

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**

Aviation and Defense

70K

Acre premier installation for the Florida National Guard

3K

Annual military retirees enter local civilian workforce

2400

Acre general aviation airport with 5,044 ft and 4,899 ft runways

2 MI

From NAS Jacksonville

OUR POINTS OF PRIDE:



A-Rated School District

JH & HS Career and Technical Education programs offer 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 Jacksonville/Duval county.



Labor costs are 15 to 30% lower in Clay County vs. Jacksonville MSA.



Crawford Powell
President of Economic Development



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 County 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Pass opened a facility in Green Cove Springs, Florida, in close proximity to NAS JAX and the Regional Operations Center for the Department of Homeland Security, to fill logistic support gaps resulting from ongoing defense spending cuts. This facility maintains a wide range of pneumatic, hydraulic, and electromechanical component repair capabilities for a wide range of military platforms including: P-3 Orion, C-130 Hercules, F-16 Fighting Falcon, UH 60 Blackhawk, F-18 Hornet, and Super Hornet. They purchased an existing 40,000 square foot building with an additional 4 acres adjacent for an additional 40,000 sq. ft. expansion.

The company has over 20 high-wage employees in Green Cove Springs, FL. One of the defining features of Clay County and Northeast Florida is the heavy concentration of military facilities and assets employing over 50,000 active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel regionally. The military has long had a significant presence in Clay County (dating back to WWII). Clay County boasts a 18% veteran rate. This is twice the state average.

Camp Blanding Joint Training Center is a 70,000 acre training site located in the southwest corner of the county. It is the premier installation for the Florida National Guard. The base also serves other military services and local, state and federal agencies. Over 350,000 training cycles occur in Camp Blanding annually. The economic impact is \$864m.

TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Company	Employees
HCA Florida OP Hospital	1532
St. Vincents Clay	780
Wal-Mart	753
bestbet Orange Park	649
Vallencourt Construction	482
General RV	468
Applied Business Solutions	433
Publix Super Market	417
Winn-Dixie	288
Home Depot	285

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.

Tangible Personal Property

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.

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