

We Have Space.

We also have the workforce,
technology, and vision to fill it.



▶ World-Class
Central Florida
Infrastructure



▶ Reliable,
Moderately
Priced Utilities



▶ Already Home to
Over 400 Major
Manufacturers



▶ Aviation and
Aerospace
Advantage

Join the next wave of aerospace and defense innovators taking root in Southeast Volusia County, Florida

Our region is strategically positioned between Florida's Space Coast and Central Florida's High-Tech Corridor - the ideal launchpad for aerospace and defense operations looking to expand. Companies here thrive on access to a ready talent pool, state-backed incentive programs, and over a million square feet of industrial space in development. Whether your goal is to launch, manufacture, or scale, Southeast Volusia gives your company the lift to stay ahead.

Access

Conveniently located between 3 international and several municipal airports, major shipping ports and railways



Southeast Volusia

Launch Here. Thrive Here.



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RESOURCE GUIDE

CITIES OF SOUTHEAST VOLUSIA:
OAK HILL
EDGEWATER
NEW SMYRNA BEACH

Florida Aviation System Economic Impact



#1

MRO
Establishments

#3

Aircraft Manufacturing
Establishments

2000+

Aviation
Establishments

700+

Aerospace
Establishments

141,000+ Employed



125

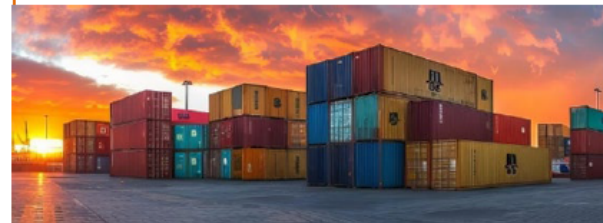
Public Use
Airports

21

Commercial
Service Airports

\$9.8B in Exports

One of the U.S.'s top exporters
of aerospace products & parts.



13

Aviation Related
Military Installations

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Spaceports

Source: SelectFlorida powered by FloridaCommerce Aviation & Aerospace Industry Sector Brief. MROs - Maintenance, Repair and Operations.

