored Ribault Club on the island, once an exclusive resort built in 1928, is now a visitor center with a space available for special events.

### George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park

251-2320

SR A1A S., Jacksonville

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/george-crady-bridge](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/george-crady-bridge)

This mile-long fishing bridge spans Nassau Sound and provides pedestrians with access to one of the best fishing areas in Northeast Florida. Visitors can reel in a variety of fish, including whiting, jack, drum and tarpon. Access to the bridge is through Amelia Island State Park. The bridge is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



**Little Talbot Island State Park**

251-2320

12157 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/little-talbot-island](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/little-talbot-island)

More than five miles of white, sandy beaches, desert-like dunes and undisturbed salt marshes, Little Talbot Island State Park is an ideal retreat in northern Duval. Nature lovers can see river otters, marsh rabbits, bobcats and a variety of native and migratory birds in the park, which is one of the few remaining undeveloped barrier islands in Northeast Florida. The park features a full-facility campground, kayak rentals and guided paddle tours.

**Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park**

696-5980

13802 Pumpkin Hill Rd., Jacksonville

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/pumpkin-hill](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/pumpkin-hill)

One of the largest contiguous areas of coastal uplands, this state park's estuarine ecosystem protects the Nassau and St. Johns rivers. Abundant with wildlife, visitors to Pumpkin Hill can find animals from the American alligator to the endangered wood stork. Equestrians, hikers and off-road bicyclists can explore five miles of multi-use trails that wind through the park. Pumpkin Hill's salt marsh is also a great place for visitors to launch kayaks for a serene afternoon on the water.

**Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve**

641-7155

12713 Fort Caroline Rd., Jacksonville

[www.nps.gov/foca](http://www.nps.gov/foca)

One of the last unspoiled coastal wetlands on the Atlantic Coast, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve takes visitors on a journey that goes as far back as 6,000 years. Salt marshes, coastal dunes and hardwood hammocks are just as pristine as they were when the Timucuan tribe lived there. The preserve includes several facilities for visitors to explore in addition to its lush natural resources. The Fort Caroline National Memorial offers a look at the short-lived French

presence in 16th century Florida; the Timucuan Preserve Visitor Center showcases the natural environment in Northeast Florida and how humans have interacted with that environment for thousands of years; and the Kingsley Plantation provides a look at 19th century plantation life. The planter's house at Kingsley Plantation, a unit of the Timucuan Preserve, is the oldest plantation house still standing in Florida.

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Cary State Forest**

266-8398

7465 Pavilion Rd., Bryceville

[www.freshfromflorida.com](http://www.freshfromflorida.com)

Established as Florida's second state forest in 1937, Cary State Forest is known for its mature flatwoods, sandhill, basin marsh and spans 13,385 acres. Animals such as the gopher tortoise, gopher frog, Sherman's fox squirrel and wood stork call this forest home. Visitors can enjoy picnicking, bicycling, hiking, RV and primitive camping, wildlife viewing, horseback riding, environmental education, and hunting.

**Four Creeks State Forest**

845-4933

3742 Clint Dr., Hilliard

[www.freshfromflorida.com](http://www.freshfromflorida.com)

Named after the four water systems that course through its boundaries—Alligator (Mills), Thomas, Boggy and Plummer creeks—this Nassau County property spans 10,959 acres. Residents can watch this natural treasure come to fruition as the Florida Forest Service carries out its five-year plan to establish a first-rate recreational system in the forest that will include trail systems and campgrounds. However, visitors can still hike, fish, kayak and bike throughout Four Creeks.

Guana Preserve, photo by Stacey Sather courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com





GTM Reserve, photo by Justin Strosnider



Fort Caroline, photo by Justin Strosnider

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

### Anastasia State Park

461-2033

300 Anastasia Park Rd., St. Augustine  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/anastasia](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/anastasia)

The site provides a unique look into the ingenuity that defended Spanish claims in the New World for more than 300 years. Anastasia State Park includes more than four miles of pristine beach, a tidal salt marsh, and a maritime and upland hammock. Visitors can search for seashells, hike a trail, set up a picnic, catch some waves (and rays), and more at this beach retreat. There is also a full-facility campground for those looking to stay a little longer. Also in the park—an archeological site where coquina rock was mined to create the nearby Castillo de San Marcos fortress.

### Faver-Dykes State Park

794-0997

1000 Faver-Dykes Rd., St. Augustine  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/faver-dykes](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/faver-dykes)

This tranquil park bordering Pellicer Creek is a popular site for birdwatching. More than 100 species can be seen and heard during spring and fall migrations, including colorful wood warblers, eagles, falcons, wading birds, wood storks and herons. Other activities at the park include fishing, picnicking, nature walks and canoeing. A full-facility campground is also available for overnight stays.

### Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve

823-4500

505 Guana River Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach  
[www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/gtm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/gtm)

Located halfway between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, the 73,352-acre preserve offers fishing, hunting, bird-watching and hiking. A protected area for a wide variety of fish and wildlife, the preserve features miles of scenic road through marshes, coastal xeric shrub and flatwoods available for hiking, biking and horseback riding.

### Matanzas State Forest

797-5073

8696 US Hwy. 1 S., St. Augustine  
[www.freshfromflorida.com](http://www.freshfromflorida.com)

Matanzas State Forest is part of a 16,000-acre continuous conservation corridor beginning with Moses Creek and continuing south through the forest into Faver-Dykes State Park, Pellicer Creek Conservation Area and Flagler County's Princess Place Preserve. The forest is home to songbirds, wading marsh birds, bald eagles, deer, otters, turkeys, hogs and gopher tortoises. Visitors can enjoy horseback riding, hiking, bicycling, canoeing and fishing. The forest's abundant wildlife and diverse ecosystems are ideal for nature study, viewing and photography. Camping is also available at the Cedar Creek Campground.

# Boat Ramps on the St. Johns River

There's nothing like taking the boat out along the calm waters and beautiful scenery our river has to offer. Here are some places from which to launch your boat, canoe or kayak for a day on the water.

## CLAY COUNTY

### Governor's Creek Boat Ramp

1282 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs

### Knight's Boat Ramp and Marina

1470 River Lane, Green Cove Springs

### Williams Park Boat Ramp

240 Williams Park Rd., Green Cove Springs

## DUVAL COUNTY

### Hood Landing Boat Ramp

12925 Hood Landing Rd., Jacksonville

### Jim King Park and Boat Ramp

8203 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville

### Mandarin Park

14780 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville

### Nathan Krestul Park

2001 LaVaca Rd., Jacksonville

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

### Palmo Road Boat Ramp

8600 Palmo Fish Camp Rd., St. Augustine

### Riverdale Park Boat Ramp

981 CR 13, Fruit Cove

### Trout Creek Park Boat Ramp

6795 Collier Rd., St. Augustine



Photo by Stephanie Marty

# Wild & Wonderful Creatures of the First Coast

Nothing says Florida like an alligator nonchalantly exploring your patio or a Florida Black Bear poking his nose into the garbage cans, but for most of us this is thankfully a scenario that we will only rarely see on the news and not in our own backyards. While gator spotting at your home might be rare, if one does chance upon your property, providing food for wild animals is the best way to ensure they stick around.

Here are some of Northeast Florida's wild and wonderful creatures, most of which are best explored at one of our many state parks and preserves.



BLACK BEAR



BOBCAT



OSPREY



BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN



GRASSHOPPER



FLORIDA PANTHER



OTTER



SNAPPING TURTLE



BLUE HERON



WOOD STORK



AMERICAN ALLIGATOR



FLORIDA MANATEE



BULL SHARK



PELICAN



CORAL SNAKE



# Sports

Jaguars Quarterback Blake Bortles, photo credit Rick Wilson/Jacksonville Jaguars

## DUVAL COUNTY

### Jacksonville Ultimate League

<http://jaxul.ultimatecentral.com>

The Jacksonville Ultimate League (JUL) is a recreational co-ed Ultimate Frisbee league. There are three seasons for JUL: winter, spring and summer. The JUL also features different pick-up games at various places in Jacksonville, great for beginners and anyone who loves the game. There are also club teams, a high school league and a professional team, the Jacksonville Cannons.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### Web.com Tour Championship

[Sept. 17-23, 2018]

252-9515

Atlantic Beach Country Club

1600 Selva Marina Dr., Atlantic Beach

[www.webtourchampionship.com](http://www.webtourchampionship.com)

Held at the Atlantic Beach Country Club, the Web.com Tour Championship identifies players who are ready to compete on golf's biggest stage. As the official proving ground of the PGA TOUR, three out of four PGA TOUR members are Web.com Tour alumni.



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## DUVAL-NORTH

### Florida State College at Jacksonville BlueWave

646-2205  
4501 Capper Rd. (North Campus), Jacksonville  
11901 Beach Blvd. (South Campus), Jacksonville  
www.gobluewave.com

Florida State College at Jacksonville offers a diverse program of intercollegiate sports. At the college's South Campus, the athletic program includes women's cross country, volleyball as well as men's and women's basketball. At the North Campus, the athletic program offers baseball and softball. Florida State College is part of the Mid-Florida Conference of the Florida College System Activities Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association.

### Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament

[July 16-21, 2018]  
251-3011

Jim King Park and Boat Ramp at Sisters Creek  
8203 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville  
www.kingfishtournament.com

The general tournament is one of the largest kingfish tournaments in the Southeast and a long-standing tradition for First Coast residents. More than just a fishing tournament, this week-long event includes activities such as a food festival, live entertainment, boat displays and a boutique, which features unique merchandise. There is also a Junior Angler Tournament for those under 15.

### Jacksonville University Dolphins

256-7400  
2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville  
www.judolphins.com

The Jacksonville University Dolphins have an impressive athletic department with teams in a wide range of sports. The Dolphins men's teams include cross country, baseball, basketball, football, golf, rowing, lacrosse and soccer. Women's teams include basketball, cross country, rowing, lacrosse, golf, soccer, softball, track and field, volleyball and beach volleyball.



JU Dolphins basketball, photo courtesy of Jacksonville University

## DUVAL-SOUTH

### Jacksonville Armada Football Club

844-227-6232  
1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville  
www.armadafc.com

The Jacksonville Armada Football Club is a North American Soccer League team that was founded in 2015. Members of fan group Section 904 have exclusive access to events, discounted tickets and tailgates, and cheer on the team from a designated section. Home matches are played at the University of North Florida Hodges Stadium.

### Jacksonville Axemen Rugby League

1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville  
www.jaxaxe.com

The Jacksonville Axemen are a part of the USA Rugby League, which consists of 12 regional teams. Home games are played at the University of North Florida (UNF) soccer fields, which are adjacent to Hodges Stadium located on UNF's campus.

**Jacksonville Dixie Blues**

University Christian Field  
 5520 University Blvd W., Jacksonville  
 www.dixiebluesfootball.com  
 The Jacksonville Dixie Blues are a professional women’s tackle football team founded in 2001. They are members of the Women’s Football Alliance, and have won three World Championships and nine conference titles. To give back to the community, the team’s annual Pink Game benefits The Donna Foundation.

**Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex**

399-3223  
 3605 Phillips Hwy., Jacksonville  
 www.jaxiceandsportsplex.com  
 The 100,000-square-foot facility offers a range of recreational activities and sports. The Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex houses a regulation-size NHL ice rink for public skating, hockey and figure skating. The Sportsplex side of the facility offers six indoor courts and a 9,000-square foot multi-purpose turf arena.

**Jacksonville Icemen**

602-7825  
 4130 Salisbury Rd., Ste. 1340, Jacksonville  
 www.jacksonvilleicemen.com  
 The Jacksonville Icemen, NHL Affiliate of the Winnipeg Jets, dropped the puck on its inaugural season in 2017. Led by Head Coach Jason Christie, the hockey team’s home arena is the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena and season tickets are available on their website. Formerly known as the Muskegon Fury, the Muskegon Lumberjacks and the Evansville Icemen, Northeast Florida is proud to have this top-notch team representing the Sunshine State.

**Jacksonville Roller Derby**

Skate Station Funworks Mandarin  
 3461 Kori Rd., Jacksonville  
 www.jacksonvillerollerderby.com  
 Formed in 2006, the Jacksonville Roller Derby (JRD) is Jacksonville’s first all-female, flat-track roller derby league. The league is comprised of more than 70 skaters among six different teams, including an all-star traveling team, the New Jax City Rollers. JRD was accepted into the Women’s Flat Track Derby Association in December 2010. JRD is known for their volunteer efforts around the community.

**Kona Skatepark**

725-8770  
 8739 Kona Ave., Jacksonville  
 www.konaskatepark.com  
 Since 1977, Kona Skatepark has been a sanctuary for skaters. It is the longest surviving private skate park in the world. Open seven days a week, Kona welcomes skaters of all levels into the park. The park hosts tournaments and special events where skateboarders can compete for prizes. They also offer summer camps for children who want to improve their skating skills.

**University of North Florida (UNF) Ospreys**

620-2833  
 1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville  
 www.unfospreys.com  
 UNF competes in NCAA Division I athletics as a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference with various teams for men and women. The Ospreys men’s teams include basketball, baseball, golf, cross country, soccer, tennis, and track and field. The women’s teams include basketball, beach volleyball, softball, cross country, soccer, golf, swimming, tennis, volleyball, and track and field.



Kona Skatepark, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville



River Run, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville

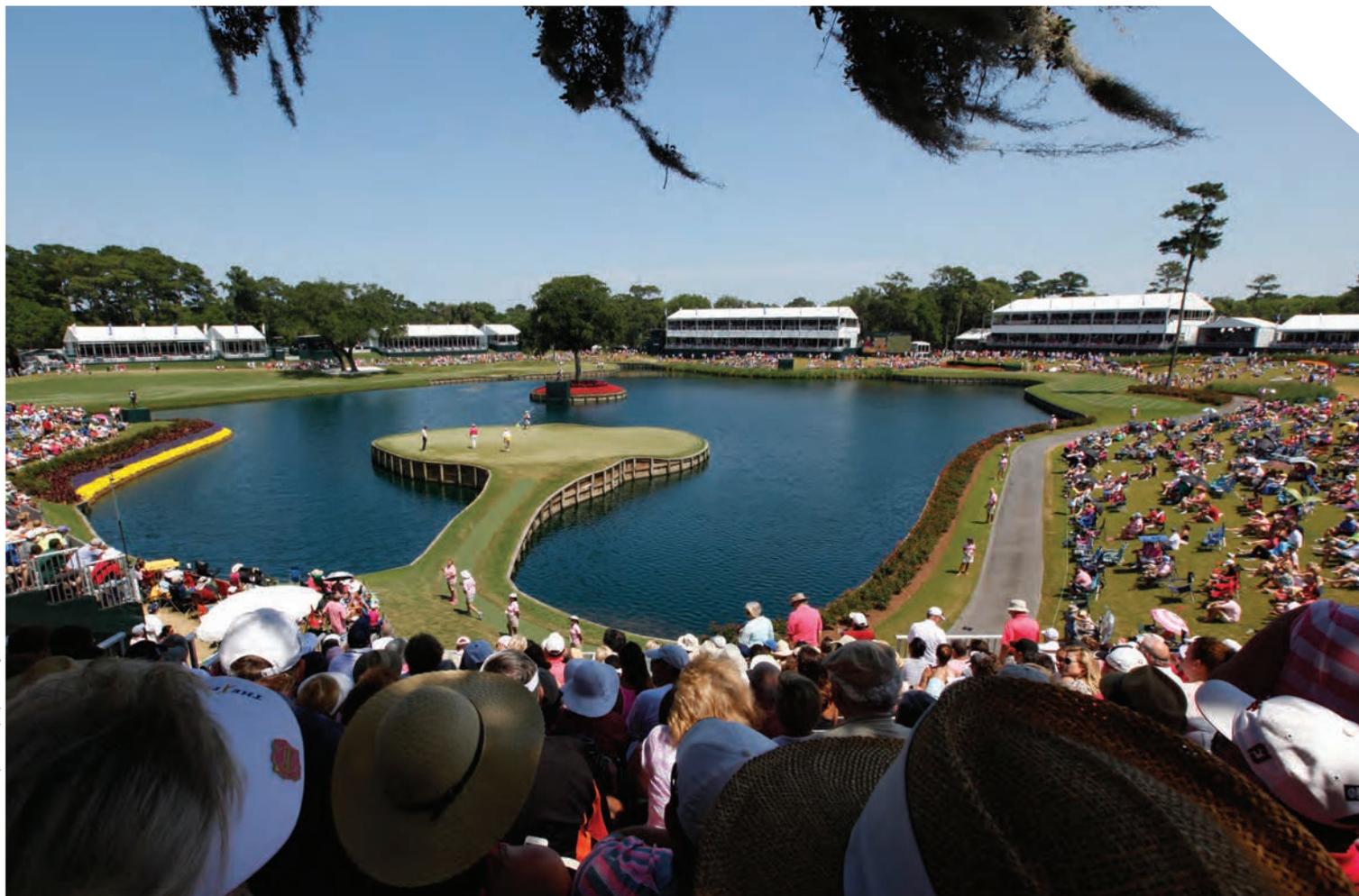


UNF Baseball, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA



Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, photo by Stephanie Marty

THE PLAYERS Championship, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA



## DUVAL-WEST

### Duval Panthers

Charles Boobie Clark Park  
8793 Sibbald Rd., Jacksonville  
www.uffofamerica.com

One of the minor league football teams on the First Coast, the Duval Panthers offer an opportunity for athletes to play organized football. The Panthers are part of the North Conference of the United Football Federation of America.

### Edward Waters College (EWC) Tigers

470-8000  
1658 Kings Rd., Jacksonville  
www.ewctigerpride.com

EWC participates in intercollegiate sports with membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division I Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. The college offers both men's and women's basketball, cross country, and track and field. The Tigers also have cheerleading, men's football, men's baseball, women's volleyball and women's softball.

### Georgia-Florida Football Classic

[Oct. 27, 2018]  
630-3690  
EverBank Field  
1 Everbank Field Dr., Jacksonville  
www.flgajax.com

This annual event showcases one of college football's biggest rivalries—the Florida Gators and Georgia Bulldogs. The game has been played nearly every year since 1915, and has been held in Jacksonville since 1933. Fans enjoy camping in the famed RV City early in the week. Activities and events throughout the city lead up to the big game including the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party."

### Jacksonville Equestrian Center

255-4254  
13611 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.jaxequestriancenter.com

The Jacksonville Equestrian Center is located on Jacksonville's Westside. Not only does the complex offer premier equestrian facilities, but it also accommodates a variety of community events. The center has a 150-foot by 300-foot indoor arena with a seating capacity of 3,700. Surrounding the main indoor arena, 80,000 square feet of concourse space includes vendors and concessions.

### Jacksonville Giants

355-6531  
Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena  
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.jacksonvillegiants.com

The Jacksonville Giants are part of the American Basketball Association (ABA) Florida division. The ABA is the largest professional basketball league and has grown to become the largest professional sports league in the world. The Giants are four-time ABA National Champions.

### Jacksonville Jaguars

633-2000  
EverBank Field  
1 Everbank Field Dr., Jacksonville  
www.jaguars.com

For more than 20 years, residents of the First Coast have had the opportunity to watch NFL action in their own backyard. The Jacksonville Jaguars are the 30th NFL franchise team and are part of the AFC South Division. Since their inception, the Jaguars have made seven playoff appearances and have clinched three division championships. Off the field, players actively participate in the community through the Jaguars Foundation.

**Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**

358-2846  
 Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville  
 301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
 www.jaxshrimp.com

The Jumbo Shrimp are a Minor League Baseball team in Jacksonville and the class Double-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins. Famous players including Hank Aaron, Phil Niekro and Nolan Ryan played in Jacksonville before entering the Majors. Games are played from April to September at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville.

**Jacksonville Sharks**

621-0700  
 Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena  
 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
 www.jaxsharks.com

The Jacksonville Sharks are part of the National Arena League and won the NAL Championship in 2017. They were members of the Arena Football League from 2010 to 2016 and won the championship of their division in the first four seasons of their existence.

