

TRANSPORTATION CLAIMS TO FAME



**First Coast Expressway
Connecting I-10 to I-95**



2 CSX Rail-lines



**Clay County Port
St. Johns River Frontage**



**2 Airports in Clay
12 Regional**

Logistics and Distribution

4

Ways intermodal transportation - land, rail,

8 HR

Access to entire southeast.

30 MN

Away from Jacksonville International Airport.

#1

Shipping port in Florida less than 1 hour away.

OUR POINTS OF PRIDE:



A-Rated School District

JH & HS Career and Technical Education program offers 35 specialties with students earning approx. 2,000 nationally recognized industry certifications each year.



Highest population growth projections

in the region over next 15 years. Population growth projections are 4x that of



Labor costs are 15 to 30% lower

in Clay County vs. Jacksonville MSA



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Immediately south of Jacksonville along the western banks of the St. Johns River, Clay County has all the amenities of a major metro area. Clay is home to a variety of industries, technical businesses, and numerous business parks. North Florida's newest interstate, the First Coast Expressway (FCX), is currently under construction and will connect I-10 in Duval to I-95 in St. Johns. New business development is already under construction along the path of the FCX.

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Several major distribution companies take advantage of the intermodal transportation resources, lower-than-market freight rates, affordable real estate, lower utility costs, and lower average wages in Clay County to benefit their company's bottom line.

In-county interstate access is via I-295 or the new First Coast Expressway (SR-23), eventually connecting I-10 to I-95 and running directly through Clay County. There are two CSX rail lines on the east and west sides of the county. Reynolds Park is home to Clay County Port, a fully functioning port with thirteen piers. Keystone Heights Airpark (public) and Reynolds Park (private) both feature runways over 5,000.' There is also a wide range of warehouse and distribution space available to benefit your company.

Clay County is located just south of Jacksonville. Jacksonville is home to JAXPORT, the #1 cargo shipping port in Florida. Over 550,000 individuals work in transportation, trade and logistics throughout Florida. CSX, Norfolk Southern and Florida East Coast Railway all run through the region. I-10 and I-95 connect near Jacksonville's downtown. I-295 forms a beltway around the region. Jacksonville International Airport is located 30 minutes from Clay County with direct access to 30 U.S. airports and over 95 non-stop daily flights.

TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Company	Employees
Parallon Business Solutions	1,700
Orange Park Medical Center	1,500
St. Vincent's Clay	1,200
WalMart	1,014
bestbet Orange Park	600
VyStar Credit Union	365
Vac-Con, Inc.	300
Life Care Center of OP	273
Kindred Hospitals, N. FL	245
Vallencourt Construction Co.	250

COUNTY INCENTIVES

Economic Development (Tax Increment Grant)

Targets commercial projects that add to the tax base, project new employment in excess of 10 direct, full-time equivalent employees and makes at least a \$1M capital investment.

Manufacturing Equipment Capital Investment Grant

An incentive designed for relocating companies that invest at least \$1M in manufacturing equipment at the Clay County business location.

Regulatory Relief

The Clay County government focuses on remaining very pro-business and supportive through fast-track permitting and approvals for job creating economic development projects.

Large Employer Retention Grant

An incentive designed to retain large employers (over 100 employees) in Clay County.

Industrial Development Revenue Bonds

Tax exempt bonds to finance the expansion or relocation of industrial development.

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