Florida Aviation System Economic Impact



On Airport
\$77.2B

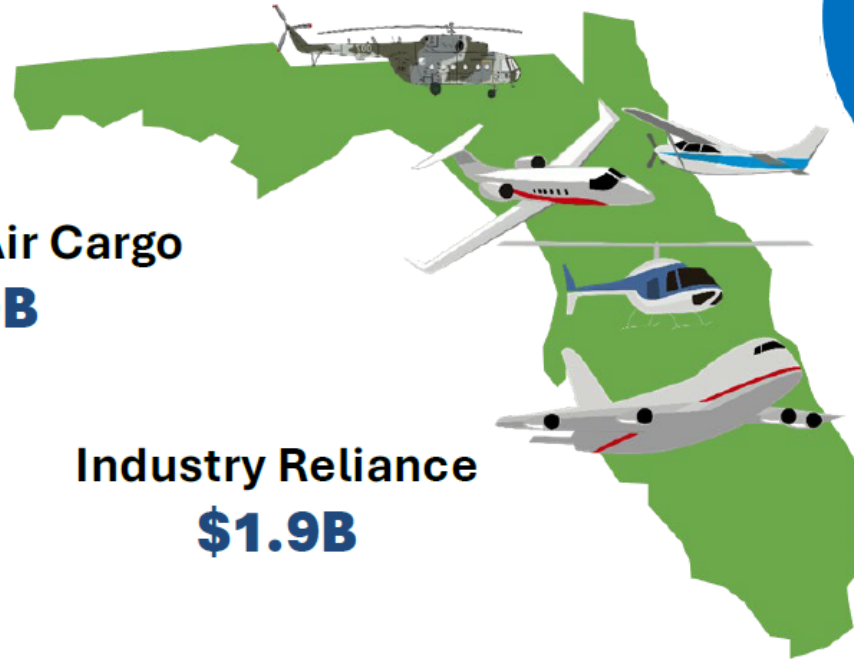
Off-Airport Air Cargo
\$150B

Industry Reliance
\$1.9B

**TOTAL
ECONOMIC
IMPACT**
\$336B
2M Jobs

Visitor Spending
\$94.4B

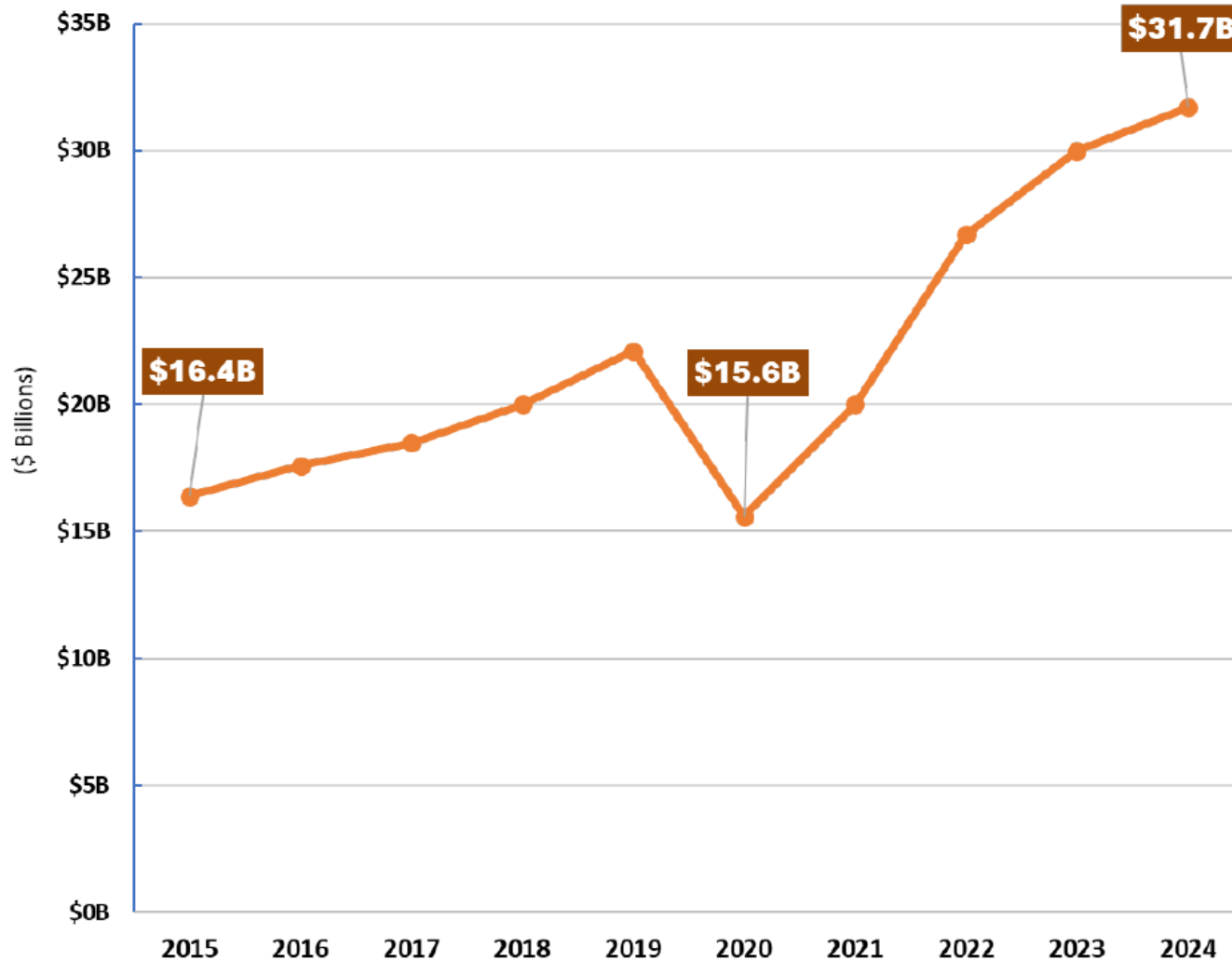
Military Aviation
\$12.9B



ECONOMIC IMPACT (OUTPUT): The value of sales or receipts and other operating income along with any inventory change (e.g., spoilage, breakage, or theft). It is the equivalent of value added plus the cost of all intermediate inputs (including energy, raw materials, semi-finished goods, and services) that are purchased from all sources/locations.