**Jax X Men**

477-7875  
 Raines High School  
 3663 Raines Ave., Jacksonville  
 www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/THEJAXXMEN

The Jax X Men are an amateur adult football team in Jacksonville. The X Men represent the Jacksonville area in the Florida Football Alliance (FFA). As a member of the FFA, the X Men compete against several other teams throughout the state. The team is a part of the NFC North division of the FFA.

**Mug Race**

[May 5, 2018]  
 264-4094  
 The Rudder Club of Jacksonville  
 8533 Malaga Ave., Jacksonville  
 www.rudderclub.com

Hosted by the Rudder Club of Jacksonville, the Mug Race is the world's longest river race and a tradition on the First Coast. Sailboats participate in this racing event, with each boat receiving a start time based on the boat's size and potential speed. Boats race from Palatka to Jacksonville along 38 nautical miles of the St. Johns River.

**TaxSlayer Bowl**

798-1700  
 EverBank Field  
 1 Everbank Field Dr., Jacksonville  
 www.taxslayerbowl.com

This annual college football game has been a tradition in Northeast Florida almost 70 years. The TaxSlayer Bowl, originally the Gator Bowl, is one of the oldest college football bowl games and was the first to be nationally televised.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**THE PLAYERS Championship**

[May 10-13, 2018]  
 273-3235  
 Stadium Course, TPC Sawgrass  
 110 Championship Way, Ponte Vedra Beach  
 www.tpc.com/sawgrass-the-players-championship

The Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass has been the site of THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982, offering a beautiful course and attracting the best in professional golf. The Stadium Course is home to one of the most recognizable holes in golf—the 17th hole. The 17th hole island green is TPC Sawgrass' signature hole and arguably the signature hole of the entire sport. Since 1977 THE PLAYERS has donated more than \$92 million to Northeast Florida charities.

**WALKS,  
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**26.2 With Donna the National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer**

355-7465  
 www.breastcancermarathon.com  
 This national marathon to finish breast cancer also includes a half marathon and relay. Proceeds from the event benefit The Donna Foundation and Mayo Clinic. The marathon event is a Boston Marathon qualifier.

**Ameris Bank Jacksonville Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K**

www.amerisbank.com/jacksonville-marathon  
 Choose from a marathon, half-marathon or 5K. There is a six-hour course limit for this event. Runners can qualify for the next two annual Boston Marathons.

**Beaches Fine Arts Sprint Series & Olympic Triathlon**

270-1771  
 www.bfasracing.org  
 Since 1986, the Beaches Fine Arts Sprint Series & Olympic Triathlon events have been celebrated on the First Coast. The triathlon series helps raise money for the free performances, art exhibits and educational outreach programs that are offered through the Beaches Fine Arts Series.

**Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville Buddy Walk**

353-6300  
 www.dsaj.org  
 This annual one-mile walk benefits local and national organizations and programs for those with Down syndrome.

**Fight for Air Climb**

520-7117  
 www.lung.org  
 Participants in this event raise funds to support the mission of the American Lung Association while training to climb the stairs of a skyscraper.

**First Coast Heart Walk**

903-5220  
 www2.heart.org  
 The three-mile walk raises funds and awareness for the fight against heart disease and stroke. There is also a one-mile walk for survivors.

**Gate River Run**

731-3676  
 www.1stplacesports.com  
 Be a part of the largest 15K in the nation. Runners can choose to participate in the USA 15K Championship, a 5K or a one-mile Junior River Run.

**Katie Ride for Life**

491-0811  
 www.katiecapes.org  
 This event raises funds and awareness for organ donation. The cycling and walking events offer courses of varying distances around Amelia Island.

**Light the Night Walk**

322-6414  
 www.lightthenight.org/ncfl  
 Join this Leukemia & Lymphoma Society event that raises funds for and awareness of various blood cancers. Walkers who raise more than \$100 carry illuminated balloons.

**McKenzie's Run**

992-0124  
 www.mckenzie'srun.org  
 This annual 5K and fun run benefit the McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation which supports local and global efforts to help children and youth recognize their full potential.

# Golf Courses

## PUBLIC COURSES

### CLAY COUNTY

- 1. Country Club of Orange Park.....276-7664
- 2. Eagle Harbor Golf Club.....269-9300
- 3. Eagle Landing Golf Club.....291-5600
- 4. Golf Club at Fleming Island.....269-1440
- 5. Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club.....269-9276
- 6. River Bend Golf Links.....284-8777

### DUVAL-BEACHES

- 7. Jacksonville Beach Golf Club.....247-6184
- 8. Windsor Parke Golf Club.....223-4653
- 9. Windy Harbor Golf Club.....270-5328

### DUVAL-NORTH

- 10. Blue Sky Golf Club.....446-2899
- 11. Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club.....220-2118

### DUVAL-SOUTH

- 12. GolfPlex.....620-2050

### DUVAL-WEST

- 13. Bent Creek Golf Course.....779-0800
- 14. Brentwood Golf Course.....924-0401
- 15. Fiddler's Green at Cecil Field.....778-5245
- 16. Hyde Park Golf Club.....786-5410

### NASSAU COUNTY

- 17. Amelia River Golf Club.....491-8500
- 18. Deerfield Lakes Golf & Country Club.....879-1210
- 19. Fernandina Beach Golf Club.....310-3175
- 20. Golf Club at North Hampton, The.....548-0000
- 21. White Oak Plantation.....225-3218

### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

- 22. Cimarrón Golf Club.....287-2000
- 23. Golf Club at South Hampton, The.....287-7529
- 24. Julington Creek Golf Club.....287-4653
- 25. Oak Bridge Club at Sawgrass, The.....285-5552
- 26. Palm Valley Golf Club.....824-9279
- 27. Royal St. Augustine Golf and Country Club.....824-4653
- 28. St. Augustine Shores Golf Club.....794-4653
- 29. St. Johns Golf & Country Club.....940-3200
- 30. St. Johns Golf Club.....209-0350
- 31. TPC Sawgrass (Dye's Valley).....273-3235
- 32. TPC Sawgrass (The Players Stadium).....273-3235
- 33. World Golf Village (King & Bear).....940-6088
- 34. World Golf Village (Slammer & Squire).....940-6088

## PRIVATE COURSES

### CLAY COUNTY

- 1. Penney Farms Retirement Community Golf Course.....284-5994

### DUVAL-BEACHES

- 2. Atlantic Beach Country Club.....372-2222
- 3. Pablo Creek Golf Club.....992-6900

### DUVAL-NORTH

- 4. Hidden Hills Country Club.....641-8121

### DUVAL-SOUTH

- 5. Deercreek Country Club.....363-1507
- 6. Deerwood Country Club.....641-6100
- 7. Glen Kernan Golf & Country Club.....646-1116
- 8. Jacksonville Golf & Country Club.....223-5555
- 9. San Jose Country Club.....733-2020

### DUVAL-WEST

- 10. NAS Jacksonville Golf Club.....542-3249
- 11. Timuquana Country Club.....388-2664

### NASSAU COUNTY

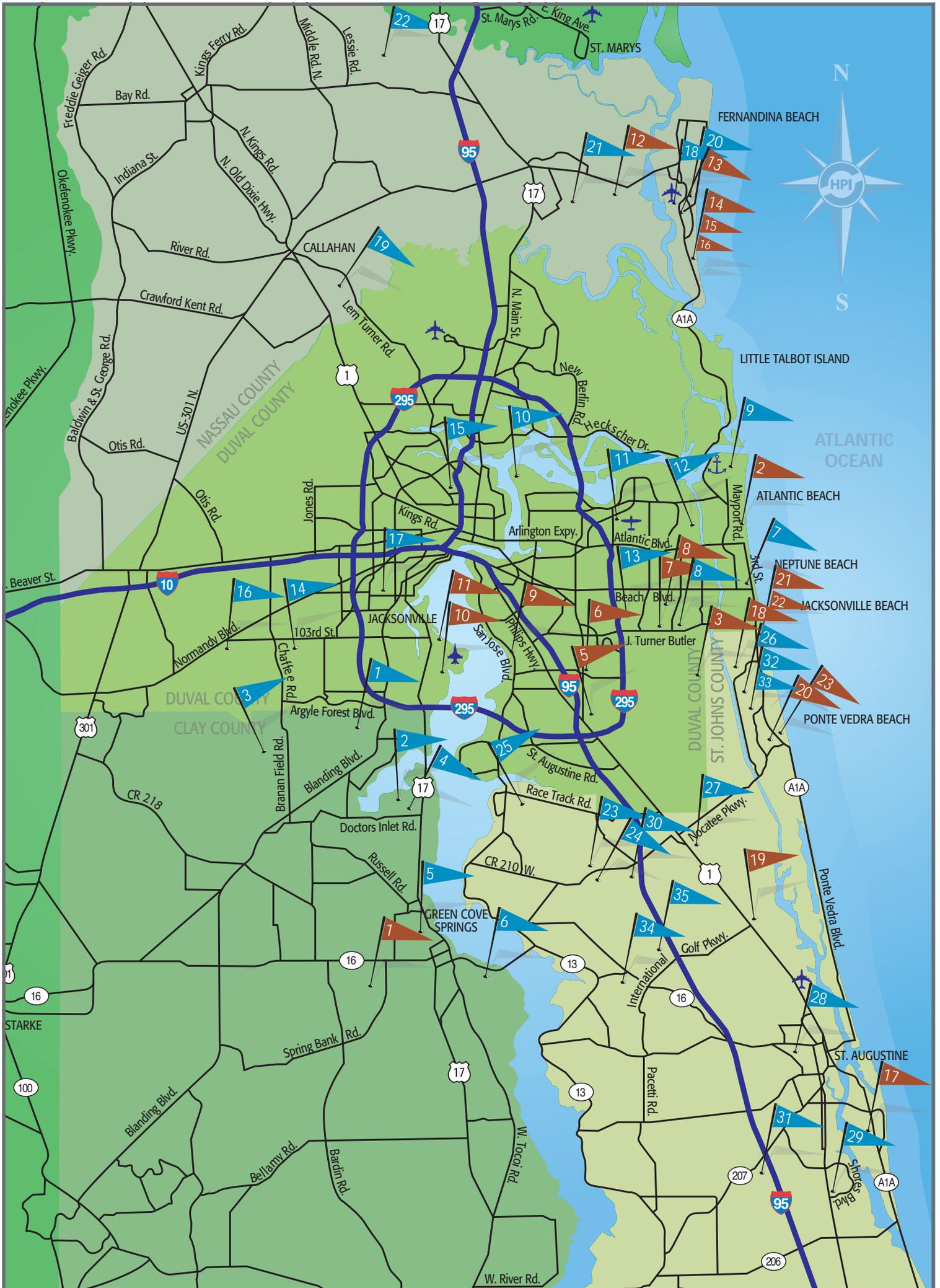
- 12. Amelia National Golf & Country Club.....652-0660
- 13. Golf Club of Amelia Island.....277-0012
- 14. Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort (Long Point).....261-6161
- 15. Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort (Oak Marsh).....261-6161
- 16. Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort (Ocean Links).....261-6161

### ST. JOHNS COUNTY

- 17. Marsh Creek Country Club.....461-1101
- 18. Marsh Landing Country Club.....285-6514
- 19. Palencia Club, The.....599-9040
- 20. Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach, The.....543-2999
- 21. Ponte Vedra Inn & Club (Lagoon).....888-839-9145
- 22. Ponte Vedra Inn & Club (Ocean).....888-839-9145
- 23. Sawgrass Country Club.....273-3700

TPC clubhouse, photo by Glenn Hastings courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com





A volunteer portrays a soldier from the First Spanish Period, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA



# Historical Sites & Museums

## BAKER COUNTY

Established in February 1861 on a segment of New River County (present-day Bradford), Baker County was named for Judge James McNair Baker, a Florida senator in the Confederate Congress and a judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Florida. Three years later, Union and Confederate armies clashed in a pine forest near Olustee in west Baker County. Shortly after the war, a young stockbroker from Chicago, George Taber, came to the Glen St. Mary area and entered the plant industry. In 1882, Taber began a partnership with Thomas Beath and formed the famed Glen St. Mary Nurseries Company, which is known for its horticultural developments, such as standardizing the varieties of oranges in the state's citrus industry. In 1886, the county seat was moved from Sanderson to Darbyville, which was later named McClenny after C.B. McClenny, a major local timber salesman. The spelling was changed to Macclenny—lowercase second “c”—for unknown reasons, though it has been said that post office regulations forbade a city from having a capital letter in the middle of its name.

### Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park

386-758-0400  
5815 Battlefield Trail Rd., Olustee  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/olustee-battlefield](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/olustee-battlefield)  
Florida's first historic site, Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park hosts reenactments each February commemorating the largest Civil War battle in the state, the Battle of Olustee. Fought on Feb. 20, 1864, more than 10,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery troops fought in this five-hour battle. Three U.S. Colored Troops Regiments, including the famous 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, took part in the battle. The clash was the biggest Civil War battle in Florida with 2,807 casualties and a Union retreat to Jacksonville. The war ended just over a year later. Signs along the park's one-mile trail educate hikers about the battle.

### Heritage Park Village

259-7275  
102 S. Lowder St., Macclenny  
[heritagepark.cityofmacclenny.com](http://heritagepark.cityofmacclenny.com)  
A place for Baker County families to honor their ancestors, Heritage Park Village hosts a conglomeration of 20 museums dedicated to the history and traditions of the people. Artifacts such as photographs, scrapbooks and oral testimonies recount Baker County's history.

## CLAY COUNTY

In 1790, Spain made a land grant to Zephaniah Kingsley, for the area now known as Orange Park, and to George Fleming, for the areas now known as Green Cove Springs and Fleming Island. During the 1800s, Kingsley and Fleming built plantations to grow oranges, sea-island cotton, corn, potatoes and peas. Due to conflict between the Spanish and American Patriots, these plantations were destroyed multiple times in devastating fires. Kingsley and his wife, Anna, moved to a plantation on Fort George Island. Fleming rebuilt and eventually left the plantation to his son, Lewis, in 1821.

Clay County was incorporated in 1858 and named after Henry Clay, a famous politician from Kentucky. Middleburg was selected as the first county seat, as it had been an established city since the 1820s. The county's largest town, Orange Park, was founded in 1877 by the Florida Winter Home and Improvement Company for the purpose of creating a Southern retreat and farming community. Since the area was marketed in Northern states, the company placed parcels of land among the orange trees to increase sales. The town was incorporated in 1879 by a Special Act of the Florida Legislature. In the early 1920s, the city of Keystone Heights was founded by newcomers from Pennsylvania. The city acquired its name from Pennsylvania's nickname, Keystone State, and was incorporated in April 1925.

### Black Heritage Museum

282-4168

Hunter-Douglas Park, 4393 Longmire Rd., Middleburg  
[www.claycountygov.com/departments/tourism/culture-recreation/museums](http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/tourism/culture-recreation/museums)

Dedicated to the lives of African-Americans in Clay County during the 1800s, the Black Heritage Museum is located in a historic one-room schoolhouse. Visitors can follow the journey of early pioneering families to the present day through photographs and storytelling. Tours are available by appointment only.

### Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park

682-3196

5629 SR 16 W., Starke  
[www.campblanding-museum.org](http://www.campblanding-museum.org)

Camp Blanding was established in 1939 as a training post for the National Guard. During World War II, the facility was leased to the Army and used as a training center, an induction center and a German prisoner of war compound. Camp Blanding is now used for training members of the National Guard and Reserve units. The museum and grounds honor all branches of U.S. military.

### Clay County Historical Museum & Triangle

278-4780

915 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs  
[www.claycountygov.com/departments/tourism/culture-recreation/museums](http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/tourism/culture-recreation/museums)

One of three historic sites comprising Green Cove Spring's Historic Triangle, which also includes the 1896 county jail and 1890 courthouse, the museum displays everyday items from Clay County residents during the 20th century. Items include personal letters, photographs, furniture, clothing, tools and more. The museum is open on Sundays.

### Middleburg Historical Museum

282-5357

3912 Section St., Middleburg  
[www.claycountygov.com/departments/tourism/culture-recreation/museums](http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/tourism/culture-recreation/museums)

Local artifacts depicting the history of Middleburg and Clay County can be seen here. The museum is open Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m.

### Military Museum of North Florida

584-8719

1 Bunker Ave., Green Cove Springs  
[www.militarymuseumofnorthflorida.com](http://www.militarymuseumofnorthflorida.com)

Created to honor those who have served in our country's military, the museum features exhibits and an extensive military reference library and a living history library. World War II and Vietnam memorabilia dominate the displays, but the museum also includes exhibits from the Revolutionary War and the recent to modern day conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Colonial Nightwatch, photo by Gary LeVelle courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com



Burnsed Blockhouse at Heritage Park Village in Baker County, photo by Gary McKechnie for VISIT FLORIDA

## DUVAL COUNTY

Before the Spanish decided to cede the territory in 1821 to the United States, Jacksonville was known as Cowford. In the late 1700s, the British built the King's Trail (now U.S. 1), a route that connected St. Augustine to Georgia. The settlement now known as Jacksonville was the narrowest place along the trail to ford livestock across the St. Johns River, thereby earning the region the name "Cowford." In honor of Andrew Jackson's service as Florida territory's military governor, Cowford was renamed Jacksonville and officially incorporated in 1932.

After a period of accelerated post-war reconstruction, Jacksonville became a popular winter destination for the wealthy. Marketed as the "Winter City in a Summer Land," grand hotels surrounded Hemming Park in downtown and resorts popped up by the beach. On May 3, 1901, Jacksonville was devastated by the third largest metropolitan fire in the nation. Despite this tragedy, the aftermath led to a major reconstruction and architectural renaissance. More than 13,000 buildings were constructed between 1901 and 1912, with innovations such as the elevator and escalator making their Southern debut.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

Throughout its history, the region saw the struggle of control by Native Americans, European powers and a developing U.S. The Spanish were the first to settle in the Jacksonville Beach area, establishing missions from Mayport to St. Augustine. In the late 19th century, developers invested in railroads, hoping to develop the area into an oceanfront resort connected to Jacksonville by easy transportation. The town was named Ruby, after the first settlers' daughter, and then Pablo Beach, after San Pablo River.

The completion of Atlantic Boulevard in 1910 connected the beaches to south Jacksonville, creating a residential boom. Pablo Beach, which was incorporated in 1907, witnessed the start of the boardwalk era in 1915. Businessman Martin Williams, Sr. built dance pavilions, restaurants and other forms of entertainment on the boardwalk. With the community seeing prosperous growth, Pablo Beach was renamed Jacksonville Beach in 1925 and the town of Atlantic Beach was incorporated in 1926. Residents of a sparsely populated section of Jacksonville Beach voted to secede from the city due to an inadequate return of services for their taxes. As a result, on Aug. 11, 1931, the community of Neptune Beach became its own municipality.

### Beaches Museum & History Park

241-5657

381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach

[www.beachmuseum.org](http://www.beachmuseum.org)

The Beaches Museum & History Park takes visitors on a journey through the history of the Beaches community through photographs, interactive exhibits and personal accounts. Visitors can also see a 1911 steam locomotive, the Mayport Railway Depot and the Florida East Coast Foreman's House—all located in Pablo Historical Park, adjacent to the museum.

## DUVAL-NORTH

### Fort Caroline National Memorial

641-7155

12713 Fort Caroline Rd., Jacksonville

[www.nps.gov/foca](http://www.nps.gov/foca)

When French explorers set sail for the Americas, they staked a claim for their home country at Fort Caroline, near the mouth of the St. Johns River. In 1564, the French Huguenots established a settlement at the site of Fort Caroline. However, raids by nearby Spanish settlers destroyed the ill-fated colony. The French colonists allied themselves with the native Timucua tribe and fought against the settling Spanish. The museum tells the story of the temporary French settlement. The first replica fort at Fort Caroline National Memorial was destroyed by Hurricane Dora in 1964. Coincidentally, the demise of the French colony at Fort Caroline was also due to a hurricane.

### Yellow Bluff Fort Historic State Park

251-2320

New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville

[www.floridastateparks.org/parks/yellow-bluff-fort-historic-state-park](http://www.floridastateparks.org/parks/yellow-bluff-fort-historic-state-park)

Located near the mouth of the St. Johns River, this site was an important military installation during the Civil War, allowing access to the inland areas of Florida's east coast. Though there was never an actual fort on Yellow Bluff, an encampment was fortified and equipped with arms for protection. Constructed in 1862, the site was occupied by both Confederate and Union troops during the Civil War and housed over 250 soldiers at its peak.

