



Jacksonville, FL



Jacksonville, Florida, is located on the banks of the St. Johns River and has the largest area of any city in the continental United States. The city was named for President Andrew Jackson, who was the first United States Military Governor of Florida.

Jacksonville's museums include the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens; Museum of Contemporary Art; Jacksonville's Fire Museum; Jacksonville Maritime Heritage Center; and Museum of Science & History, which is home to the Bryan Gooding Planetarium. Mandarin Museum & Historical Society, located at Walter Jones Historical Park, contains Harriet Beecher Stowe's garden, a homestead, and a barn dating to 1876. The Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum displays original historic manuscripts and visual arts exhibits.

The Ritz Theatre and Museum celebrates the legacy of the African American community in Jacksonville. The museum displays a permanent collection of historical and changing art exhibits. The Ritz Theatre hosts concerts, films, and lectures.

Other performing arts venues include the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, which hosts the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, Broadway shows, concerts, ballets, operas, and comedy shows. Concerts and sporting events are held at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. The historic Florida Theatre presents ballet and various musical performances. Theatre Jacksonville is a volunteer-based community theater.

The Jacksonville Jazz Festival is held at various venues during Memorial Day weekend.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Jacksonville has many high-rise apartment and condominium buildings in the downtown area; townhouses and lofts in converted buildings are also available. Adjacent to the downtown area are the neighborhoods of Springfield, Avondale, Riverside, and Ortega, each with their own historic district. Most of the houses in Springfield are wood frame, but homes in Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Stick, Prairie School, Bungalow, and Mediterranean styles are also available. The Riverside neighborhood offers single-family homes, duplex and quadplex units, townhouses, and high-rise condominiums. Mediterranean Revival, Colonial Revival, and Prairie Style architecture are well represented. Ortega contains mid to large homes built in the early 1900s and Southern-style mansions, many of which are situated along the river.

Arlington, San Marco, San Jose and Beauclerc are older, established communities located along the river with sections of newer construction. Arlington was developed in the 1950s and 1960s and offers private golf communities, single-family homes in planned developments, townhouses, condominiums, and apartments. The San Marco neighborhood was founded in the 1920s; single- and multi-family homes are prevalent in styles that include Tudor, all-brick bungalow, and two-story colonial. Homes in gated communities are also available. Spanish architecture is popular in San Jose, where homes were built primarily in the 1950s and 1960s. Housing styles from brick ramblers to two-story contemporaries are available in Beauclerc, which was primarily constructed in the 1970s and 1980s; condominium communities are also available.

Most homes in Intracoastal West and the Southside neighborhoods have been constructed in the past five years. Planned gated communities, condominiums, townhouses, and apartments are also offered.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Jacksonville has 13 municipal parks, 7 state parks, and 3 national parks. The city has 32 outdoor pools and 50 launch sites for watercraft.

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park is a beach-front city park that features a freshwater lake for fishing, kayaking, and canoeing; biking and hiking trails; and a children's splash park. Huguenot Park offers waterfront campsites, a bird observation area, swimming, fishing, surfing, and a

boat launch area. The Cecil Recreation Complex has a community center, indoor aquatics facility, softball quadraplex, fitness center, gymnasium, and racquetball facilities.

The Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve is an unspoiled coastal wetland located in Jacksonville, which includes Fort Caroline and Kingsley Plantation. The fort memorializes the early French presence in Florida's history. Kingsley Plantation is a historic Sea Island cotton plantation and is the oldest standing plantation house in Florida. Many of the Talbot Islands State Parks are within the Preserve and offer opportunities for swimming, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, camping, and hiking.

Other local attractions include the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens; Everbank Field, which hosts college and professional football events; and the Jacksonville Equestrian Center, which holds horse competitions.

The Jacksonville Jaguars (football), Jacksonville Suns (baseball), and Jacksonville Giants (basketball) are local professional sports teams.

EDUCATION

Duval County Public Schools educates approximately 125,000 students in 104 elementary schools, 2 kindergarten through grade 8 schools, 24 middle schools, 2 grade 6 through grade 12 schools, 19 high schools, 3 centers for students with disabilities, a virtual school, 7 alternative schools, and 21 charter schools. The district has 62 magnet schools that offer 50 programs, including culinary arts, Montessori education, computer science, and medical professions.

Higher education is available at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville University, and Trinity Baptist College, all of which offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Edward Waters College is a private, historically black college that offers undergraduate degree programs. Florida State College at Jacksonville, Art Institute of Jacksonville, and Columbia College Jacksonville award bachelor's and associate's degrees. The Webster University Jacksonville campuses offer graduate-degree programs. Jones College, Fortis Institute Jacksonville, Everest University, Keiser University Jacksonville, and University of Phoenix provide career education and training. Florida Coastal School of Law is an independent law school.

The University of Florida Health Science Center-Jacksonville has colleges of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy. In addition to graduate medical education, clinical rotations in all the major disciplines are provided for students from the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville.

HEALTH CARE

Jacksonville has almost 3,000 licensed acute care beds in 8 hospitals, including a dedicated pediatric hospital. The Naval Hospital Jacksonville serves active duty personnel, their family members, and military retirees and their families. The city is also served by a long-term acute care facility and an inpatient rehabilitation center.

CITY STATS

	2011
City Population	827,908
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	1,360,251
Per Capita Personal Income, Jacksonville, FL, MSA	\$40,709