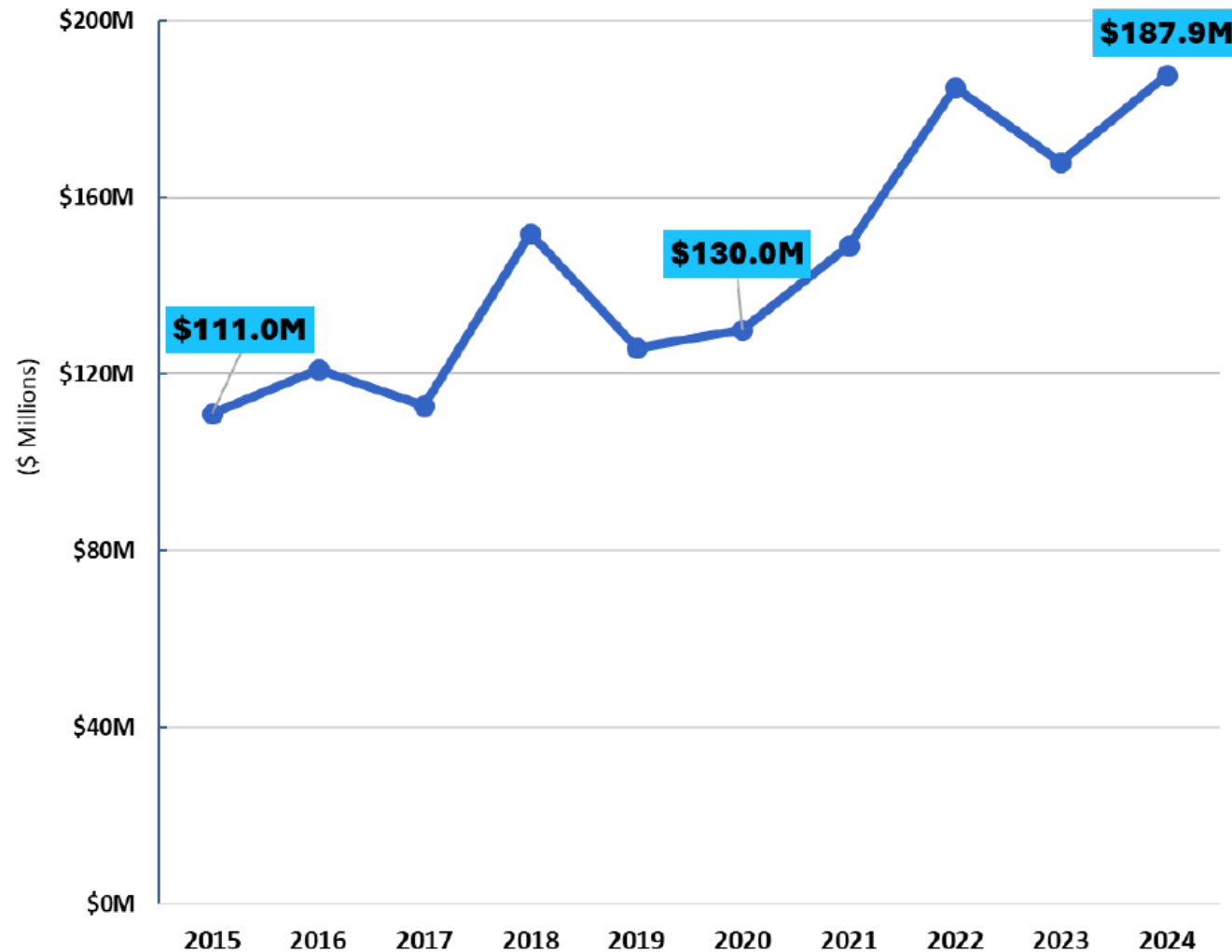
Source: FDOT Florida Aviation Economic Impact Study 2022, <https://www.fdot.gov/aviation/economicimpact22.shtm>

Florida Aviation & Aerospace GDP



Source: Lightcast Q1 2025 Data Set, April 2025 | U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, "CAGDP1 County and MSA gross domestic product (GDP) summary," December 2024

Volusia County Aviation & Aerospace GDP



**Volusia
A&A GDP 10-Year
Change
2015-2024
69%**



**Total GDP
10-Year Change
2015-2024
61%**

Source: Lightcast Q1 2025 Data Set, April 2025 | U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, "CAGDP1 County and MSA gross domestic product (GDP) summary," December 2024