## DUVAL-SOUTH

### Mandarin Museum & Historical Society

268-0784

11964 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville

[www.mandarinmuseum.net](http://www.mandarinmuseum.net)

Explore the history of Mandarin, including an exhibit on Harriet Beecher Stowe. The author and abolitionist chose Mandarin as her winter home in 1867. Visitors can also see the Civil War steamship Maple Leaf exhibit while enjoying the beautiful Walter Jones Historical Park with several historic buildings and a riverfront boardwalk. Next to the museum is the 1898 St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African-American Children, the only remaining one-room schoolhouse in Duval County.

### Museum of Science & History (MOSH)

396-6674

1025 Museum Cir., Jacksonville

[www.themosh.org](http://www.themosh.org)

The MOSH combines the science of nature and the history of the First Coast in a fun atmosphere that has enthralled children and adults for years. The planetarium awes, the exhibits excite and all of the museum's programs educate. Learn about how the human body works with the interactive Health in Motion exhibit. KidSpace, designed for children ages 5 and under, features a treehouse and hands-on activities that promote education.

## DUVAL-WEST

### Camp Milton Historic Preserve

630-2489

1225 Halsema Rd. N., Jacksonville

[www.timucuanparks.org/camp-milton-preserve](http://www.timucuanparks.org/camp-milton-preserve)

More than 8,000 troops arrived at the site to provide the first line of defense against Union forces in Jacksonville. Named after John Milton, Florida's governor during most of the Civil War, the camp offers an educational center displaying Civil War artifacts, an authentic 1800s Florida farmstead and historic reenactments.

### Clara White Museum, The

354-4162

613 W. Ashley St., Jacksonville

[www.clarawhitemission.org/explore/museum](http://www.clarawhitemission.org/explore/museum)

Clara White, a former slave, fed hungry neighbors out of her two-room Jacksonville home in the 1880s, starting what would become a full-fledged mission with the help of her daughter, Eartha. In addition to her mission work, Eartha established numerous charitable organizations to aid unwed mothers, orphans, alcoholics and many others. Visit both Eartha White's home and the Clara White Mission, still in operation today.

### Durkeeville Historical Society Museum

598-9567

1293 W. 19th St., Jacksonville

[www.durkeevillehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.durkeevillehistoricalsociety.com)

Durkeeville, a community located within what is presently known as the Westside, honors its past and present residents with this museum. Exhibits include historic photos and other materials that tell the history behind African-Americans in Jacksonville and the Northeast Florida area.

Living History Weekend at Camp Milton, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville



Museum of Science and History, photo by Stephanie Marty

**Jacksonville Fire Museum, The**

630-0618

1406 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville

[www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue/fire-museum](http://www.coj.net/departments/fire-and-rescue/fire-museum)

The Jacksonville Fire Museum is home to thousands of artifacts that pay tribute to Fire and Rescue efforts in Jacksonville and the state of Florida. At the museum, visitors can view photos from the Great Fire of 1901, which destroyed 2,368 buildings in the downtown area and left more than 10,000 people homeless. Miraculously, only seven died. Visitors can also see a restored 1902 American LaFrance horse-drawn fire engine and a working 1926 American LaFrance fire engine. The museum recognizes the brave men and women who gave their lives to save the lives of others.

**Karpeles Manuscript Library Jacksonville Museum**

356-2992

101 W. 1st St., Jacksonville

[www.rain.org/~karpeles/jax.html](http://www.rain.org/~karpeles/jax.html)

One of only a few Karpeles Museums in the nation, the Jacksonville location works to preserve historic writings and artwork. Its many locations together constitute the world's largest private holding of important original manuscripts and documents. Jacksonville's Karpeles Museum offers free admission to support the local community and promote education. The museum also collaborates with local schools and libraries to foster literacy and knowledge.

**Merrill House Museum**

665-0064

315 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville

[www.jaxhistory.org/merrill-museum-house-tours](http://www.jaxhistory.org/merrill-museum-house-tours)

Operated by the Jacksonville Historical Society, this museum depicts life in Jacksonville at the turn of the 20th century. Built in 1886, this fully furnished historical home features Queen Anne and Eastlake architecture styles. The home was built for James E. Merrill who started Merrill-Stevens Engineering Co., one of the largest shipbuilding companies in the Southern U.S. Tours are held by reservation only.

**Museum of Southern History, The**

388-3574

4304 Herschel St., Jacksonville

[www.museumsofthernhistory.com](http://www.museumsofthernhistory.com)

The Museum of Southern History displays portraits, flags, weapons, clothing, battle dioramas and more. Hear about events in detail, learn the differences in weaponry and view artifacts like a Lincoln-era 37-star Applegate flag. The museum's research library is a helpful resource for those interested in historical family trees and the Civil War.

Fort Caroline, photo by Justin Strosnider



**Ritz Theatre and Museum**

807-2014

829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville

[www.ritzjacksonville.com](http://www.ritzjacksonville.com)

When many free African-Americans settled in the LaVilla district, a thriving and artistically rich community emerged. The Ritz Theatre and Museum honors the era from the 1920s to the 1960s in LaVilla, the "Harlem of the South." The museum connects and celebrates African-American heritage through the stories of historical figures. Learn about Jacksonville-native brothers James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson who wrote *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*, which is now referred to as the African-American National Anthem. The Ritz Theatre hosts celebrity performers and amateurs, who deliver smooth Blues, Jazz and R&B tunes as well as performances featuring storytelling and dancing.

**Veterans Memorial Wall**

630-2489

1145 E. Adams St., Jacksonville

[www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jacksonville-veterans-memorial-wall](http://www.coj.net/departments/military-and-veterans-affairs/jacksonville-veterans-memorial-wall)

An outdoor memorial, the Veterans Memorial Wall honors more than 1,700 veterans from all military branches. The memorial was dedicated to local war heroes in November 1995, and is the largest of its kind honoring veterans in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines.

Fort Clinch, photo by Monica Gutos



## NASSAU COUNTY

The French staked their claim on Amelia Island in 1562, and it wasn't until 1821 that the U.S. government took control of the region. During that time, Amelia Island was occupied by the British, the Confederacy, Patriots, a Scotsman and a Mexican pirate named Louis Aury, in addition to French and Spanish colonizers. The frequent identity changes led to Amelia Island's nickname, "Isle of 8 Flags." During the American Revolution, Florida remained loyal to the crown and Fernandina became home to English Loyalists that fled the northern colonies. On June 30, 1778, near present-day Callahan, British troops turned back a group of American militiamen in a skirmish at Alligator Creek.

Nassau County was officially established in 1824 and is rumored to be named after the Nassau Sound, part of the marshy topography defining the area. Great prosperity blessed the Fernandina area in the late 1800s and early 1900s, as a result of tourism and the start of the modern shrimping industry. In addition, the towns of Callahan, Yulee and Bryceville were established during this time due, in large part, to the success of the local railroad system and timber industry. In the late 1930s, A.L. Lewis, president of the Afro-American Insurance Company in Jacksonville, established American Beach on the southern end of Amelia Island. The beach became a prominent African-American resort area. From the 1930s into the 1960s, the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line Railroads rattled through Callahan, transporting travelers from the Florida peninsula to the Northeast. Seaboard used the remaining segment of the Florida Railroad in Callahan, which was eventually removed around 1974.

### Amelia Island Lighthouse

310-3350  
215 O'Hagan Ln., Fernandina Beach  
[www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us)

Built in 1838, Florida's oldest lighthouse boasts a long and interesting heritage. Today, it stands as a beloved beacon and historic site, functioning by the upkeep of the Coast Guard. It is the only lighthouse

from the Territorial Period that has survived without major rebuilding. Tours leave from the Atlantic Recreation Center every first and third Wednesday of the month.

### Amelia Island Museum of History

261-7378  
233 S. 3rd St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.ameliamuseum.org](http://www.ameliamuseum.org)

Amelia Island is rich in history, playing a role in the first European settlements, the Civil War, the Florida railroad and much more. The French were the first to claim Amelia Island, but Spanish forces led by Pedro Menéndez de Avilés ousted them just three years later. Thus, in 1565, the French flag was replaced with a Spanish flag, which would fly for more than 100 years. The museum's exhibits highlight small pieces of this history. The Amelia Island Museum of History was Florida's first "spoken history museum," and still offers a variety of tours for all ages.

### American Beach Museum

510-7036  
1600 Julia St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.americanbeachmuseum.org](http://www.americanbeachmuseum.org)

American Beach was founded in 1935 by Afro American Insurance Company president A. L. Lewis for during the era of Jim Crow. American Beach Museum pays tribute to this historic site through photographs, text, artifacts and videography.

### Fernandina Beach Shrimping Museum & Welcome Center

261-7378  
17 S. Front St., Fernandina Beach  
[www.fbsmwc.org](http://www.fbsmwc.org)

Learn about the history of Fernandina Beach's shrimping industry in this one-of-a-kind museum dedicated to preserving, protecting and promoting the history of Amelia Island. Visitors will learn about net making, ship building, and the families that brought modern shrimping to Florida.

**Fort Clinch State Park**

277-7274

2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-clinch](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-clinch)

Since the St. Marys River reaches deep inland, the mouth of the river is a strategic location for a fort and construction began in 1847. Soldiers were stationed here during the Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War II. One of the best preserved Civil-War-era forts in the country, Fort Clinch State Park opened to the public in 1938 and is used for reenactments, camping and hiking.

**Maritime Museum of Amelia Island**

432-7086

115 S. 2nd St., Ste. B, Fernandina Beach  
[www.maritimemuseumai.org](http://www.maritimemuseumai.org)

At this quaint museum, discover artifacts such as Spanish treasure from sunken ships. Visitors can also learn about Amelia Island's maritime history throughout the years. Pirates, Spanish fleets, and shrimping and fishing history are only part of the plunder the Maritime Museum has to boast—on a lucky day, the divers themselves might be around to tell a tale or two.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

In 1565, Spanish explorer Pedro Menéndez de Avilés founded St. Augustine, "The Nation's Oldest City," at the site of the Timucua village, Seloy. Within a century, the city was attacked twice—in 1586, by English corsair Sir Francis Drake who burned the city down, and in 1668, by pirate Captain John Davis who killed 60 inhabitants. Even with these setbacks, the early settlers of St. Augustine stayed and rebuilt after each attack. St. Johns County was chartered in 1821, but American tycoon and railroad developer, Henry Flagler, is credited with transforming St. Augustine in the late 19th century. Flagler's cousin, Thomas Horace Hastings, established a plantation west of St. Augustine to grow winter vegetables for Flagler's resort hotels.

In 1914, a discovery was made on the beaches in the northern section of St. Johns County. Engineers Henry Holland Buckman and George A. Pritchard found more than a dozen industrial minerals, including rutile and ilmenite—elements necessary for the production of titanium. The National Lead Company bought the land from the chemical engineers and named it Mineral City. The town played a crucial role in World War I as the country's leading producer of titanium. In 1928, Mineral City was renamed Ponte Vedra Beach.

**Castillo de San Marcos National Monument**

829-6506

1 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine  
[www.nps.gov/casa](http://www.nps.gov/casa)

One of the most iconic sites in St. Augustine, Castillo de San Marcos stands the test of time. Construction began in October 1672 on this seaside fort using coquina, a soft limestone of broken shells, to defend Spain's control in the New World. Commonly referred to as "the fort" by many, Castillo de San Marcos is the oldest masonry fort in the U.S. The Castillo comes alive through a diverse range of programs including lectures, museum exhibits, historical weapons demonstrations, living history reenactments and special events. Volunteers are welcome for reenactments.

**Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine**

824-2806

38 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine  
[www.thefirstparish.org](http://www.thefirstparish.org)

When Don Pedro Menéndez de Avilés landed in present day St. Augustine, a religious ceremony ensued in which Father Francisco López de Mendoza Grajales presented Menéndez with a cross to kiss. In a settlement with religion at its core, Cathedral Basilica was built in the plaza to keep the city's spiritual origins alive.



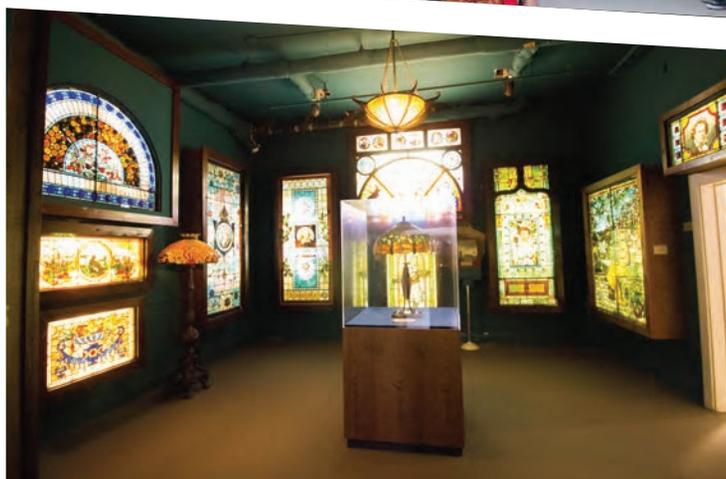
Historic Merrill Hill House Museum, photo by Stephanie Marty



Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA



Photo by Gary LeVelle, courtesy of FloridashistoricCoast.com



Lightner Museum, photo by Teri DiJurjigs for VISIT FLORIDA

**Colonial Quarter**

342-2857

33 St. George St., St. Augustine

[www.colonialquarter.com](http://www.colonialquarter.com)

The Colonial Quarter encompasses four time periods in St. Augustine's history: 16th century, 17th century, 18th century Spanish and 18th century British. Visitors can get a glimpse of daily life in colonial times through demonstrations and reenactments. Climb the 35-foot watchtower to view the St. Augustine coastline and the Castillo de San Marcos.

**Flagler's Legacy**

823-3378

59 St. George St., St. Augustine

<http://legacy.flagler.edu>

One of the lavish hotels built by millionaire developer Henry Flagler was Hotel Ponce de León in 1887 (now Flagler College), which turned St. Augustine into a major resort town for the wealthy leisure traveler. Visitors will be awed by the beautiful Spanish Renaissance-style architecture of this National Historic Landmark. Tours of the college are available through Flagler's Legacy.

**Fort Matanzas National Monument**

471-0116

8635 A1A S., St. Augustine

[www.nps.gov/foma](http://www.nps.gov/foma)

Constructed on the Matanzas Inlet to protect against the British, this well-preserved Spanish fort became a national monument in 1924. Explore the fort and park, watch reenactments and learn about the many battles fought at the Matanzas Inlet, including the slaughter of the French Huguenots. This 1565 battle earned the preserve its name, as Matanzas Inlet translates to "Slaughters Inlet" in English.

Government House, photo by Jackie Hird courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com



**Fort Mose Historic State Park**

823-2232

15 Fort Mose Trl., St. Augustine

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose)

The first legally sanctioned free African settlement, Fort Mose was a sanctuary for escaping English slavery. Although there are no remains of the structure, visitors can still view the land where the settlement once stood. Visitors can walk down the sun drenched boardwalk and imagine life in the 18th century. The museum in the park's visitor center teaches visitors about the site's historical significance in the U.S.

**Government House Museum**

825-5034

48 King St., St. Augustine

[www.staugustine.ufl.edu/govHouse.html](http://www.staugustine.ufl.edu/govHouse.html)

This Georgian-style stone mansion housed the residence and office of the colonial governors of Florida from 1598 to 1821, when the state was ceded to the U.S. government. Since then, the house has gone through many changes, serving as a Civil War military hospital, a courthouse and a post office. Fittingly, the house currently serves as a museum for local historic artifacts and rotating exhibits.

**Lightner Museum**

824-2874

75 King St., St. Augustine

[www.lightnermuseum.org](http://www.lightnermuseum.org)

This beautiful Spanish Renaissance-style resort was established by Henry Flagler in 1887 as the Hotel Alcazar. The museum is now home to beautiful relics of America's Gilded Age. Chicago publisher Otto C. Lightner opened the building as a museum in 1948 with his own collection. The eclectic collection ranges from Tiffany glass to fine art paintings, furniture, sculptures and more.

**Mission Nombre de Dios**

824-2809

27 Ocean Ave., St. Augustine

[www.missionandshrine.org](http://www.missionandshrine.org)

In 1565, Pedro Menéndez landed near this site and proclaimed it for Spain. Once docked, the Spanish began to build North America's oldest city. On these grounds, Father Lopez celebrated the first parish Mass and began to build the country's first mission. Visitors can explore historic sites, statues and shrines including the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche.

**Old Florida Museum**

824-8874

259 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine

[www.oldfloridamuseum.com](http://www.oldfloridamuseum.com)

This hands-on museum features exhibits on the Timucua Indians, Fort Menendez and more. Visitors can experience Native American life by playing games and performing everyday tasks. The museum is open Monday through Saturday.

**Oldest House Museum Complex**

824-2872

14 St. Francis St., St. Augustine

[www.saintaugustinehistoricalsociety.org/oldest-house-museum-complex](http://www.saintaugustinehistoricalsociety.org/oldest-house-museum-complex)

This National Historic Landmark is the oldest surviving home from the Colonial Spanish period in Florida, also known as the Gonzalez-Alvarez House. Several other sites are included with admission; among them are two museums, a changing exhibit gallery, an ornamental garden and a museum store.

**Oldest Wooden School House**

888-653-7245

14 St. George St., St. Augustine

[www.oldestwoodenschoolhouse.com](http://www.oldestwoodenschoolhouse.com)

Dating back to the early 18th century, early Spanish settlers used wooden pegs and handmade nails to construct the house. Inside the school house, an animatronic teacher and students tell guests about school days, textbooks and writing instruments from long ago.



Colonial Quarter, photo by Jackie Hird courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com



Ponce de León Hall at Flagler College, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA

**Peña-Peck House, The**

829-5064

143 St. George St., St. Augustine  
www.penapeckhouse.com

Constructed in the mid-1700s as the residence of the Spanish royal treasurer, The Peña-Peck House is not only historical for its first Spanish period architecture, but also for the roles the home played during the first Spanish, British and second Spanish periods. Guided tours of the house are available.

**Spanish Military Hospital Museum**

342-7730

3 Aviles St., St. Augustine  
www.spanishmilitaryhospital.com

As the name suggests, this site served as a hospital for the Spanish military during the 18th century. Today, the restored museum offers insight into 18th century hospital care. Visitors can also walk through the museum's apothecary garden and see herbs grown then that are still used in medicines today.

**St. Augustine History Museum**

829-3800

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine  
www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/history-museum

Housed next to the St. Augustine Old Jail, the St. Augustine History Museum takes you through the evolution of St. Augustine under Spanish and British rule. Historical artifacts from time periods spanning 400 years are on display. Henry Flagler's contributions to the city are also documented and displayed in the museum.

**St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum**

829-0745

81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine  
www.staugustinelighthouse.com

In 1874, builders completed work on the lighthouse, which stands 165 feet above sea level. Visitors and children taller than 44 inches can climb to the top, walk out on the observation deck and look into the lens room. A museum dedicated to the history of the lighthouse and its keepers is located in the keeper's house. In 2009, St. Augustine Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program archaeologists discovered colonial-era shipwreck Storm Wreck a mile off the coast of St. Augustine. It is now one of the few underwater sites on the National Register of Historic Places.

**St. Augustine Old Jail & Oldest Store Museum**

829-3800

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine  
www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/oldest-store.asp

In addition to housing inmates, the old jail property in St. Augustine was the site of the sheriff's home and an ominous set of gallows,

where the lives of numerous criminals were ended. Built by Henry Flagler in 1891, the jail has changed very little over more than a century. Visitors can step back in time to meet colorful characters and even attempt their own escape from the century-old penitentiary. The Oldest Store Museum re-creates the original St. Augustine general store from the turn of the century.

**St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum**

877-467-5863

12 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine  
www.thepiratemuseum.com

Discover pirate history and plunder through Pat Croce's collection of pirate artifacts in the St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum. This one-of-a-kind museum combines a gallery of over 800 artifacts with fun and interactive features to create an exciting, educational experience.

**St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine**

829-8205

41 St. George St., St. Augustine  
www.stphotios.com

The first colony of Greeks arrived in the New World in 1768. The St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine documents the lives of those colonists through historical documents, photographs and artifacts.

**Villa Zorayda Museum**

829-9887

83 King St., St. Augustine  
www.villazorayda.com

Built in 1883 as the winter residence for Boston millionaire Franklin Smith, Villa Zorayda was the first building in St. Augustine to launch the Moorish Spanish revival of architecture that can be seen throughout the city today. Inspired by the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Spain, the villa contains luxurious interior details, historical antiques and the 2,400-year-old "Sacred Cat Rug" made from the hair of cats from ancient Egypt.

**Ximenez-Fatio House Museum**

829-3575

20 Aviles St., St. Augustine  
www.ximenezfatiohouse.org

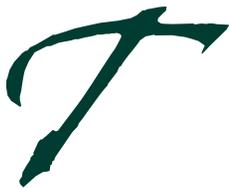
Authentic in both its architecture and the history it tells, the Ximenez-Fatio House Museum is a must-see stop among historical houses in St. Augustine. This home was built near the center of the original St. Augustine community. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places and includes a museum and museum store.



# Art Museums & Events

MOCA Project Atrium, photo courtesy of Dennis Ho MOCA Jacksonville

MOCA, photo courtesy of Doug Eng MOCA Jacksonville



The First Coast's creative atmosphere is evident in our growing art scene. In addition to large galleries that feature international, national and local artists, Northeast Florida is rich with intimate, privately owned galleries, museums and shops. To sample the richly diverse options on the First Coast, visit one of the local monthly art walks.

In Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville and St. Augustine art lovers can enjoy self-guided tours of a wide range and number of galleries. Art novices and enthusiasts alike will delight at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) in Jacksonville. The museum works in conjunction with the University of North Florida to bring modern works by the Masters to the community, as well as ingenious works by regional artists.

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens in Jacksonville's historic Riverside features world class art from 2100 B.C. through the 21st century. The museum's permanent collection includes masterpieces by Winslow Homer, Peter Paul Rubens, Thomas Moran and Norman Rockwell.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### North Beaches Art Walk

241-1026

Beaches Town Center

Atlantic Blvd. and First St., Neptune Beach

[www.beachestowncenter.com/entertainment/north-beaches-art-walk](http://www.beachestowncenter.com/entertainment/north-beaches-art-walk)

The cool sea breeze and shady palm trees are a scenic back drop for this art walk by the sea. Held on the third Thursday of each month from 5 to 9 p.m., over 55 participating local artists come together to create a free community event with live music, artwork and more.

## DUVAL-NORTH

### Alexander Brest Museum & Gallery

256-7374

Jacksonville University

2800 University Blvd. N., Phillips Fine Arts Bldg., Jacksonville

[www.ju.edu/cfa](http://www.ju.edu/cfa)

Fascinating displays at this Jacksonville University facility take visitors back in time to ancient civilizations. Exhibits include a diverse collection of unique decorative arts in ceramics, paintings, carved ivory, prints and sculptures. Visitors will also see stunning Boehm and Chinese porcelain, pre-Columbian artifacts and Tiffany glass, as well as works in various rotating exhibitions.

## DUVAL-WEST

### CoRK Arts District

2689 Rosselle St., Jacksonville

<http://corkartsdistrict.com>

To passersby, the seemingly unused warehouses in West Duval don't mean much, but local artists have turned them into something special. Short for the corner of Rosselle and King, the CoRK Arts District is a network of once abandoned warehouses and underutilized spaces that has been renovated into several art studios, galleries and production spaces. CoRK consists of more than 80,000 square feet of space. Though CoRK is not open to the public on a daily basis, visitors can make appointments or attend one of the many events.

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## Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

356-6857

829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville

[www.cummermuseum.org](http://www.cummermuseum.org)

Arthur and Ninah Cummer established their home in 1902 on the St. Johns riverfront where the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens now stands. As the largest fine arts museum in Northeast Florida, the museum contains nearly 5,000 works of art in its permanent collection. The museum is home to 2.5 picturesque acres of lush gardens with fountains, arbors and sculptures. The Cummer also offers fun and educational activities for children and families through its Art Adventures and Art for Two programs. On Tuesday evenings, museum patrons can enjoy tapas on the patio while enjoying music from local musicians.

## First Wednesday Art Walk

634-0303, ext. 222

Downtown Jacksonville

[www.jacksonvilleartwalk.com](http://www.jacksonvilleartwalk.com)

Join artists and art lovers on the first Wednesday evening of each month—rain or shine—for this free art walk spanning more than 15 blocks in downtown Jacksonville. See how downtown comes alive with culture and artistic talent bursting from over 60 venues along a mapped out route, including art galleries, restaurants, bars, museums and more. The Museum of Contemporary Art offers free admission during the art walk. Headquartered at Hemming Park, visitors can find everything from paintings to handcrafted jewelry.

## Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Jacksonville

366-6911

333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville

[www.mocajacksonville.unf.edu](http://www.mocajacksonville.unf.edu)

MOCA Jacksonville has promoted modern visual arts in the community since its founding in 1924. Today, the museum contains nearly 1,000 pieces in its permanent gallery from renowned artists worldwide and is one of the largest contemporary art museums in the Southeast. Visitors walking through the doors will immediately pause to gaze at MOCA's Project Atrium, which displays inventive art installations from emerging artists in its Haskell Atrium Gallery. MOCA hosts tours and events, and promotes local artists by partnering with regional art institutes.

## Riverside Arts Market

389-2449

715 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville

[www.riversideartsmarket.com](http://www.riversideartsmarket.com)

Held underneath the Fuller Warren Bridge each Saturday from March through December, this arts market is a hub of artistic talent. Bring friends and family to peruse the work of local artists and artisans. With a wide variety of vendors, themed days, special events and performers, there is always something new to see and taste at the arts market by the river. This bustling market is a can't-miss weekly event, made even better by free admission and parking.

## NASSAU COUNTY

### Artrageous Artwalk

Downtown Fernandina Beach

[www.islandart.org/artrageous-artwalk](http://www.islandart.org/artrageous-artwalk)

Amelia Island is renowned for its upscale galleries featuring local, talented artists who reflect the ease of island life in their artwork. Every second Saturday of each month visitors can take a self-guided tour through local galleries and shops that feature a wide array of fine art mediums including photography, pottery, copper, metal, glass, water color, acrylic and oil. Galleries open their doors and host evening events for those interested in viewing works and meeting artists.

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

### Crisp-Ellert Art Museum

826-8530

48 Sevilla St., St. Augustine

[www.flagler.edu/news-events/crisp-ellert-art-museum](http://www.flagler.edu/news-events/crisp-ellert-art-museum)

This Flagler College gem teaches its students and the First Coast community an appreciation for contemporary artwork. The museum exhibits local, national and international artists and hosts a number of public programs. The museum was built to commemorate art patrons Dr. JoAnn Crisp-Ellert and her husband, Dr. Robert Ellert. Crisp-Ellert was a prolific painter and well-respected in the art community. Admission is free and open to the public.

### Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, The

280-0614

50 Executive Way, Ponte Vedra Beach

[www.ccpvb.org](http://www.ccpvb.org)

The Cultural Center brings art to the First Coast community through its programs, events and exhibits for children, adults and families. The Cultural Center has an 8,000-square-foot art gallery and studio facility with exhibits from local artists. Lectures, concerts, performances and classes in the visual and performing arts make the center a Ponte Vedra treasure.

### First Friday Artwalk

832-779-2781

St. Augustine

[www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.org](http://www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.org)

Hop on a free Artwalk Trolley the first Friday of each month and enjoy exhibits, music and entertainment in America's oldest city. The self-guided tour winds through downtown St. Augustine and across the Bridge of Lions to Anastasia Island. Many events take place after hours at St. Augustine clubs, bars and restaurants for the late-night crowd.

### St. Augustine Art Association

824-2310

22 Marine St., St. Augustine

[www.staaa.org](http://www.staaa.org)

In the midst of the Great Depression and World War II, a dedicated group of professional and amateur artists formed the St. Augustine Art Association and has been bringing exceptional art to the area ever since. The art gallery displays monthly juried exhibits from professional and emerging artists. The permanent collection consists primarily of local subjects painted by well-known artists from the 1930s to the present. In addition, the association offers art classes, camps, festivals and much more.

Art Walk, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville





# Jacksonville's Art Scene



From downtown to the Beaches, there are plenty of opportunities for art enthusiasts as Jacksonville has a myriad of local art galleries, public art studios and theaters.

Offering hundreds of cultural and entertainment events for all ages, the **Florida Theatre** attracts 250,000 to downtown

Jacksonville each year. Built in 1927, the acclaimed and restored venue is recognized as one of the finest concert venues in the Southeast and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Near downtown in the community of LaVilla is the **Ritz Theatre and Museum**. The mission of the Ritz is to "research, record, and preserve the material and artistic culture of African-American life in Northeast Florida and the African Diaspora, and present in an educational or entertaining format, the many facets that make up the historical and cultural legacy of this community." The building was built in 1999 on the 1929 site of the original Ritz Theatre. Visitors of the Ritz can enjoy concerts, lectures, film and more throughout the year.

Comprised of more than 80,000 square feet of warehouse space centered on artist studios and galleries, Jacksonville's **CoRK Arts District** (Corner of Rosselle and King streets) in Riverside provides space for live music and performance art events.

The Riverside neighborhood is also home to great museums such as the **Sumner Museum of Art & Gardens**, which houses one of the finest art collections in the Southeast, with nearly 5,000 objects in its Permanent Collection. The museum offers world-class art from 2100 B.C. through the 21st century, features diverse special exhibits, and the Wark Collection of Early Meissen Porcelain.

Adjacent to nearby Hemming Park, the **MOCA Jacksonville**, features rotating exhibits and collections dating from the 1960s to the present. Nestled in the heart of downtown, the contemporary art museum's permanent collection currently consists of nearly 1,000 works of art, including painting, printmaking, sculpture and photography.

The **Museum of Science & History (MOSH)** offers something for all ages to enjoy, including interactive, award-winning exhibitions, daily science shows, live animal shows, planetarium programs and more.

A must-visit for foodies, art lovers and music fans alike, the **Riverside Arts Market**, located at the end of the Northbank Riverwalk under the Fuller Warren Bridge, takes place each Saturday, March to December. From the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors enjoy more than 100 juried artists, with mediums ranging from pottery, jewelry and paintings to silk-screened T-shirts. They also feature local foods, such as artisan breads and fresh cheeses, in addition to three stages of entertainment along the riverfront with ample free parking.

Produced by Downtown Vision Inc. to bring people to the cultural and historical center of downtown Jacksonville and to showcase the city's artistic talent, the **First Wednesday Art Walk** takes place from 5 to 9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, rain or shine.

More than 50 Art Walk venues stretch across Jacksonville's downtown core, showcasing more than 100 artists and include Hemming Park, galleries, museums, cultural and educational venues, restaurants and bars, street performers, live music, downtown businesses and more.

For those who live near the beach communities, the **Jax Beach Art Walk** takes place monthly on the second Tuesday from 5 to 9 p.m. in front of businesses along First Street from Beach Boulevard to Fifth Avenue North. The Jax Beach Art Walk showcases the talent of great local artists and the businesses in the community.

The **North Beaches Art Walk** is a free event held the third Thursday of each month from 5 to 9 p.m., featuring many local visual artists and live performers at the Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach Town Centers. With more than 55 participating artists, Art Walk is a diverse art destination and shopping experience for the entire family.

With the amount of opportunities throughout Jacksonville to take in a performance or purchase local art, there is truly something for all to enjoy each day of the week.

“The Florida Theatre attracts 250,000 to downtown Jacksonville each year.”

Riverside Arts Market, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



# Entertainment



Players by the Sea, photo courtesy of Jane LaRoque



ABET, photo courtesy of Celia Frank



Players by the Sea, photo courtesy of Jane LaRoque



If you're looking to take a night off, experience all the entertainment the First Coast has to offer. With numerous venues to choose from, the area is brimming with music, dance, comedy and theater. Established and local artists come together and arrange top-notch experiences for residents and visitors alike.

For a state so far from New York, we are one of the lucky areas with the opportunity to see Broadway plays without travelling out of state. The Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts hosts The Artist Series, which has brought plays such as *The Book of Mormon* and *Beauty and the Beast* to the area. Venues such as the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts and Players by the Sea give student and local playwrights the opportunity to shine.

If you're interested in the blues or the birthplace of Southern Rock—think Lynyrd Skynyrd—the First Coast is a great location to find musicians, big and small. For a night of music, try the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall or the new Daily's Place. Each music venue is unique and adds to the perfect concert ambiance.

Whether it be music, comedy or a theatrical performance, swing by one of the First Coast's many entertainment locations—the experience is sure to be enjoyable.

## CLAY COUNTY

### Orange Park Community Theatre

276-2599

2900 Moody Ave., Orange Park

[www.opct.info](http://www.opct.info)

Volunteers at Orange Park Community Theatre bring quality dramas and musicals to Clay County. First established in 1969, the theater experienced a setback in 1981 and held productions in various facilities for five years before settling in its current location. Today, see shows like *Kiss Me Kate* and *West Side Story*.

**Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts**

276-6815  
283 College Dr., Orange Park  
www.thcenter.org

Owned and operated by St. Johns River State College, Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts is dedicated to developing and nurturing artistic potential in students, residents and visitors through professional theater, dance and music performances in two state-of-the-art theaters. Performances are wide-ranging and include musicals, ballets and concerts featuring an array of sounds from country to jazz.

**DUVAL-BEACHES****Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre**

249-7177  
Adele Grage Cultural Center,  
716 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach  
www.abetheatre.com

The Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre (ABET) is a not-for-profit theater with the mission of bringing live theater to diverse audiences. ABET shows original plays and neglected classics, and develops new talent while maintaining the vision of its mission statement. Performances are held at the Adele Grage Cultural Center.

**Beaches Fine Arts Series**

270-1771  
416 12th Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach  
www.beachesfinearts.org

The Beaches Fine Arts Series brings the community together through music, dance and art. Performances are free and most are held at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Jacksonville Beach. Each artist also performs a program for students, targeting schools with limited arts exposure. After performances, a reception is hosted in honor of the actors to give the audience the chance to meet and chat, as well as view presented art exhibits.

**Players by the Sea**

249-0289  
106 6th St. N., Jacksonville Beach  
www.playersbythesea.org

Since 1966, Players by the Sea has committed itself to the art of theater as well as the First Coast community. The theater presents both classic plays and original productions from local, aspiring playwrights. Each performance is designed to challenge, amaze and enrich.

**DUVAL-NORTH****Jacksonville University College of Fine Arts**

256-8000  
2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville  
www.ju.edu/cfa

Jacksonville University's Performing Arts Series holds numerous performances throughout the school year. A typical art series season includes music concerts, theatrical productions, ballets and modern dance performances. They also host visual art galleries throughout the year.

**DUVAL-SOUTH****Alhambra Theatre & Dining**

641-1212  
12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.alhambrajax.com

The Alhambra Dinner Theatre was built in 1967 and remains a treasured entertainment spot in the Jacksonville community. Executive Chef DeJuan Roy cooks up a new menu for each show. Alhambra After Dark offers patrons a unique experience with comedy and improv shows, musical tributes, dancing and Halloween murder mysteries.

**Comedy Zone, The**

292-4242  
3130 Hartley Rd., Jacksonville  
www.comedyzone.com

The Comedy Zone offers a night of entertainment unlike any other in Jacksonville. Since 1989, patrons have experienced nonstop laughter in The Zone, which showcases both local and national comedians. Appetizers and drinks are available for purchase on site.

**Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts**

646-2222  
11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.fscj.edu/campuses/south-campus/nathan-h-wilson-center-for-the-arts

A comprehensive performing and visual arts facility on Florida State College at Jacksonville's South Campus, the center features an art gallery, a 500-seat main theater and a studio theater for smaller audiences. In addition, a conference center provides space for business meetings, conferences, fundraising events and social gatherings. Programs include opera, dance and multidisciplinary productions that integrate visual art, music, theater and the humanities.

**Theatre Jacksonville**

396-4425  
2032 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.theatrejax.com

Theatre Jacksonville was founded in 1919 as the Little Theatre of Jacksonville. Today, it stands in its original location. Presenting classic and original plays, the almost 100-year-old theater reaches out to the community through its performances and volunteer efforts. In 2018, they will be performing *Wolf Hall*, *Boeing Boeing*, and *Mamma Mia!*

**DUVAL-WEST****Artist Series, The**

632-5000  
501 W. State St., Ste. 109, Jacksonville  
www.artistseriesjax.org

The primary source for national and international professional productions on the First Coast, The Artist Series brings a unique blend of musical and dramatic presentations to the region each season. The Artist Series features performances on and off Broadway, as well as international dance, international opera, family and variety shows. Performances are held in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts and the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts. 2018 shows and performances include *The Illusionists*, *Celtic Woman* and *Million Dollar Quartet*.

**Daily's Place**

633-2000  
1 Daily's Pl., Jacksonville  
www.dailysplace.com

Downtown Jacksonville's newest entertainment venue, Daily's Place includes a state-of-the-art amphitheater that can seat 5,500 people and is connected to the south end of EverBank Field. There is also a 94,000-square-foot flex facility for indoor football practice.

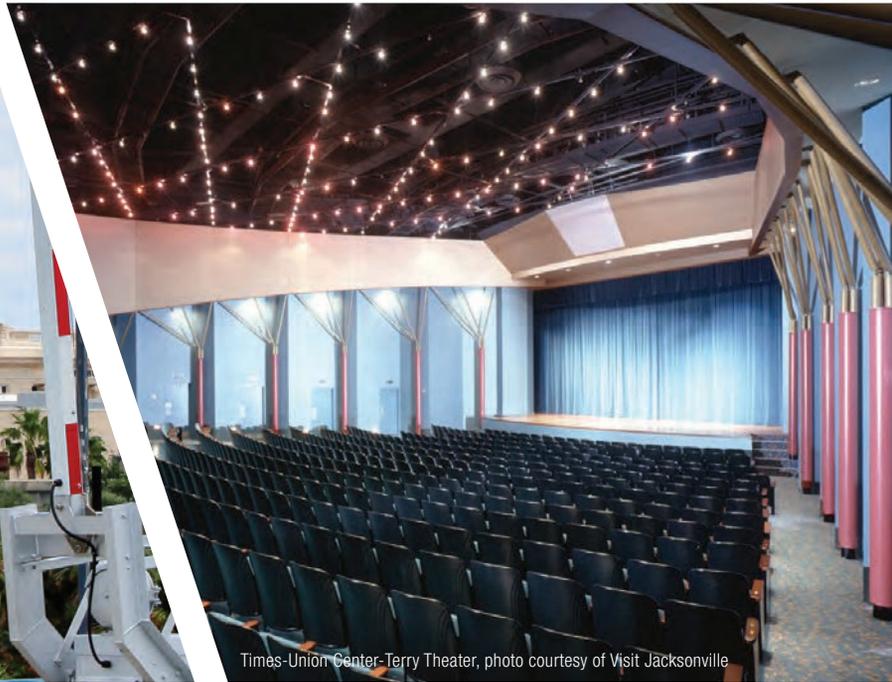
**Florida Theatre**

355-2787  
128 E. Forsyth St., Ste. 300, Jacksonville  
www.floridatheatre.com

Serving as Jacksonville's premier entertainment center since 1927, this local landmark still hosts 200 cultural and entertainment events each year. Magnificently restored to preserve the theater's lavish interior in 1983, this Jacksonville treasure is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to presenting myriad of performances, Florida Theatre hosts graduations, award ceremonies, lectures, business meetings and charity events.



Florida Theatre, photo by Justin Strosnider



Times-Union Center-Terry Theater, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

**Friday Musicale**

355-7584  
645 Oak St., Jacksonville  
www.fridaymusicale.com

In 1890, Claudia L'Engle Adams began holding weekly meetings for local musicians in her home as the Ladies' Friday Musicale. Eventually, men were invited to participate, and the tradition grew into a full-fledged organization with bylaws, official leadership and a new location. Today, Friday Musicale holds concerts featuring various types of music in an intimate setting. In addition, the organization nurtures young musicians by providing programs by and for children, as well as awarding scholarships to promising local students.