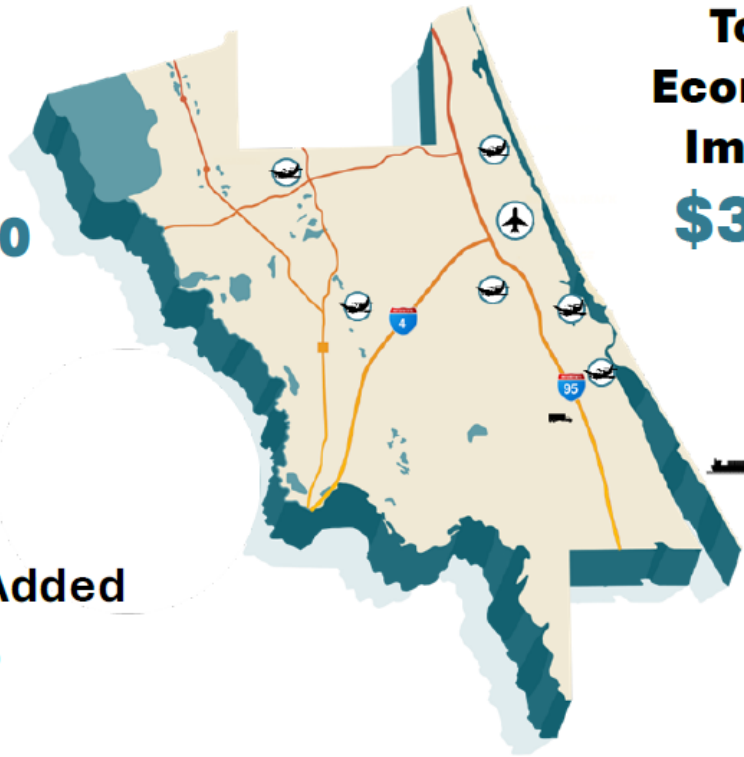
Volusia County Aviation System Economic Impact



Jobs
18,000

Payroll
\$1.3B

Value Added
\$1.3B



**Total
Economic
Impact**
\$3.9B

Aviation Activities Throughout Volusia County

- Aircraft Maintenance Providers
- Aviation-Related Business Tenants
- Commercial Service Hub
- Corporate/Business Aviation
- Flight Training Programs
- Full Service Fixed-Base Operators (FBOs)
- Law Enforcement Surveillance
- National Defense Activities
- Research & Development Incubators
- Visitor/Business Tenants

JOBS: The sum of full- and part-time employees, and account for the total number of people employed as a result of the airport or company within a defined geography or industry.

PAYROLL: Total compensation for work, including gross wages, salaries, employer-provided benefits and taxes paid to governments on behalf of employees.

VALUE ADDED: Consists of compensation of employees, taxes paid on production and imports, and gross operating surplus. Value added equals the difference between an industry's gross output and the cost of its intermediate inputs.

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Volusia County Aviation & Aerospace Private Establishments

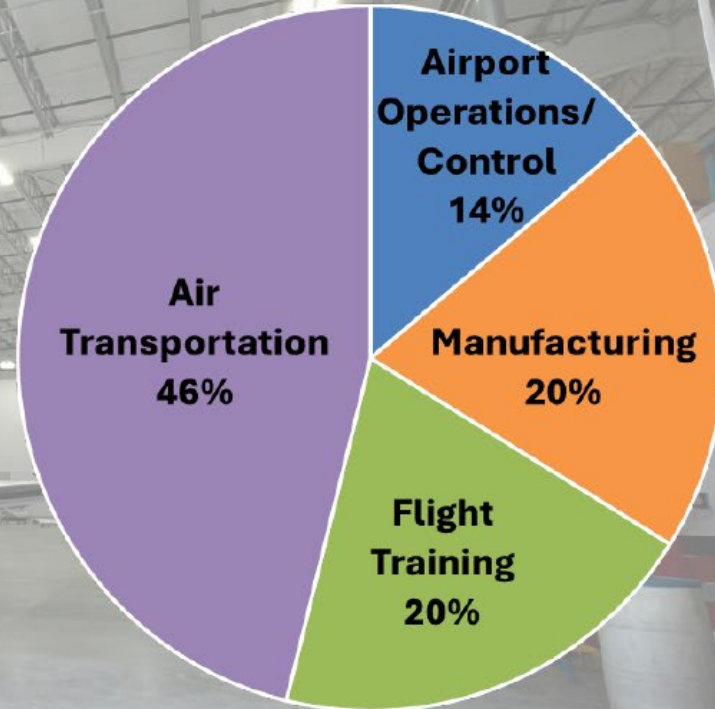
Business Establishments

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Total A&A
Establishments (2024)