**Jacksonville Landing, The**

353-1188  
2 W. Independent Dr., Jacksonville  
www.jacksonvillelanding.com

Nestled along the gorgeous St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville, The Jacksonville Landing is home to year-round entertainment, in addition to waterfront dining options and shops. The Landing hosts more than 600 events each year including Florida/Georgia Weekend celebrations, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, New Year's Eve and TaxSlayer Bowl celebrations, and more. Weekly events include live entertainment in the center courtyard and a variety of concerts and shows at Mavericks Live, located within the Landing.

**Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra**

354-5547  
300 Water St., Ste. 200, Jacksonville  
www.jaxsymphony.org

A renowned group of elite musicians, the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra (JSO) performs throughout Northeast Florida and across the state. Founded in 1949, JSO remains a treasured and highly regarded musical organization, known as one of the nation's top regional orchestras. JSO also offers education programs, trains more than 400 students in the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra and partners with numerous volunteer organizations.

**Riverside Fine Arts Association**

389-6222  
1100 Stockton St., Jacksonville  
www.riversidefinearts.org

Riverside Fine Arts Association features world-class performances in an intimate setting. With a vision of promoting artistic expression, concerts in the series showcase many styles of music including classical, jazz, and world music from award-winning musicians.

**Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts**

633-6110  
300 Water St., Jacksonville  
www.timesunioncenter.com

Overlooking the picturesque St. Johns River, the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts is a major entertainment venue on the First Coast. Featuring three distinct halls, the facility hosts a variety of performances throughout the year, including Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra concerts and Broadway in Jacksonville Artist Series productions.

**Unity Plaza**

220-5830  
220 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
www.unity-plaza.org

A more recent addition to the area, Unity Plaza is an urban park and amphitheater that welcomes performers and hosts festivals for the community. First Coasters can experience concerts, workshops and even take enriching classes.

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Amelia Community Theatre**

261-6749  
207/209 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach  
www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org

Amelia Community Theatre has been entertaining and supporting the community since its founding in 1981. A nonprofit volunteer program, the theater produces several shows each year and organizes youth and children programs. Productions scheduled for 2018 include *Doubt*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *The Addams Family Musical*.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**EMMA Concert Association**

797-2800  
Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College  
14 Granada St., St. Augustine  
www.emmaconcerts.com

EMMA Concert Association is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization with a singular vision of producing quality music and dance performances at modest ticket prices. Each season, the association features six Evening Series performances, four Afternoon Series performances, two Holiday Pops concerts and one free concert—all in the association's permanent home at the Flagler College auditorium.

**First Coast Opera**

417-5555  
 St. Augustine  
[www.firstcoastopera.com](http://www.firstcoastopera.com)

First Coast Opera is the only opera company in the five-county area. The company seeks to entertain audiences, introduce opera to the community and cultivate the artistic skills of talented performers. First Coast Opera presents opera, operetta and cabaret in various locations around St. Augustine.

**Jackie Knight's Comedy Club at the Corner Bar**

461-8843  
 828 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine  
[www.thegypsycomedyclub.com](http://www.thegypsycomedyclub.com)

Jackie Knight's Comedy Club has been recognized by critics as the "Best Comedy Club in Florida." Open Friday and Saturday nights, the club features live shows with nationally acclaimed comedy performers as well as local up-and-comers.

**Limelight Theatre**

825-1164  
 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.limelight-theatre.org](http://www.limelight-theatre.org)

Each season, the Limelight Theatre presents comedies, musicals and dramas. Fun, educational and creative programs are also offered to children ages 3 to 18 through KidzFACTory. Performances are Thursday through Saturday nights, with Sunday matinees.

**Ponte Vedra Concert Hall**

209-0399  
 1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach  
[www.pvconcerthall.com](http://www.pvconcerthall.com)

Opened in February 2011, this concert hall not only brings world-renowned musicians to the First Coast, but also screens movies, features speakers and hosts a wide variety of performing artists. Located in the heart of Ponte Vedra Beach along scenic A1A, the venue seats 450 guests and can be used for a number of occasions including conventions, wedding receptions and private recitals.



Friday Musicale, photo by Stephanie Marty

**St. Augustine Amphitheatre**

209-0367  
 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine  
[www.staugamphitheatre.com](http://www.staugamphitheatre.com)

Built in 1965 to commemorate St. Augustine's 400th anniversary as the nation's oldest permanent European settlement, the amphitheater grounds include four concession stands, a merchandise area, a large plaza and an arboretum of walking trails in addition to the theater, which holds more than 4,000 guests.

Florida Theatre, photo by Monica Gutros



# Area Movie Theaters

**CLAY COUNTY**

**AMC Orange Park 24**  
 1910 Wells Rd., Orange Park

**Carmike Cinemas Fleming Island 12**  
 1820 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island

**DUVAL COUNTY**

**AMC Regency 24**  
 9451 Regency Square Blvd., Jacksonville

**Cinemark Tinseltown and XD**  
 4535 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville

**Regal Avenues Stadium 20**  
 9525 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville

**Regal Beach Boulevard Stadium 18**  
 14051 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville

**Regal River City Marketplace Stadium 14**  
 12884 City Center Blvd., Jacksonville

**San Marco Theatre**  
 1996 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville

**Sun-Ray Cinema**  
 1028 Park St., Jacksonville

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Carmike Cinemas Amelia Island 7**  
 1132 S. 14th St., Fernandina Beach

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Corazon Cinema and Café, The**  
 36 Granada St., St. Augustine

**Epic Theatres of St. Augustine**  
 112 Theatre Dr., St. Augustine

# Entertainment Venues

## BAKER COUNTY

### **Baker County Fairgrounds**

259-7314  
5567 Lauremore Rd., Macclenny  
www.bakercountyfair.com  
*County Fair, Rodeos*

## CLAY COUNTY

### **Paul E. Reinhold Agricultural Fairgrounds**

284-1615  
2493 SR 16 W., Green Cove Springs  
www.claycountyfair.org  
*Clay County Agricultural Fair, Concerts, Festivals*

### **Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts**

276-6815  
283 College Dr., Orange Park  
www.thcenter.org  
*Theatrical and Musical Productions, Exhibitions*

## DUVAL COUNTY

### **Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville**

633-6100  
301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.baseballgroundsjax.com  
*Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Games*

### **Daily's Place**

633-2000  
1 Daily's Place, Jacksonville  
www.dailysplace.com  
*Concerts, Festivals, Corporate Events*

### **EverBank Field**

633-6100  
1 Everbank Field Dr., Jacksonville  
www.everbankfield.com  
*Jacksonville Jaguars Football Games, Monster Jam, TaxSlayer Bowl*

### **Florida Theatre**

355-2787  
128 E. Forsyth St., Ste. 300, Jacksonville  
www.floridatheatre.com  
*Concerts, Lectures, Films, Community Service Events*

### **Jacksonville Equestrian Center**

255-4254  
13611 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.jaxequestriancenter.com  
*Horse Shows and Races, Community Events*

### **Jacksonville Fairgrounds & Expo Center**

353-0535  
510 Fairgrounds Pl., Jacksonville  
www.jacksonvillefair.com  
*Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair, Festivals, Concerts*

### **Jacksonville Landing, The**

353-1188  
2 W. Independent Dr., Jacksonville  
www.jacksonvillelanding.com  
*Concerts, Christmas Tree Lighting, Georgia/Florida Celebration*

### **Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena**

630-3900  
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.jaxarena.com  
*Jacksonville Sharks Arena Football Games, Jacksonville Giants Basketball Games, Jacksonville Icemen Hockey Games, Circuses, Concerts*

### **Metropolitan Park**

630-3690  
1410 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.makeascenedowntown.com/metropolitan-park.aspx  
*Outdoor Concerts, Jazz Festival, World of Nations*

### **Morocco Shrine**

642-5200  
3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd. S., Jacksonville  
www.moroccoshrine.org  
*Circuses, Trade Shows, Exhibitions*

### **Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts**

646-2222  
11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville  
www.fscj.edu  
*Florida State College at Jacksonville's The Artist Series*

### **Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center**

630-4000  
1000 Water St., Jacksonville  
www.primefosborn.com  
*Conventions, Trade Shows*

### **Seawalk Pavilion & Latham Plaza**

247-6236  
1st St. N. and 1st Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach  
www.jacksonvillebeach.org  
*Concerts, Festivals, Summer Movie Series*

### **Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts**

633-6110  
300 Water St., Jacksonville  
www.timesunioncenter.com  
*Performing Arts, Concerts, Speakers, Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra*

### **Unity Plaza**

220-5830  
220 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville  
www.unity-plaza.org  
*Performing Arts, Concerts, Workshops, Yoga*

## NASSAU COUNTY

### **Northeast Florida Fairgrounds**

879-4682  
543378 US Hwy. 1, Callahan  
www.neffair.org  
*Northeast Florida Fair, Concerts, Exhibitions*

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

### **Ponte Vedra Concert Hall**

209-0399  
1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach  
www.pvconcerthall.com

### **St. Augustine Amphitheatre**

209-0367  
1340C A1A S., St. Augustine  
www.staugamphitheatre.com  
*Outdoor Performances, Seasonal Ice Skating*

### **St. Johns County Fairgrounds**

209-0332  
5840 SR 207, Elkton  
www.co.st-johns.fl.us/fairgrounds  
*St. Johns County Fair, Concerts, Rodeo*

Amelia Island Horseback Riding, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA



# Attractions



ortheast Florida not only has fabulous weather and great beaches, we also have plenty of amazing attractions for everyone young and old. No matter if it's the dead of "winter" or summer, indoor and outdoor activities located all over the area are just waiting to be discovered.

Encounter exotic animals you would only see in far off places at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. There you will come face to face with big cats, reptiles, elephants and giraffes. Families can also take Ecotours around the St. Johns River to see Florida's own unique wildlife from the safety of a boat.

Many attractions offer a break from the Florida sunshine. Places such as Adventure Landing, Autobahn Indoor Speedway, Rebounderz and Velocity Air Sports all offer indoor activities for a break from the heat. The First Coast is also home to many notable factories that give tours throughout the week. Anheuser-Busch Brewery, San Sebastian Winery and the St. Augustine Distillery welcome guests to tour and sample their products.

As you're exploring your new home, take some time to relax and enjoy all the First Coast has to offer.

## BAKER COUNTY

### Baker County Fairgrounds

259-7314

5567 Lauremore Rd., Macclenny

[www.bakercountyfair.com](http://www.bakercountyfair.com)

In addition to the county fair each fall, Baker County Fairgrounds hosts activities throughout the year including horse association events and championship wrestling tournaments.

## CLAY COUNTY

### Clay County Fairgrounds

284-1615

2493 SR 16 W., Green Cove Springs

[www.claycountyfair.org](http://www.claycountyfair.org)

Clay County Fairgrounds is home to the Blue Ribbon Clay County Agricultural Fair, held each year in the spring. Throughout the year, the facility hosts numerous other events including equestrian shows, auctions, roping competitions and the Northeast Florida Scottish Games.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### Adventure Landing

567-7706

1944 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach

637-1565

4825 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville

495-7752

2780 SR 16, St. Augustine

[www.adventurelanding.com](http://www.adventurelanding.com)

With batting cages, mega arcades, go-karts, laser tag and miniature golf, visitors of all ages will have a full day of fun at this facility. At the Jacksonville Beach location, Shipwreck Island Waterpark provides fun in the sun with a Pirate's Play Village and thrill slides, including a 35-foot-high half-pipe.



## BEACHES

**Attractions**

- 1. Adventure Landing
- 2. Mind Bender Escape Rooms

**Entertainment Venues**

- 3. Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre
- 4. Beaches Fine Arts Series

- 5. Players by the Sea

- 6. Ponte Vedra Concert Hall
- 7. Seawalk Pavilion & Latham Plaza

**Historical Sites & Museums**

- 8. Beaches Museum & History Park

**Mind Bender Escape Rooms**

853-6192  
 1500 Beach Blvd., Ste. 212, Jacksonville Beach  
[www.mindbenderescaperooms.com](http://www.mindbenderescaperooms.com)  
 Put your inner sleuth to the test at Mind Bender Escape Rooms, where groups of 10 or less are immersed in an interactive game to find clues and solve puzzles in order to complete objectives and “escape” from the room in under an hour.

## DUVAL-NORTH

**Anheuser-Busch Brewery**

696-8373  
 111 Busch Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.budweisertours.com](http://www.budweisertours.com)  
 Get a first-hand look at how the Great American Lager is crafted. The Anheuser-Busch Brewery is one of six in the nation that offers tours. Each tour is free and teaches guests about the brewing process in addition to the history of Anheuser-Busch. Participants age 21 and up can sample the different brews produced.

**Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary**

757-3603  
 1860 Starratt Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.cattys shack.org](http://www.cattys shack.org)  
 For those interested in big cats, the Catty Shack Ranch offers daytime and nighttime tours of their facilities, which house tigers, lions, cougars, among other felines. They are a nonprofit organization that rescues these animals from serious situations and gives them a loving forever home. Visitors of all ages are welcome.

**Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens**

757-4463  
 370 Zoo Pkwy., Jacksonville  
[www.jacksonvillezoo.org](http://www.jacksonvillezoo.org)  
 From the award-winning Range of the Jaguar to the pioneering trail system in the Land of the Tiger, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is sure to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. The zoo has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

**Kayak Amelia**

251-0016  
 13030 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.kayakamelia.com](http://www.kayakamelia.com)  
 Take a guided kayak nature tour and learn about the places and animals around Amelia Island. Adventurers can see whales, dolphins, manatees, turtles and birds, all in their natural habitat. Great for family outings and friendly get-togethers, Kayak Amelia offers a unique look at the area’s tranquil inland marshes and secluded sandy beaches.

**Tree Hill Nature Center**

724-4646  
 7152 Lone Star Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.treehill.org](http://www.treehill.org)  
 An ideal place to experience the beauty of nature, visitors to the nature center can take advantage of environmental programs and hiking trails on more than 50-acres of preservation. Children can experience a hands-on museum to learn about Florida’s natural history, as well as butterfly and hummingbird gardens, a seasonal live butterfly exhibit, and many other animals.

## DUVAL-SOUTH

**Autobahn Indoor Speedway**

875-5249  
 6601 Executive Park Ct. N., Jacksonville  
[www.autobahnspeed.com/jacksonville-fl-indoor-go-karts](http://www.autobahnspeed.com/jacksonville-fl-indoor-go-karts)  
 Speed lovers will enjoy this 80,000-square-foot racetrack located on the Southside—the largest indoor karting facility in Florida. With two unique Grand Prix-style tracks, drivers can have two separate racing experiences. Junior karts are also available for children who are at least 48 inches tall and 8 years old.

**Rebounderz**

300-0070  
 14985 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville  
 www.rebounderzjacksonville.com  
 Fun and fitness come together at Rebounderz, where families can jump on more than 12,000 square feet of trampoline space, play laser tag, learn archery, bowl and grab something to eat at the 40,000-square-foot facility.

**River Cruises**

396-2333  
 1501 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville  
 www.jaxrivercruises.com  
 All aboard the party boat! Offering public and private charters, the Annabelle Lee holds 100 of your friends and family members on a fun-filled cruise up and down the St. Johns River. The boat features a full bar and professional disc jockey.

**Topgolf**

328-2002  
 10531 Brightman Blvd., Jacksonville  
 www.topgolf.com  
 Hit some balls and score some points at the Topgolf facility near the St. Johns Town Center. Topgolf offers a new way to play, with golfers aiming microchipped golf balls at targets. The microchips also track the shot's accuracy and distance. Challenge a group of friends or work on your long game alone.

**Velocity Air Sports**

551-4035  
 7022 AC Skinner Pkwy., Ste. 200, Jacksonville  
 www.velocityairsports.com/jacksonville  
 Velocity Air Sports is a high-energy entertainment complex that includes the largest trampoline park in the state of Florida. Along with their 40,000-square-foot of trampolines, the facility also has Olympic size foam pits, high-wire slack lines, a flying trapeze and a massive ninja warrior obstacle course. For a break from the trampoline action, Velocity Air Sports is also home to a state-of-the-art arcade.



**DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE**

**Attractions**

- 1. Greater Jacksonville Fair & Expo Center
- 2. Riverwalk

**Entertainment Venues**

- 3. Artist Series, The
- 4. Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville
- 5. EverBank Field/Daily's Place
- 6. Florida Theatre
- 7. Friday Musicale

- 8. Jacksonville Landing, The
- 9. Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra
- 10. Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena
- 11. Metropolitan Park
- 12. Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center
- 13. Riverside Fine Arts Association
- 14. Theatre Jacksonville
- 15. Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts
- 16. Unity Plaza

**Historical Sites & Museums**

- 17. Clara White Museum, The
- 18. Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, The
- 19. Jacksonville Fire Museum, The
- 20. Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum
- 21. Merrill House Museum
- 22. Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)
- 23. Museum of Science & History (MOSH)
- 24. Ritz Theatre and Museum
- 25. Veterans Memorial Wall

Jacksonville Topgolf, photo by Michael Baxter, Baxter Imaging LLC, courtesy of Topgolf



Flamingo at the Jacksonville Zoo, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville



Riverwalk, photo by Monica Gutos

**Riverwalk**

The Northbank Riverwalk stretches from I-95 at the Fuller Warren Bridge to Berkman Plaza, east of the Main Street Bridge. The Southbank Riverwalk begins at the River City Brewing Company, just north of the Acosta Bridge, and extends east to the Peninsula Condos. Illuminated in the evening for walkers and restaurant patrons, the Riverwalk can be accessed on foot only; there is no designated parking.

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**Amelia Island Horseback Riding**

753-1701

Peters Point Beach Front Park

4600 Peters Point Rd., Fernandina Beach

[www.ameliahorsebackriding.com](http://www.ameliahorsebackriding.com)

Owner Debbie Manser personalizes horseback riding adventures along Amelia Island's unspoiled beaches. Whether spending the day with family and friends, or enjoying a romantic date, you'll enjoy an exhilarating experience when you discover Amelia Island's beaches on horseback.

**Amelia River Cruises**

261-9972

1 N. Front St., Fernandina Beach

[www.ameliarivercruises.com](http://www.ameliarivercruises.com)

Tour the waterways around Amelia and Cumberland islands alongside a knowledgeable tour guide and learn about the local history and nature. Along your way, you will see Fort Clinch, beautiful salt marshes, birds and marine life, and wild horses on Georgia's Cumberland Island.

**Northeast Florida Fairgrounds**

879-4682

543378 US Hwy. 1, Callahan

[www.neffair.org](http://www.neffair.org)

The Northeast Florida Fair is a family event with educational and entertainment-based activities. The fair includes games, food, livestock shows, talent shows and more. Visitors can check out the animals people have been raising throughout the year, including cattle, sheep, horses, rabbits and hogs.

**DUVAL-WEST**

**Diamond D Ranch**

289-9331

5903-1 Solomon Rd., Jacksonville

[www.diamonddranchinc.com](http://www.diamonddranchinc.com)

Just outside the city, Diamond D Ranch is a 500-acre working ranch. Activities include trail rides, a petting zoo and pony rides. Special packages are available for birthday parties, weddings and corporate events.

**Greater Jacksonville Fair & Expo Center**

353-0535

510 Fairgrounds Pl., Jacksonville

[www.jacksonvillefair.com](http://www.jacksonvillefair.com)

Located in downtown Jacksonville, the Greater Jacksonville Fair & Expo Center holds the annual Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair. The fair includes agricultural events, culinary contests, pet adoption events, rides and games. The fair and expo center is used year-round for outdoor events and event parking.

**White Oak**

225-3200  
 581705 White Oak Rd., Yulee  
[www.whiteoakwildlife.org](http://www.whiteoakwildlife.org)  
 Well known for their conservation programs for rhinoceroses, cheetahs, antelope, and the rare giraffe relative okapi, White Oak is dedicated to wildlife breeding and research through its training facilities. Located along the St. Mary's River White Oak spans 600 acres is surrounded by 6,800 acres of pine and hardwood forest and wetlands. Visitors can get an up-close look at the animals of White Oak's conservation programs through in-depth tours.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park**

829-3168  
 11 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.fountainofyouthflorida.com](http://www.fountainofyouthflorida.com)  
 In 1513, Juan Ponce de León came to the New World searching for the legendary Fountain of Youth. Come and drink from this natural spring and hear the story of Ponce de León. Beautiful gardens, a Timucuan village and a planetarium are also featured in the park.

**Marineland Dolphin Adventure**

471-1111  
 9600 Oceanshore Blvd., St. Augustine  
[www.marineland.net](http://www.marineland.net)  
 Marineland Dolphin Adventure provides an amazing opportunity to swim with the dolphins. Several programs are available for experienced swimmers and waders alike. Marineland also offers kayaking tours, summer camps for children and an environmental program for teenagers.

**Old City Helicopters, LLC**

824-5506  
 4900 US 1 N., Ste. 400, St. Augustine  
[www.oldcityhelicopters.com](http://www.oldcityhelicopters.com)  
 One of the best ways to see St. Augustine is from the air. Sightseers can get a bird's eye view of the beach, the Castillo de San Marcos, Flagler College, St. Augustine Lighthouse, the Bridge of Lions and more. Tours start at \$39 per person.

**Potter's Wax Museum**

829-9056  
 31 Orange St., St. Augustine  
[www.potterswax.com](http://www.potterswax.com)  
 Browse more than 150 realistic wax representations of famous people. The various rooms at Potter's Wax Museum feature movie stars, athletes, musicians, authors, presidents and explorers. Notable wax figures include Captain Jack Sparrow, Michael Jordan and U.S. presidents.

**Ripley's Believe It or Not!**

824-1606  
 19 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine  
[www.ripleys.com/staugustine](http://www.ripleys.com/staugustine)  
 The Castle Warden, a Moorish Revival-style mansion built in 1887, is home to the St. Augustine location of Ripley's Believe It or Not! The museum showcases Robert L. Ripley's collection of more than 800 bizarre artifacts, including shrunken heads, a spinning vortex and a bone motorcycle.

**Ripple Effect EcoTours**

347-1565  
 101 Tolstoy Ln., St. Augustine  
[www.rippleeffectecotours.com](http://www.rippleeffectecotours.com)  
 Informative guides lead tours through Anastasia State Park, Faver-Dykes State Park and Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve. Each trail is rich with beauty and wildlife. Ripple Effect also partners with Marineland and the University of Florida's Whitney Lab in environmental conservation, research and education.

“As you're exploring your new home, take some time to relax and enjoy all the First Coast has to offer.”



**AMELIA ISLAND**

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| <p><b>Attractions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amelia Island Horseback Riding</li> <li>2. Amelia River Cruises</li> </ol> <p><b>Entertainment Venues</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Amelia Community Theatre</li> </ol> | <p><b>Historical Sites &amp; Museums</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Amelia Island Museum of History</li> <li>5. Fernandina Beach Shrimping Museum &amp; Welcome Center</li> <li>6. Fort Clinch State Park</li> </ol> |
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San Sebastian Winery, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA



**San Sebastian Winery**

826-1594  
157 King St., St. Augustine  
www.sansebastianwinery.com  
San Sebastian Winery offers tours of the 18,000-square-foot facility daily, during regular business hours. Learn about the history of San Sebastian and winemaking on a wine-tasting tour enjoyed by novice wine drinkers and connoisseurs alike. An onsite jazz bar, the Cellar Upstairs, serves food and wine, while guests enjoy live contemporary jazz and blues.

**St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park**

824-3337  
999 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine  
www.alligatorfarm.com  
Founded in 1893, the Alligator Farm is one of Florida's oldest zoological attractions. Maximo, a crocodile from Australia, is the largest animal in the park measuring more than 15 feet long and weighing 1,250 pounds. Other animals at the park include boa constrictors, cobras, parrots, owls and monkeys. Guests can also experience the zip line attraction, Crocodile Crossing.

**St. Augustine Aquarium**

429-9777  
2045 SR 16, St. Augustine  
www.saaquarium.com  
New to the area, the St. Augustine Aquarium gives patrons the chance to hang out with sharks, seahorses, and other wonderful sea creatures. While it is still expanding, the aquarium currently offers Snorkel Adventure, where guests can experience animals in a natural reef environment and a zip line. The next two phases will include conservation habitats, a shipwreck reef, and a real shark cage.

**St. Augustine Distillery**

825-4962  
112 Riberia St., St. Augustine  
www.staugustinedistillery.com  
The building's former life as a 1920s ice plant has transitioned into the St. Augustine Distillery. The distillery's goal is to produce the country's best farm-to-bottle spirits. Learn about the history of the distillery during a tour, and finish by watching spirits made from scratch with local ingredients and historic techniques. Tours and tastings are free of charge. Take a stroll upstairs and step back into the historical period of the 20th century by visiting the Ice Plant on the second floor, where visitors can have a cocktail and a bite to eat.

Marineland, photo by Julie Fletcher for VISIT FLORIDA



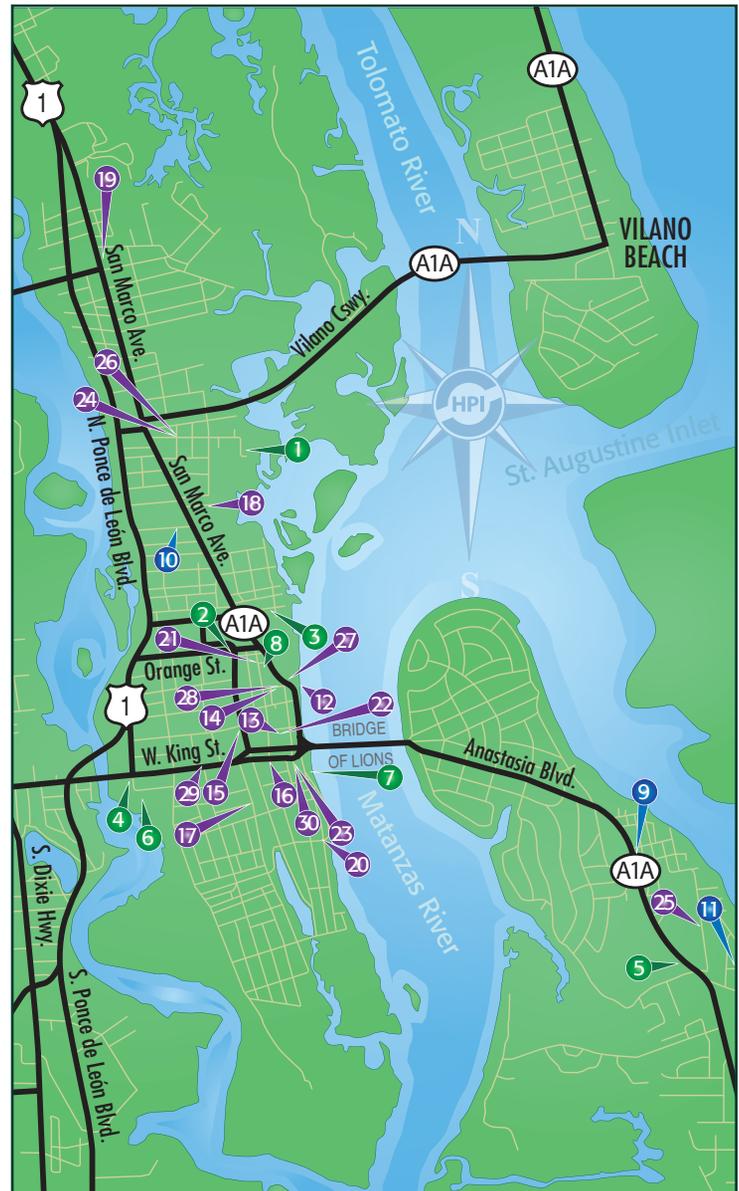
St. George Street, photo by Mallory Brooks for VISIT FLORIDA



Florida is the birthplace of American wine – French Huguenots made wine from wild Muscadine grapes beginning in 1562.



Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum, photo by Daron Dean for VISIT FLORIDA



# ST. AUGUSTINE

## St. Augustine Eco Tours

377-7245  
 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine  
[www.staugustineecotours.com](http://www.staugustineecotours.com)  
 St. Augustine Eco Tours offers excursions by boat and kayak. Each tour guide is a certified naturalist, with a love of nature and expert knowledge of marine life. Tour locations include Faver-Dykes State Park, Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, Moses Creek Conservation Area, Moultrie Creek and Washington Oaks Gardens State Park.

## St. Augustine Scenic Cruise

824-1806  
 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine  
[www.scenic-cruise.com](http://www.scenic-cruise.com)  
 St. Augustine's original sightseeing cruise was started by Henry Flagler in the 1900s. Flagler wanted to entertain guests on North Beach, which was only accessible by boat. Today, narrated tours are available year-round, excluding January, for those interested in viewing St. Augustine from a whole new perspective.

## St. George Street

St. Augustine  
 Enter St. Augustine through the Old City Gates and you will find yourself on St. George Street. Lined with historic homes from various periods, the thoroughfare is loaded with unique shops and one-of-a-kind restaurants.

## St. Johns County Fairgrounds

209-0332  
 5840 SR 207, Elkton  
[www.sjcf.us/fairgrounds](http://www.sjcf.us/fairgrounds)  
 The St. Johns County Fairgrounds hosts year-round events—rain or shine. These events include concerts, rodeos, disc golf, dog shows, horseshoe tournaments and the annual St. Johns County Agricultural Fair.

## World Golf Hall of Fame and IMAX® Theater

940-4133  
 1 World Golf Pl., St. Augustine  
[www.worldgolfhalloffame.org](http://www.worldgolfhalloffame.org)  
[www.worldgolfimax.com](http://www.worldgolfimax.com)  
 Celebrate the history of the game at the World Golf Hall of Fame. Visitors can view artifacts from past players all the way to new hall-of-fame inductees, in addition to testing their golf skills with hands-on exhibits. Also located in the World Golf Village, the IMAX Theater boasts a 3-D digital screen—the largest in the Southeast.

### Attractions

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| 1. Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park        | 14. Colonial Quarter            |
| 2. Potter's Wax Museum                          | 15. Flagler's Legacy            |
| 3. Ripley's Believe It or Not!                  | 16. Government House Museum     |
| 4. San Sebastian Winery                         | 17. Lightner Museum             |
| 5. St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park | 18. Mission Nombre de Dios      |
| 6. St. Augustine Distillery                     | 19. Old Florida Museum          |
| 7. St. Augustine Eco Tours                      | 20. Oldest House Museum Complex |
| 8. St. George Street                            | 21. Oldest Wooden School House  |

### Entertainment Venues

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| 9. Jackie Knight's Comedy Club at the Corner Bar | 22. Peña-Peck House                              |
| 10. Limelight Theatre                            | 23. Spanish Military Hospital Museum             |
| 11. St. Augustine Amphitheatre                   | 24. St. Augustine History Museum                 |
|  | 25. St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum   |
|  | 26. St. Augustine Old Jail & Oldest Store Museum |
|  | 27. St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum       |

### Historical Sites & Museums

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| 12. Castillo de San Marcos National Monument | 28. St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine |
| 13. Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine      | 29. Villa Zorayda Museum                       |
|  | 30. Ximenez-Fatio House Museum                 |



Bold City Burger, photo courtesy of Metro Diner



# Dining

With a wide variety of national and local restaurants, the First Coast is always serving up something scrumptious. Enjoy dishes from around the world, ranging from Portuguese cuisine to Southern favorites. No matter where you are along the coast, fresh seafood is always an option. For on the go dining needs, take a look at the list of food trucks on page 196 to find one to satisfy your hunger. Whether you're looking for sophisticated dining or somewhere to refuel after a long day of shopping, the First Coast has many options that are sure to please everyone at the table.

Many local restaurants have multiple locations throughout the area. With locations spanning from Jacksonville Beach to St. Augustine, **Maple Street Biscuit Company** offers a classic twist on Southern comfort food. **Burrito Gallery** serves up "JaxMex" using the freshest ingredients at their Jacksonville Beach, Riverside and Downtown locations. The **Mojo** barbecue restaurants specialize in traditional smoked specialties at its five area locations, each with their own unique name and Blues atmosphere. Enjoy the locally owned **M Shack** for classic burgers, fries and milkshakes, with locations from Riverside to Nocatee. **V Pizza** in Jacksonville Beach, Mandarin and San Marco brings authentic Neapolitan pizza to the First Coast. The chefs at **Hawker's Asian Street Fare** in Five Points and Neptune Beach serve up dishes inspired by popular street foods throughout.

Breakfast and lunch fans should head to our favorite local spot, **Metro Diner**, (please see their ad on page 6) which can be found all over the First Coast, including in Orange Park, San Marco, Southside and Ortega. One of Guy Fieri's stops on *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*, Metro Diner offers scrumptious creations for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Start your day with their famous fried chicken and waffle or dive into their mouthwatering Yo Hala on the Square for a taste of thick slices

of challah bread stuffed with delectable fruits and flavors. For lunch and dinner, in addition to serving breakfast all day, Metro Diner offers oversized plates of homemade favorites like meatloaf, pot pie, pot roast and every type of sandwich or burger you could want. For a look at their full menu selection and locations, visit [metro diner.com](http://metro diner.com) and discover "Where the Locals Eat."

## CLAY COUNTY

If you're in the Clay County area, there are many local eateries that will satisfy any palette. For seafood, try **Whitey's Fish Camp**. Whitey's serves up fresh seafood, but with a Florida twist. Enjoy favorites such as gator tail for an appetizer before your fish tacos. **Island Life Grill** in Fleming Island also focuses on fresh seafood and gives patrons a relaxing experience. For a variety of Italian dishes, head to **Pasta Market Italian Restaurant**. This local restaurant offers traditional Italian fare, such as spaghetti carbonara, lasagna and chicken marsala. Head to **Sorbello's Italian Restaurant**, where the décor and food is reminiscent of Sicily. For dates and business meetings, try **The Hilltop Club**. This luxurious dining experience will not disappoint. The Hilltop Club not only provides a five-star menu, but gorgeous views of the garden. Encompassing the natural beauty of the First Coast, the restaurant is a great place for private parties and weddings.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

Head east to find beachside restaurants like **The Blind Rabbit** in Jacksonville Beach for a delicious burger and craft cocktail from their wide selection of whiskey. For a fusion of flavors, try **Roy's**—where the food of the Atlantic meets the flavor of the Pacific. **TacoLu** serves up bold flavored tacos such as the bangin' shrimp and carne royal. Also in Jacksonville Beach is **Eleven South Bistro and Bar**, which boasts an open flame mesquite wood grill that adds flavor to their menu and includes goat cheese chicken saltimbocca and Maine lobster paella.

In Neptune Beach, **Mezza Restaurant and Bar** gives customers three dining options to make the most of their experience. Take a seat at the relaxed bar and lounge, enjoy the fresh air on their patio or choose to dine in their formal dining area. For a modern twist on Mexican, head to **Flying Iguana** where fresh guacamole is prepared tableside. For Blue Crab cakes with caper aioli or steamed Gulf Coast oysters stop by **North Beach Fish Camp** where seafood is anything but ordinary. In Atlantic Beach, **North Beach Bistro** offers an assortment of dishes from a variety of cultures, including burgers, flatbread pizzas and chicken milanese. Take a group and rent their private dining area that includes an art gallery.

## DUVAL-NORTH

For those dining on the Northside, head to **Green Papaya** to taste their Asian-influenced fare. The chefs at Green Papaya work to provide customers with unique flavors that incorporate different Asian cooking styles. Taste their mango chicken, Pad Thai or mussels and hot peppers. Pizza-lovers can head to **Blaze Pizza**, which offers healthy pizza for everyone, including vegans and people with gluten-free diets. Diners have the choice to make their own pizzas or try one of their nine signature pizzas. The **Millhouse Steakhouse** not only serves delicious steaks, but also gives diners options such as bacon wrapped sea scallops, Cajun jambalaya pasta, grilled meatloaf, and even stir-fry options.

## DUVAL-SOUTH

Jacksonville's Southside and Baymeadows region offers customers numerous dining choices. **Ill Forks** embodies fine dining with their USDA Prime select cuts of steak, fresh seafood and local favorites like lobster risotto. Enjoy the dining area or their patio lounge to experience Jacksonville's warm weather. For a unique eating experience, try **The Melting Pot**. Dip everything from your appetizer to dessert in one of their fondues.

At the St. Johns Town Center, there are many fine dining options to experience after a long day of shopping. **BlackFinn Ameripub** looks to cater to its guests and give them a great experience. Try a steakhouse salad or a classic burger paired with a local craft beer. On the other side of the Town Center, try **Seasons 52**. Their menu changes with each season and only offers low-calorie meals. Pair a wine from their list with one of their ever-changing entrees or try one of their seasonal cocktails. **Moxie Kitchen and Cocktails** offers a reprieve for shoppers looking for unique cuisine among chain restaurants, such as fried chicken with waffle pudding and pepper jelly, seared scallops with three-cheese grits and a crispy fish Po' Boy. The Strand at the St. Johns Town Center includes **Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen**, **Chuy's**, **Firebirds Wood Fired Grill** and more.

In San Marco, head to **Bistro AIX** which offers a "laissez-faire" type of dining inspired by French and Mediterranean cuisines. If you aren't in the mood for dinner, try **Bar X**, which has an extensive wine list that is sure to have the perfect one. Great for romantic date, **Taverna** serves contemporary Italian and Spanish eats along with curated wine and craft cocktails. For great barbeque on the first coast, **The Bearded Pig** offers dishes such as jalapeño poppers, pulled pork and their own take on poutine.

In Jacksonville's Mandarin neighborhood, try **Picasso's**, an Italian restaurant where everything is homemade. Try their fresh pizza or Mayport shrimp scampi. Most of their dishes originate from the chef's hometown of St. Louis and the food he loves. Picasso's strives to incorporate local ingredients to give it a real First Coast feel.



Bistro AIX, photo by Ryan Ketterman for Visit Jacksonville



M Shack milkshake, photo by Kristen Penoyer

## DUVAL-WEST

If you're looking for a place to go after a show at the Veteran's Memorial Arena or one of the many downtown events, try some of these restaurants located in downtown Jacksonville, Riverside and the riverfront neighborhoods. **Cowford Chophouse** on Bay Street features a locally sourced menu of steaks and seafood with a rooftop bar. **Candy Apple Café & Cocktails** in downtown Jacksonville offers a whimsical atmosphere with elevated, French-inspired plates, desserts and drinks. Located in the same building is local candy shop **Sweet Pete's**. Popular Jacksonville food truck **The Happy Grilled Cheese** now serves up specialty grilled cheeses at their new brick-and-mortar location downtown. Jacksonville has no shortage of rooftop bars for those who want beautiful views of the city skyline. **Black Sheep**, a trendy restaurant with a rooftop bar, offers a modern take on traditional Southern food. Head there for dinner and then enjoy drinks on the roof where guests can catch a beautiful view of Five Points. **River & Post Restaurant and Rooftop Bar** boasts unparalleled views of the city and St. Johns River alongside an upscale-casual dining experience with a locally sourced menu. In Jacksonville's Avondale neighborhood, swing by **South Kitchen and Spirits** for comfort food favorites such as chicken pot pie, oyster po' boy and loaded pulled pork in addition to craft cocktails.

## NASSAU COUNTY

If you're looking for a comfortable setting with unique food, find your way to **29 South** in Fernandina Beach. They bring the First Coast's laid-back ambiance together with a creative menu. Try unique mashups such as their lobster corn dog or fried shrimp and grits. For dessert, sample their Chocolate Soufflé Disaster which comes with butter pecan ice cream. If you're looking to expand your cultural horizons, head to **España Restaurant & Tapas**. They combine the traditional cuisines of Spain and Portugal. Try one of their many tapas, or appetizers, or the Spanish paella. Located within The Ritz-Carlton, **Salt** brings fine dining to visitors and residents of Amelia Island. Enjoy their signature steak and eggs dish, which is a beef tenderloin served on a 250 million-year-old Himalayan salt block. For a New York style slice of pizza, **Pi Infinite Combinations** serves up 20-inch pies, the largest on Amelia Island. **Timoti's Seafood Shak** dishes up fish tacos, lobster rolls and more at this simple shack with an outdoor patio. There are also locations in Five Points and Nocatee.