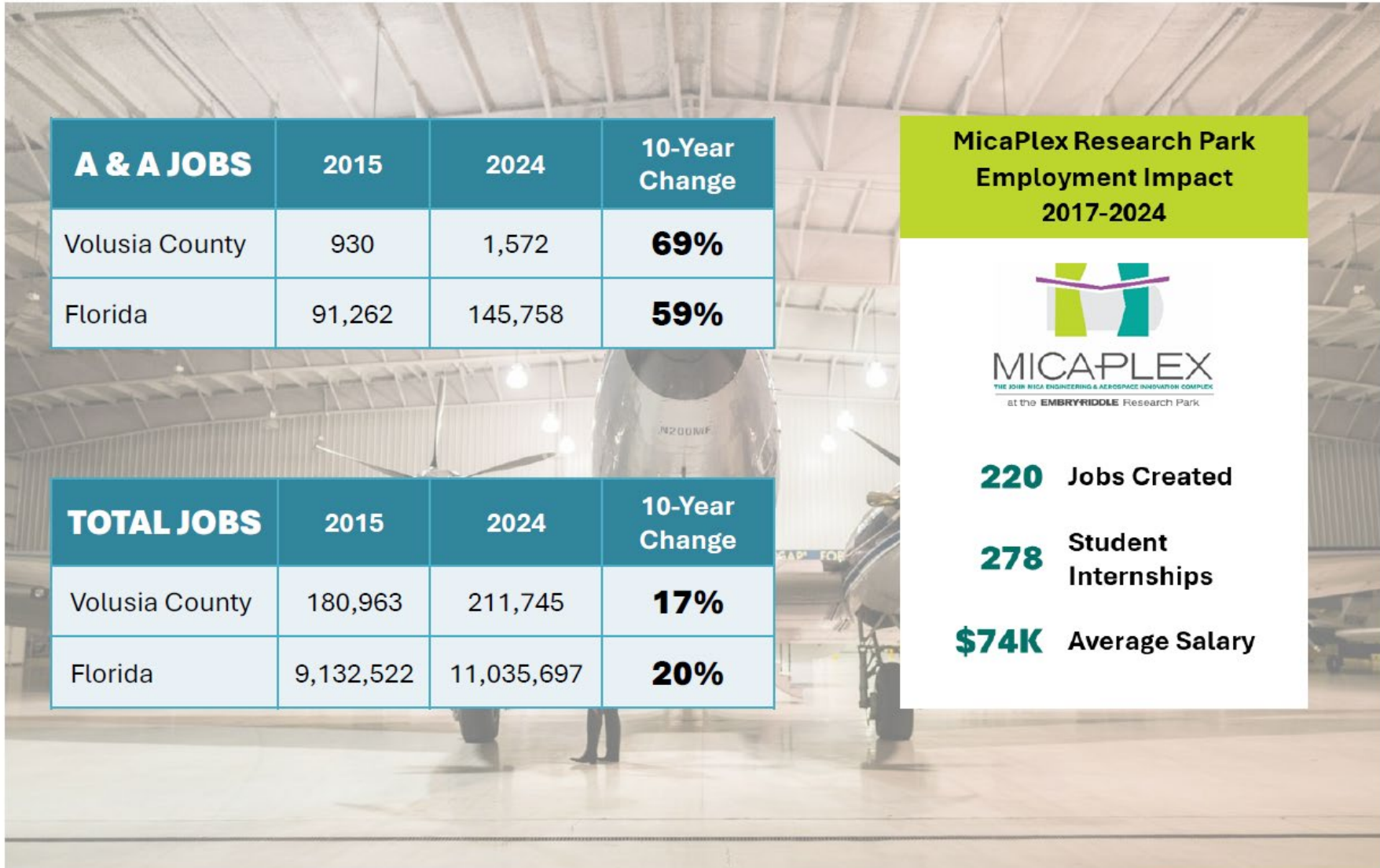
16%

Increase from 2015



Source: Lightcast Q1 2025 Data Set, April 2025 | U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, "CAGDP1 County and MSA gross domestic product (GDP) summary," December 2024

Volusia County Aviation & Aerospace Private Jobs



A & A JOBS	2015	2024	10-Year Change
Volusia County	930	1,572	69%
Florida	91,262	145,758	59%