Black Sheep, photo by Kelly Smith



Cowford Chophouse, photo by Stephanie Marty



Sweet Pete's, photo by Kristin Luna for VISIT FLORIDA



Matthews, photo by Kristen Penoyer



OC Whites, photo by Jackie Hird courtesy of FloridasHistoricCoast.com

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Stunning St. Johns County has many beachside restaurants that encompass the great food the First Coast has to offer. Ponte Vedra Beach has many options for hungry visitors to try. Located on the Intracoastal waters, **Palm Valley Fish Camp** serves the freshest seafood Ponte Vedra has to offer. Dig into the Mayport shrimp and grits or blue crab cakes for lunch or dinner while taking in the view of the water and breathe in the sea air. If your taste buds want to take a trip around the world, head to **Restaurant Medure**, where you can find anything from local seafood to escargot, and experience their dining area or lounge section while enjoying one of their classic cocktails. Eat dinner by a lagoon and waterfall at **Vernon's**, located at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa. They use locally grown produce and fresh Florida seafood. Before dinner, play a few holes on the legendary TPC Sawgrass course to work up an appetite. Near Vilano Beach is **Cap's on the Water**. Enjoy sunset views while eating fresh seafood with Southern flavor.

Travel farther south to experience St. Augustine's selection of outstanding restaurants. For a Mediterranean experience try **Costa Brava**, located in the Casa Monica Hotel. Enjoy Wagyu beef carpaccio or lamb meatballs for a starter. For dinner, taste the brandy flamed pepper steak. Those headed to St. George Street for shopping can stop by **Columbia Restaurant**. Taste the original 1905 salad, named for the year the restaurant was established, or the traditional Spanish paella campesina. Also on St. George Street is **Prohibition Kitchen**, a vintage gastropub where hungry diners can find small plates and craft burgers. For a whirlwind of tastes, the **Gypsy Cab Company** utilizes flavors from all over the world, including Germany, Italy, Asia and the Caribbean. Located on St. Augustine's bay front in a building dating back to 1790, the **O.C. White's Seafood and Spirits** menu features seafood staples with an outdoor patio and live music.

Dining on the First Coast is anything but ordinary. Take time to experience a variety of flavors and cuisines this area has to offer, whether you crave a favorite comfort food or are looking to taste dishes from far-away lands. No matter what you are in the mood for, the First Coast has something for you.

# Local Coffee Shops on the First Coast

Whether its on your way to work or before an all-night study session, coffee is essential for a busy day. Fortunately, there are many local coffee shops brewing up the best cup of joe in town.

### **Bold Bean Coffee Roasters**

869 Stockton St., Ste. 1, Jacksonville  
1905 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville  
2400 S. 3rd St., Ste. 200, Jacksonville Beach

### **Breezy Coffee Shop Café**

235 8th Ave. S., Jacksonville Beach

### **Coffee Grinder, The**

9834 Old Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville

### **Kookaburra Coffee, The**

24 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine  
1835 US Hwy 1 S., St. Augustine  
647 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine  
76 Dockside Dr., Ste. 104, St. Augustine

### **Sippers Coffeehouse**

7643 Gate Pkwy., Jacksonville

### **Southern Grounds**

200 1st St., Neptune Beach

### **Urban Bean Coffeehouse Cafe, The**

2023 Park Ave., Orange Park

### **Urban Grind Coffee Company**

45 W. Bay St., Jacksonville

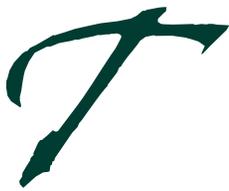
### **Vagabond Coffee Co.**

934 Edgewood Ave. S., Jacksonville

### **Fun Fact:**

There are over 120 individual species of the *coffea genus* plant.

# First Coast Food Trucks



he tastiest trend in the U.S. is food trucks. The First Coast is no exception, and has been a front runner in this new type of food service. With more than 100 trucks rolling on the First Coast, food trucks have come a long way, now serving fresh, locally grown fare for every foodie. Enjoy fresh

breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert with the First Coast food trucks. Below are several food trucks that only make up a small portion of the list. Check out their websites to find their locations and menus. For more information about the food truck scene, visit the Jax Truckies' Facebook or their website, [www.jaxtruckies.org](http://www.jaxtruckies.org).

## BREAKFAST

Crepes of all different flavors can be found at the **Full of Crepe Food Truck** and soon their own brick and mortar location in Riverside. For the adventurous crepe-lover, try the South of the Border crepe. Or for those with a sweet tooth, check out the Smore's crepe. Their location and menu can be found at [www.facebook.com/Full-Of-Crepe-Food-Truck-522776091208062](http://www.facebook.com/Full-Of-Crepe-Food-Truck-522776091208062).

New on the First Coast food truck scene is **Twisted T's Waffles and Things**. While waffles are traditionally a breakfast food, Twisted T's offers lunchtime options, like the chili cheese waffle or wings. Take a look at their eclectic menu at [www.twistedtsfoodtruck.com](http://www.twistedtsfoodtruck.com).

## LUNCH/DINNER

**Blazin Azn** serves up a variety of Asian cuisine along the First Coast. Their Sushi Burrito Supreme is a must-try for first-time customers. Find their schedule and menu at [www.facebook.com/BlazinAznfoodtruck](http://www.facebook.com/BlazinAznfoodtruck).

Critically acclaimed food truck, **Blue Pacific Grill & Taco Bar** serves a wide range of food from Vietnamese pork belly sliders to jalapeño cream cheese stuffed burgers. Visit them at [www.facebook.com/bluepacific\\_tacos](http://www.facebook.com/bluepacific_tacos).

Enjoy the top-rated machete at the **Jalapeño Truck** where they serve delicious Mexican food and have been rated one of the top food trucks in Jacksonville. Find their menu and locations at [www.jalapenotruck.com](http://www.jalapenotruck.com).

With oversized pizza slices and jumbo pretzels, **Mother Truckin' Pizza** brings good food to the streets of the First Coast. Their menu can be found at [www.mothertruckinpizza.com](http://www.mothertruckinpizza.com).

**Nalu's Tropical Takeout** can be found in St. Augustine six days a week serving up Hawaiian fusion fare. Customers can find a ton of options that include Shoyu Ahi Poke, Mauna Loa nachos, and a variety of tacos. To find their full menu of healthy island food, check [www.nalusstaugustine.com](http://www.nalusstaugustine.com).

For award-winning food, take a trip downtown to find **On the Fly Sandwiches and Stuff**. They have a lot of different options, including the El Diablo sandwich and the Jumbo Black Tiger Shrimp taco. Their menu changes daily so take a look at [www.ontheflyjax.com](http://www.ontheflyjax.com) before you head out.

**Rockstar Burgers** serves up rock-inspired burgers like their Island Girl burger inspired by Sir Elton John or the Sweet Emotion, named after Aerosmith's hit song. Take a look at the rest of their menu at [www.facebook.com/rockstar-burgers-481686208656863](http://www.facebook.com/rockstar-burgers-481686208656863).



Food trucks at the St. Johns Town Center



Happy Grilled Cheese food truck, photo by Monica Gutes



Le Petite Cheri Cupcakery, photo by Betsy Datto

## DESSERTS/SNACKS

Funnel cakes are no longer a state fair-only food. **The Funnel Cake Queen** serves the beloved fried treat year-round, with options like the Oreo Earthquake or the Caramel Apple. Check out where the truck will be and the menu at [www.funnelcakequeen.com](http://www.funnelcakequeen.com).

With the stifling Florida heat, **Guanabana Artisan Ice Pops** provide relief with their all-natural pops. The truck posts their locations at [www.facebook.com/guanabanaicepops](http://www.facebook.com/guanabanaicepops).

**Island Dream Food Truck** offers authentic Italian tropical shaved ice in flavors such as Patriot, Sunkiss and Tropical Twist. Find a full list of their flavors at [www.facebook.com/islanddreamfoodtruck](http://www.facebook.com/islanddreamfoodtruck).

For an after-dinner treat, **Le Petite Cheri Cupcakery** offers several types of cupcakes, including Reese's and Banana Pudding. Find their other cupcake flavors and daily locations at <http://www.lepetitecheri.com>.

# Shopping



ur beaches aren't the only excitement Northeast Floridians can enjoy. Whether you're looking for a cute beachside boutique or your favorite store, the First Coast shopping scene has everything you need. Take a day to do some retail therapy at one of our many shopping centers in Northeast Florida. There are plenty of proclaimed go-to

spots that are all the rage among First Coast residents. Looking to hop from shop to shop at a wide variety of stores? St. John's Town Center is exactly what you need. Planning on spending the day in a historic venue of unique boutiques? St. George Street in St. Augustine might be the place for you. No matter the destination you have in mind, Northeast Florida has the stores.

## CLAY COUNTY

Residents of Clay County don't need to travel far to find good shopping. Shoppers in the area have a few options, such as the Orange Park Mall and other individual stores. You can also conveniently travel to other areas of the First Coast for your shopping needs.

### Fleming Island

For those of you in the Fleming Island area, there are several growing shopping centers and individual stores in the area, such as Target, Artsy Abode, Justice, Kirkland's, Kohl's, Sweetwood Books of Fleming Island, Fresh Market and more. Nearby dining options for hungry shoppers include Panera, Flava Moose, Maple Street Biscuit Company and Your Pie.

### Orange Park Mall

1910 Wells Rd., Orange Park  
[www.orangeparkmall.com](http://www.orangeparkmall.com)

Take a trip to Clay County for the Orange Park Mall where you can shop at any one of the 120 stores available, dine at a selection of eateries in the food court or enjoy a movie at the AMC Orange Park 24 Theatre. You can find the perfect back-to-school outfit at the mall's Cotton On, Francesca's, Hollister Co., Old Navy or Zumiez. Find everything you need at department stores such as Belk or Dillard's.

## DUVAL COUNTY

Clothing, accessories and gadgets are made easily accessible to the residents of Duval County, thanks to its vastness. Whether you're by the beaches, or in North, South or West Duval, everyone's needs can be taken care of with the plethora of shopping malls and locations. Check out the ones below to plan the perfect shopping day or for a quick trip to find that one item you desperately need.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

### Beaches Town Center

Atlantic Blvd. and First St., Neptune Beach  
[www.beachestowncenter.com](http://www.beachestowncenter.com)

At the beaches, enjoy the salty breeze while perusing the Beaches Town Center. Located in the heart of Atlantic and Neptune beaches, the shopping center offers The BookMark, Bali Cargo Company, Fig & Willow, Jaffi's and Red Daisy, to name a few, for your shopping needs. There are also plenty of restaurants to enjoy after you've worked up an appetite, including Ocean 60, Joseph's Pizza and, for dessert, Whit's Frozen Custard. While you're there, catch the North Beaches Art Walk held every third Thursday, or live music in the courtyard.

## DUVAL-NORTH

### River City Marketplace

I-95 and Airport Rd., Jacksonville  
[www.rgpt.com/property/river-city-marketplace](http://www.rgpt.com/property/river-city-marketplace)

North Duval has a great mall for every shopping need. The River City Marketplace is located near Jacksonville International Airport and is convenient for North Duval residents. With a Charming Charlie, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Ulta Beauty and other major stores, the marketplace presents residents with the option of a full day of shopping.

Louis Vuitton at the St. Johns Town Center, photo by Stephanie Marty



St. Johns Town Center, photo by Stephanie Marty



Artsy Abode at the Town Center, photo by Monica Gutos



## DUVAL-SOUTH

### Avenues, The

10300 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville  
[www.simon.com/mall/the-avenues](http://www.simon.com/mall/the-avenues)

Off of Southside Boulevard, nothing can rain on a shopper's day at The Avenues. The Avenues is Northeast Florida's premier indoor shopping mall, with several anchor stores including Belk, Dillard's and JCPenney in addition to Forever 21, H&M, LOFT and more. This mall also has plenty of dining options throughout such as Buffalo Wild Wings or Ruby Tuesday, for hungry shoppers in need of sustenance while on a shopping spree.

### Ikea

7801 Gate Pkwy., Jacksonville  
[www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com)

In Fall 2017, the first Northeast Florida location of the Scandinavian furniture retailer opened in Jacksonville. Noted for its stylish yet affordable ready-to-assemble furniture, kitchen appliances, home accessories, and Swedish meatballs, Ikea has been the world's largest furniture retailer since at least 2008. The 290,000-square-foot facility is located off Gate Parkway and Interstate 295, just a short drive away from the St. Johns Town Center.

### Markets at Town Center, The

4865 Town Center Pkwy., Jacksonville  
[www.marketsattowncenter.com](http://www.marketsattowncenter.com)

Conveniently located off JTB, The Markets at Town Center is home to Nordstrom Rack, Ulta Beauty, Toys "R" Us, Babies "R" Us, REI and more. There are also upscale restaurants to finish off the day, including Brio Tuscan Grill, BurgerFi, and Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant.

### San Marco Square

San Marco Blvd. and Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville

San Marco Square has some of Jacksonville's best one-of-a-kind shops, restaurants and entertainment venues. Shop at local shops and boutiques such as The Write Touch, Rosie True and Beau Outfitters. Dining includes Taverna, Maple Street Biscuit Company, Beach Diner San Marco and more. San Marco is home to Theatre Jacksonville, a volunteer community theater founded in 1919, and San Marco Theatre, a local theater that serves food, beer and wine to movie-goers. For shopping, dining and a bit of entertainment too, San Marco Square might just have something for you.

### St. Johns Town Center

4663 River City Dr., Jacksonville  
[www.simon.com/mall/st-johns-town-center](http://www.simon.com/mall/st-johns-town-center)

Take a stroll through St. Johns Town Center for some of the best shopping the First Coast has to offer. The Town Center has something for every need and budget. With an Artsy Abode, Brighton and Coach, everyone can find the perfect accessory to finish their look. For a great outfit, check out Anthropologie, fab'rik, Free People, Express or Madewell. Shoppers can also find upscale boutiques such as Tory Burch, Louis Vuitton, and Tiffany & Co. There are also locally owned restaurants located around the mall, including M Shack and Moxie Kitchen and Cocktails. The Strand at the Town Center is a new development along Town Center Parkway that includes Best Buy, PGA Tour Superstore, 2nd & Charles and more.

## DUVAL-WEST

### Five Points

Park St., Margaret St. and Lomax St., Jacksonville  
[www.5pointsjax.com](http://www.5pointsjax.com)

Five Points is an artsy, historic shopping district in Riverside where three roads meet to create a bohemian neighborhood in the resulting five-point intersection. Sun-Ray Cinema, formerly Five Points Theatre and Riverside Theatre, was the first in the area to show "talking films," and today, the theater features independent films and classics. Stores include Edge City, BARK Boutique, Jane Doe Boutique and 5 Points Vintage. The area also has several restaurants such as Black Sheep, Corner Taco and Derby on Park.

**Shoppes of Avondale, The**

St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville  
[www.shoppesofavondale.com](http://www.shoppesofavondale.com)  
 Visit The Shoppes of Avondale along St. Johns Avenue in historic Avondale for locally owned businesses in a friendly, tree-lined setting. Eye-wear, children's toys and clothing, art, décor, wine, desserts and antiques are among the many shopping choices available. Avondale's unique stores include Hooshang Oriental Rugs, Willies for Kids, Ellie Bing and others. The area also features some First Coast-favorite dining options like Brick, Biscottis, Mellow Mushroom and Mojo no. 4.

**NASSAU COUNTY**

Nassau County has two wonderful shopping areas, Centre Street and The Shops of Amelia Island Plantation. For those living in or visiting Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach, take a walk through the shops to find that special item either for your home or closet.

**Centre Street**

Centre St., Fernandina Beach  
 Centre Street, in the historic district of Fernandina Beach, is home to small, quaint shops and delectable eateries. Stores include Lemongrass, The Book Loft, Twisted Sisters, Pearl and more. Dine at Brett's Waterway Cafe, Cafe Karibo, Le Clos, 29 South or the Crab Trap.

**Shops of Amelia Island Plantation, The**

39 Beach Lagoon Rd., Amelia Island  
[www.omnihotels.com/hotels/amelia-island-plantation](http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/amelia-island-plantation)  
 The Shops of Amelia Island Plantation offers upscale stores and salons in the beautiful Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Some options are Amelia's Signature Shop, Monkey Barrel, The Queen Bee, J. McLaughlin, and Chico's. All are on the grounds at the Plantation, a short walk for guests and residents.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

St. Johns County residents have plenty of locations for shopping adventures. Whether you're in Ponte Vedra Beach or St. Augustine, finding somewhere to buy unique clothing and decorations, or the everyday essentials, is easy as pie.

**Nocatee Town Center**

120 Marketside Ave., Ponte Vedra  
[www.nocatee.com/town-center](http://www.nocatee.com/town-center)  
 The Nocatee Town Center is just minutes from Nocatee's neighborhood villages—making favorite stores and restaurants a walk or bike ride away from residential homes. Stores include Artsy Abode, Gwen Berlin and Coastal Wine Market. Grab a bite at M Shack, Pieology or The Loop Pizza Grill. The Town Center also features corporate and professional office space for both small and large businesses.

**Sawgrass Village**

215 Tourside Dr., Ponte Vedra Beach  
[www.sawgrassvillagepvb.com](http://www.sawgrassvillagepvb.com)  
 Idyllically lakefront, patrons can enjoy the sun while browsing through Sawgrass Village, an outdoor shopping center. There are one-of-a-kind boutiques and upscale stores such as A'propos Boutique, Bluemercury, Lemon Twist, Marcia's Place and Village Jeweler. Shoppers can also visit Sawgrass Nails and Village Arts Framing & Gallery. Dining at Sawgrass Village includes Aqua Grill, Caffe Andiamo, Metro Diner, and Trasca & Co. Eatery.

**St. Augustine Outlets**

500 Outlet Mall Blvd., St. Augustine  
[www.staugoutlets.com](http://www.staugoutlets.com)  
 Conveniently located at State Road 16 and Interstate 95, the St. Augustine Outlets features 75 brand name stores boasting everyday savings. Stores include Cole Haan, Dooney & Bourke, Guess, Hugo Boss, Kate Spade New York, Michael Kors, PacSun, Sunglass Hut, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th and Talbots. From handbags to home goods, carrying some of the best designer names available, St. Augustine Outlets competes with the best shopping venues in Northeast Florida.

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2700 SR 16, St. Augustine  
[www.premiumoutlets.com/staugustine](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/staugustine)  
 St. Augustine Premium Outlets is located on State Road 16 off of Interstate 95, just 30 minutes south of Jacksonville. You can find a collection of 85 outlet stores including Adidas, Bose, Brooks Brothers, Coach, Gymboree Outlet, Harry & David, J. Crew Factory, Levi's Outlet Store, Nike Factory Store, Puma, White House Black Market and many more.

**St. George Street**

St. George St., St. Augustine  
 Located in the center of the historic shopping district in St. Augustine, you will find many treasures along these streets, with unique shops nestled among numerous historic sites. Shop at Earthbound Trading Co., Silver Feather Jewelry and Gifts, Red Pineapple, Fresh Produce, Serenity Blue, The Panama Hat Company of St. Augustine or any of the other small shops along the historic street.



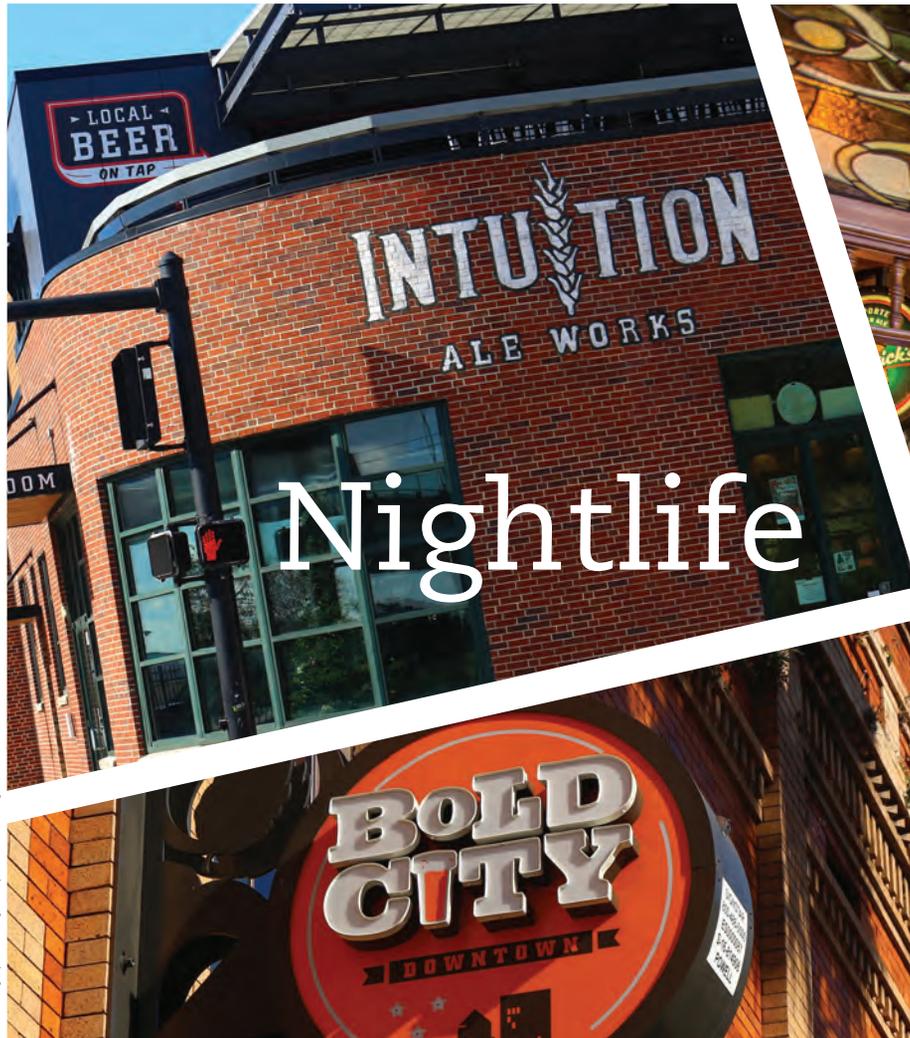
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Bold City, photo by Stephanie Marty

# Nightlife



ance the night away, meet for an after-work happy hour or find a cozy candlelit table for two. No matter your heart's desire, you'll find it here as the sun sets and the street lights twinkle to life.

When the workday is done and the sun has gone down, Jacksonville's nightlife comes

alive. Spanning the heart of downtown Jacksonville is what is known as "The Elbow," a collection of bars, nightclubs and venues sure to add some pep into your nighttime activities. Always popular for bar hopping are the array of hot spots in the Jacksonville Beach area, many within walking distance from each other. Regardless of where you begin your nightlife journey, from Nassau County to St. Johns and everywhere in between, the First Coast is brimming with late night hot spots to dance and play the night away.

## CLAY COUNTY

Somewhat removed from the "big city nightlife" in Jacksonville are many treasures within Clay County. In Orange Park you will find several great places to stop in at and have a good time after a long workday. Find your own place where everybody knows your name and stop in at **Cheers Park Avenue**. With live music, DJs and specials throughout the week, Cheers is a perfect place to meet new friends. Happy hour, live music, entertainment and karaoke keep things lively over at Locals Pub. With a full bar and friendly staff, you'll feel like a native in no time. Stop in at **Mellow Mushroom** in Fleming Island for a psychedelic time of gourmet pizza slices to pair with draughts and specialty drinks. The **Roadhouse in Orange Park** is another local favorite. Pool tournaments, happy hour, Ladies' Night and nightly drink specials are just a few of the fun times to be had at this sports bar.

## DUVAL-BEACHES

For an evening on the beach with live music, karaoke and dancing, visit one of the many seaside locations offering up a good time along the sandy coast. Located just feet away from the water in Neptune Beach, **The Lemon Bar** provides a cool atmosphere and an oceanfront patio while offering their frothy signature concoctions that will leave you wanting more. **Pete's Bar** has been a beaches' tradition since 1933 with a great mix of locals and tourists partying the night away. **Ragtime Tavern** in Atlantic Beach offers good food, fun times and expertly crafted beers for patrons year after year. Every day is St. Patrick's Day at **Lynch's Irish Pub** in Jacksonville Beach, which serves up drinks and food inspired by the Emerald Isle. Next to Lynch's is tiki bar **Flask & Cannon** where visitors can find modern-day twist on traditional rum-based cocktails.

As night falls, **The Pier Cantina & Sandbar** comes alive with live music downstairs, while the upstairs is host to some of the area's hottest DJs. Both floors consist of large bars ready to serve your thirsty needs. Another great spot is **The Ritz**, with daily drink specials, nightly DJs and happy hour until 8 p.m., it is a great place to relax and unwind after a long day. Not to be missed is **The Shim Sham Room**, a "rock n' roll, drink-like-you-mean-it cocktail bar" with an upstairs dance area and expansive patio bar waiting to take care of your drinking desires. **Hoptinger Bier Garden & Sausage House** is a Jacksonville Beach hotspot featuring 60 taps with carefully selected craft beer and Bavarian-inspired pub fare. There are also locations in St. Augustine and 5 Points. Rounding up the stretch of hot spots along the beaches is **The Brix Taphouse**, with 32 different draughts on tap, signature hand-crafted cocktails and live local musicians rocking the night away.

## DUVAL-SOUTH

Close to downtown's Southbank is the charming San Marco neighborhood, bursting with trendy restaurants and bars. **BB's** in San Marco is "a groovy place to b" and offers a full service bar with a great wine selection, handcrafted cocktails and weekly happy hour specials. Flask & Cannon's sister bar **Sidecar** offers craft beer and cocktails, (including their classic sidecar) using locally sourced ingredients. **The Grape & Grain Exchange** is a popular spot for happy hour drinks with friends or shopping for that special bottle of wine to take happy hour home. Grape & Grain is also home to a hidden speakeasy, **The Parlour**, reminiscent of city's prohibition era. To enter, find the secret passage behind a bookshelf. In Jacksonville's Southside neighborhood is **Bottlenose Brewing**, a pet-friendly craft beer bar boasting 50 taps of brews from Jacksonville and around the Sunshine State.

## DUVAL-WEST

Not to be outdone by the beach scene, downtown Jacksonville has an assortment of eclectic restaurants and bars unique to the First Coast. Whether it's drinks on a rooftop overlooking the St. Johns River or sampling a local brew after dinner, downtown has some of the largest beer selections in the area. The **Elbow** is downtown Jacksonville's entertainment hub that encompasses several restaurants, bars and entertainment venues. **The Hourglass Pub & Coffee Shop** is where the beer is cold, the coffee is hot and the classic coin-op arcade is open. Enjoy hot and cold drinks, hookah and billiards all in one stop. **Dos Gatos**, Jacksonville's genuine cocktail lounge, serves up their signature cocktails daily, including their famous Señor Extravagante and their taste bud-tingling Orange Jalapeño Margarita. Swing dancing and inspired craft cocktails with a speakeasy attitude can be found at **The Volstead** in the heart of downtown.

In Riverside, stroll into **Dahlia's Pour House** and experience their new rotating wine bar with 18 wines on tap, 85 draughts, and events such as "Talk like a Pirate Day." A stop in at **The Loft** offers up a full bar and your favorite tunes spun by resident DJs as well as guests. From indie rock to dance party mixes, this local hot spot lets you rock the night away in style. Housed in a former auto repair shop built in the late 1920s, **The Garage** dishes out pub grub and a full bar. Patrons can also play a friendly game of corn hole or giant Jenga.

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## NASSAU COUNTY

Up in Amelia Island, the **Palace Saloon** is the oldest saloon in Florida and was the last tavern to close during Prohibition. Step back into history and ask for one of their ghost stories while enjoying a cold drink and live music. Located within the saloon is **Sheffield's at the Palace**, an upscale lounge featuring classic cocktails and live music. **The Green Turtle Tavern** upholds the authenticity of Key West with music on the porch and a laidback atmosphere while offering an assortment of refreshments and an extensive bourbon collection to satisfy your palette. Fernandina Beach's **Café Karibo** proudly offers eclectic cuisine to tempt your taste buds while pouring draughts and cocktails to satisfy your thirst.

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY

**Ice Plant** in St. Augustine was built in a refurbished ice plant and still maintains the character of the early 20th century. Known for their craft cocktails, they serve creative concoctions such as the "New World Gin & Tonic" or the "Florida Mule." By incorporating heirloom sugar cane into their drink specials, Ice Plant tips their hats to Florida's long

Palace Saloon, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council



Surfer [The Bar], photo by Justin Strosnider



history with sugar cane. Also in St. Augustine is **Scarlett O'Hara's**, which has a hidden "ghost bar" upstairs that is listed in the National Directory of Haunted Places. This local treasure has been a tradition in St. Augustine for over 35 years, with accolades for "The Best Neighborhood Bar" five years running. Scarlett's is a cozy pub with an outdoor porch and oyster bar overlooking Hypolita Street. Nestled between Hybiscus and Rio Vista avenues is **Arnold's Cocktail Lounge** with an extensive bar, weekly open dart tournaments, karaoke parties and their famous Steak Night every Thursday. Rich in history and dedicated to having fun, **TradeWinds Lounge** is a St. Augustine tradition dating back more than 70 years. They offer up live music, open mic nights, happy hour and the possibility of a friendly ghost visit from the former TradeWinds owner, Duke, as he stops by to check on things on this side of the realm. Located in historic downtown

St. Augustine is **White Lion Bar & Grill**, which offers a full bar with both craft and local beers, a scrumptious array of food and live music. Another popular watering hole for St. Augustine locals literally has no name—the **Bar With No Name** offers a beautiful view of Castillo de San Marcos, in addition to drinks, tasty food and live music. For traditional Irish food and drinks, stop by **Meehan's Irish Pub** where the Guinness never runs dry.

No matter where you are on the First Coast, there are countless options for you to enjoy a night of kicking up your heels and tossing back a few. For whatever mood you're in—a cool glass of Chardonnay, a local craft beer or a cold, sweet drink—the atmosphere of these nightlife locations will give you a welcome break after a busy day. Take time for yourself, get to know your new home and visit any number of these local spots and celebrate your life living on the coast.

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Blue Water Daiquiri & Oyster Bar, photo by Justin Strosnider



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Jacksonville Jazz Fest, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville



# Last Look at the First Coast



ow that you've glimpsed life in Jacksonville and the surrounding area, you can see why we are proud to call Florida's First Coast home. Blessed with glorious weather, beautiful beaches, a dynamic, contemporary culture and an illustrious history, the First Coast is a true Southern treasure.

Here in Northeast Florida, the future is bright. Local leaders work diligently to make the region an attractive place to build and grow business, with a focus on drawing a highly skilled, diverse workforce. At the same time, leaders in the community recognize the need to maintain the high quality of life we all enjoy.

A hub for sporting events, cultural activities and the very best in entertainment, the First Coast attracts thousands of new residents each year who come for the potential and stay for the reality. With a wide array of options, from urban epicenters to rural farming communities, newcomers can find the exact lifestyle they are looking for. In essence, the First Coast is the perfect place to live, work and play.

Here on the First Coast, we have much to celebrate. And celebrate we do—every season of the year. From the Opening of the Beaches Parade in spring to the holiday classic Nights of Lights celebration in winter, you'll find plenty of festive gatherings where people come together and enjoy good food, lavish entertainment and pure fun. We hope you enjoy your time in this wonderful area!

## BAKER COUNTY

### Battle of Olustee

February

[www.battleofolustee.org](http://www.battleofolustee.org)

In remembrance of Florida's largest Civil War battle, fought Feb. 20, 1864, this event attracts hundreds of reenactors and spectators each year. The reenactment takes place at the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park. The weekend includes guest speakers and a Civil War-era parade.

## CLAY COUNTY

### Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival

February

[www.neflgames.com](http://www.neflgames.com)

Each year, hundreds of visitors gather at this event to enjoy "a wee bit o' Scotland." The festival includes Scottish fare, music, demonstrations and traditional Highland games. Events such as pub crawls and the Kilted Golf Tournament lead up to the festival.

### Carrie Clarke Day

March/April

[www.townoforange.com](http://www.townoforange.com)

Within the past several years, this event has developed into a daylong festival honoring one of Orange Park's pioneers—Carrie Clarke. Participants go back in time to life during the late 1800s with reenactments featuring Mrs. Clarke and her husband, William. Festivalgoers will also enjoy guided tours of the historic Clarke House, exhibits and live entertainment.

Nights of Lights cannon, photo by Stacey Sather courtesy of St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches VCB



World of Nations, photo courtesy of the City of Jacksonville

### Town of Orange Park Fall Festival

October

[www.opfallfestival.com](http://www.opfallfestival.com)

Clay County's oldest and largest arts and crafts festival, this annual two-day event features over 200 artists and vendors along with entertainment from regional and local artists. More than 30 food vendors serve up everything from barbecue and local seafood to funnel cakes and turkey legs. Children can enjoy pony rides, bounce houses and more at the Kids Zone.

## DUVAL COUNTY

### World of Nations Celebration

March

[www.jaxhappenings.com](http://www.jaxhappenings.com)

Visit countries from all over the world without leaving the First Coast at this annual celebration of diversity. Held in Metropolitan Park each year, the celebration features exotic cuisine and exhibits of the artistry and customs from lands far and near.

### Legends of Hip Hop Festival

March

[www.jaxevents.com](http://www.jaxevents.com)

Jacksonville Memorial Arena is home to the Legends of Hip Hop Festival in March, which features iconic hip hop artists performing a variety of setlists. Tickets can be purchased through the Jax Events website and are available beginning in January.

### Opening of the Beaches

April

[www.jacksonvillebeach.org](http://www.jacksonvillebeach.org)

Come celebrate this longtime tradition as the beach community kicks off the summer season. Each year, Jacksonville Beach holds the Beaches Opening Parade featuring pirates, pooches and floats galore. The festivities also include an annual sandcastle competition.

### Springing the Blues

April

[www.springingtheblues.com](http://www.springingtheblues.com)

The first Springing the Blues was held in 1990 when a small group of friends gathered at the old Jacksonville Beach Flag Pavilion. Since then, the festival has grown to include more than 20 artists who provide three days of performances by national, regional and local blues talent. More than 125,000 fans come to enjoy the music, food and vendors unique to the Springing the Blues event.

### Welcome to Rockville

April

[www.welcometorockvillefestival.com](http://www.welcometorockvillefestival.com)

Get a chance to rock out to some of the biggest bands in rock 'n' roll in Metropolitan Park. Every year, music lovers young and old gather for this event, rain or shine. Over 50 bands travel to Jacksonville to put on one of the biggest festivals on the First Coast.

### Jacksonville Jazz Festival

May

[www.jacksonvillejazzfest.com](http://www.jacksonvillejazzfest.com)

A weekend of nonstop entertainment in downtown Jacksonville, the jazz festival features multiple venues with performances by amateur and renowned jazz artists. Other festival activities include the Jacksonville Jazz Piano Competition, Jazz After Dark, and the Youth Jazz Talent Showcase, as well as art displays, educational activities and more.

### Deck The Chairs

November/December

[www.deckthechairs.org](http://www.deckthechairs.org)

This annual lighted sculptural exhibit uses the iconic lifeguard chairs from The American Red Cross Life Saving Corps to display festive holiday lights in downtown Jacksonville Beach. Forty chairs are sponsored by local business and decorated by local artists.

### Jacksonville Light Boat Parade

December

[www.jacksonvillelanding.com](http://www.jacksonvillelanding.com)

A tradition for thousands of First Coast residents and their guests, the annual Jacksonville Light Boat Parade celebrates the holiday season. More than 200,000 sightseers line the North and South riverbanks to watch boats adorned in lights and decorations sail down the St. Johns River. Following the boat parade is a beautiful fireworks display.

## NASSAU COUNTY

### Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

March

[www.ameliaconcours.org](http://www.ameliaconcours.org)

This annual event showcases rare, classic cars and offers informative seminars, awards and a silent auction. Held at the Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island and the Golf Club of Amelia Island, proceeds from the event benefit local charitable organizations, including Community Hospice of Northeast Florida.

### Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival

May

[www.shrimpfestival.com](http://www.shrimpfestival.com)

This weekend-long event celebrates the tradition of blessing the shrimp fleet in Fernandina Beach as well as Amelia Island's unique history. The festival includes the annual Pirate Parade, Blessing of the Fleet, a boat decoration contest, a pageant, live entertainment, arts, crafts and plenty of shrimp.

**United Way of Northeast Florida Golf Tournament**

November  
[www.unitedwaynefl.org](http://www.unitedwaynefl.org)

In partnership with the United Way of Northeast Florida, the 7th Annual City of Fernandina Beach vs. Nassau County Charity Golf Tournament will take at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club in November. The tournament consists of a shot-gun start and a scrambled format. Last year, team entry was \$300 per foursome or \$75 per player and included 18 holes of golf, lunch and prizes.

**Amelia Island Bed and Breakfast Holiday Cookie Tour of Inns**

December  
[www.ameliaislandinns.com/cookie-tour](http://www.ameliaislandinns.com/cookie-tour)

Tour six of Fernandina's gorgeous, grand historic Bed and Breakfast Inns decked out for the holiday season, and hear about each inn's history. Each one features a signature cookie and recipe to take home.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival**

March  
[www.lionsfestival.com](http://www.lionsfestival.com)

Attracting more than 20,000 visitors to St. Augustine each year, the seafood festival features more than 100 arts and crafts vendors, live music and local fare fresh from the ocean. A Kidz Zone and Pirate Village provide entertainment for the younger fans of this First Coast tradition.

**Rhythm & Ribs**

April  
[www.rhythmandribs.net](http://www.rhythmandribs.net)

Voted St. Augustine's "Best Festival" for 12 years, the Rhythm & Ribs festival features live music, children's activities and award-winning barbecue by regional and national champions. Proceeds help support local charities.

**Florida Heritage Book Festival**

September  
[www.fhbookfest.com](http://www.fhbookfest.com)

A popular event for booklovers and aspiring authors, the book festival celebrates Florida's rich and colorful literary heritage featuring the works of local writers. The St. Augustine event offers book signings, workshops, award ceremonies and children's programs.

**St. Augustine Art and Craft Festival**

November  
[www.staugustineartfestival.com](http://www.staugustineartfestival.com)

The St. Augustine Art Association stages this popular juried art fair showcases paintings, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, woodworks, glass and other unique fine artwork from 150 national and regional artists. Visitors to the festival can also enjoy international food, live music, crafts and a kid's zone.

**Nights of Lights**

November through January  
[www.floridashistoriccoast.com/nights-lights](http://www.floridashistoriccoast.com/nights-lights)

This holiday tradition lights up historic St. Augustine with more than two million twinkling, white lights. The two-month-long celebration includes special events such as parades, bed and breakfast tours, art walks and holiday concerts. Visitors can also tour the Nights of Lights displays aboard the Old Town Trolley, Ripley's Red Train or by horse and carriage.



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- Homes from the high \$300s ranging from 2,482 to 4,400+ sq.ft.



## OLD STILL

NEAR ST. JOHNS TOWN CENTER off of Baymeadows

- Gated, low-maintenance homes with unique architectural style and central location.
- Homes from the high \$300s ranging from 1,885 to 4,426 sq.ft.



## AMELIA WALK

FERNANDINA BEACH

- Resort-style amenities and wide choice of home designs with water and conservation home sites. Ideally located near beaches and Amelia Island.
- Homes from the mid \$200s ranging from 1,987 to 4,426 sq.ft.



## THE GROVE AT BANNON LAKES

ST. AUGUSTINE • Near World Golf Village

- Bordered by 20,000 acres of pristine preserve
- 4,000 square foot clubhouse with resort-style pool, walking and biking trails, fitness center and more
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## Managing Real Estate and Relocation Needs for:

### Individuals or Families:

- Area orientation and school information
- Home finding assistance and buyer's representation throughout the First Coast
- Temporary housing rental
- Marketing assistance nationwide for the sale of current homes
- Trailing partner employment assistance

### Corporations:

- Policy development and administration
- Group move management
- Household goods shipment for transferees
- Value - added benefits to transferee and employer



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