TOTAL JOBS	2015	2024	10-Year Change
Volusia County	180,963	211,745	17%
Florida	9,132,522	11,035,697	20%

MicaPlex Research Park Employment Impact 2017-2024



220 Jobs Created

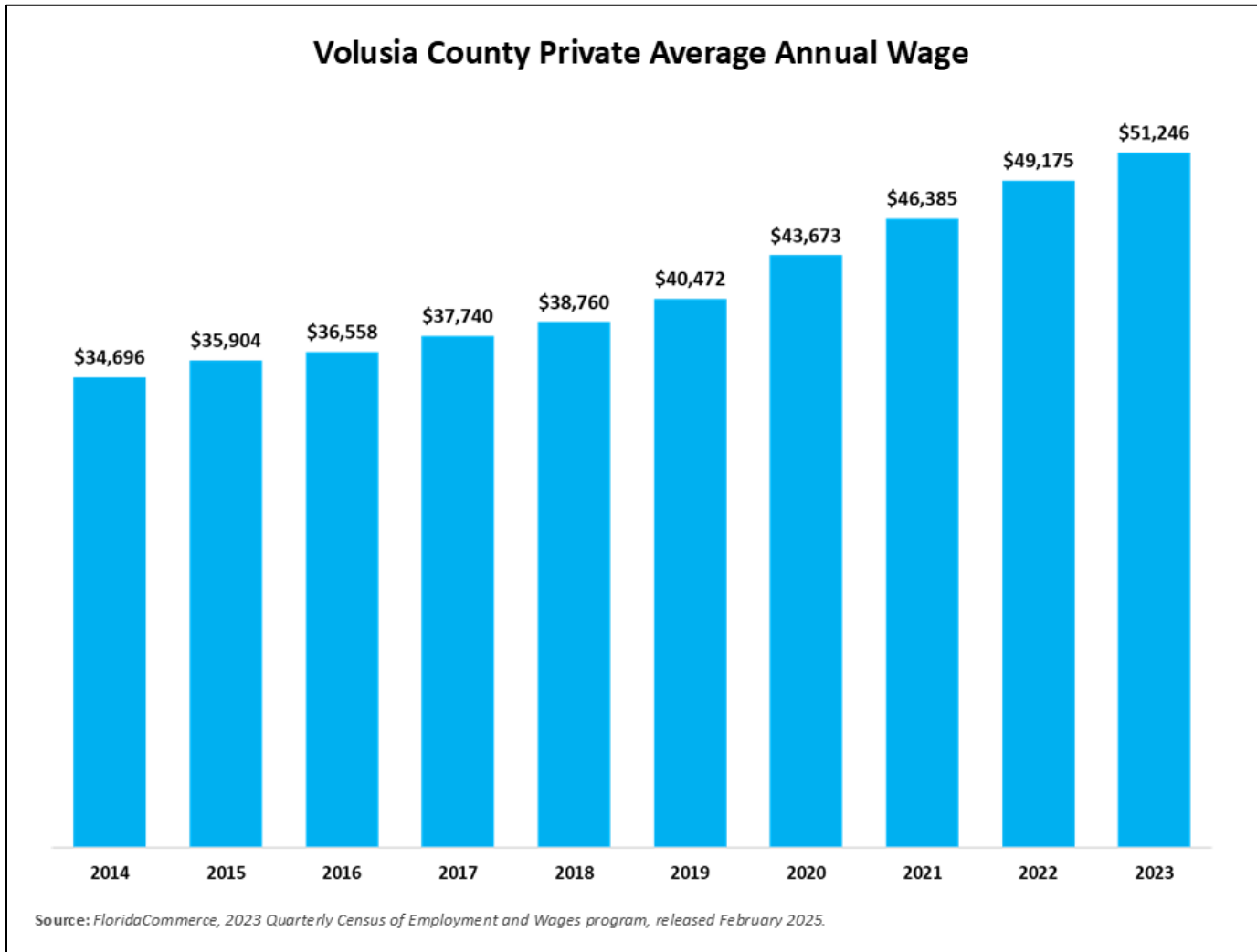
278 Student Internships

\$74K Average Salary

Source: Lightcast Q1 2025 Data Set, April 2025 | U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, "CAGDP1 County and MSA gross domestic product (GDP) summary," December 2024. MicaPlex at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Research Park.

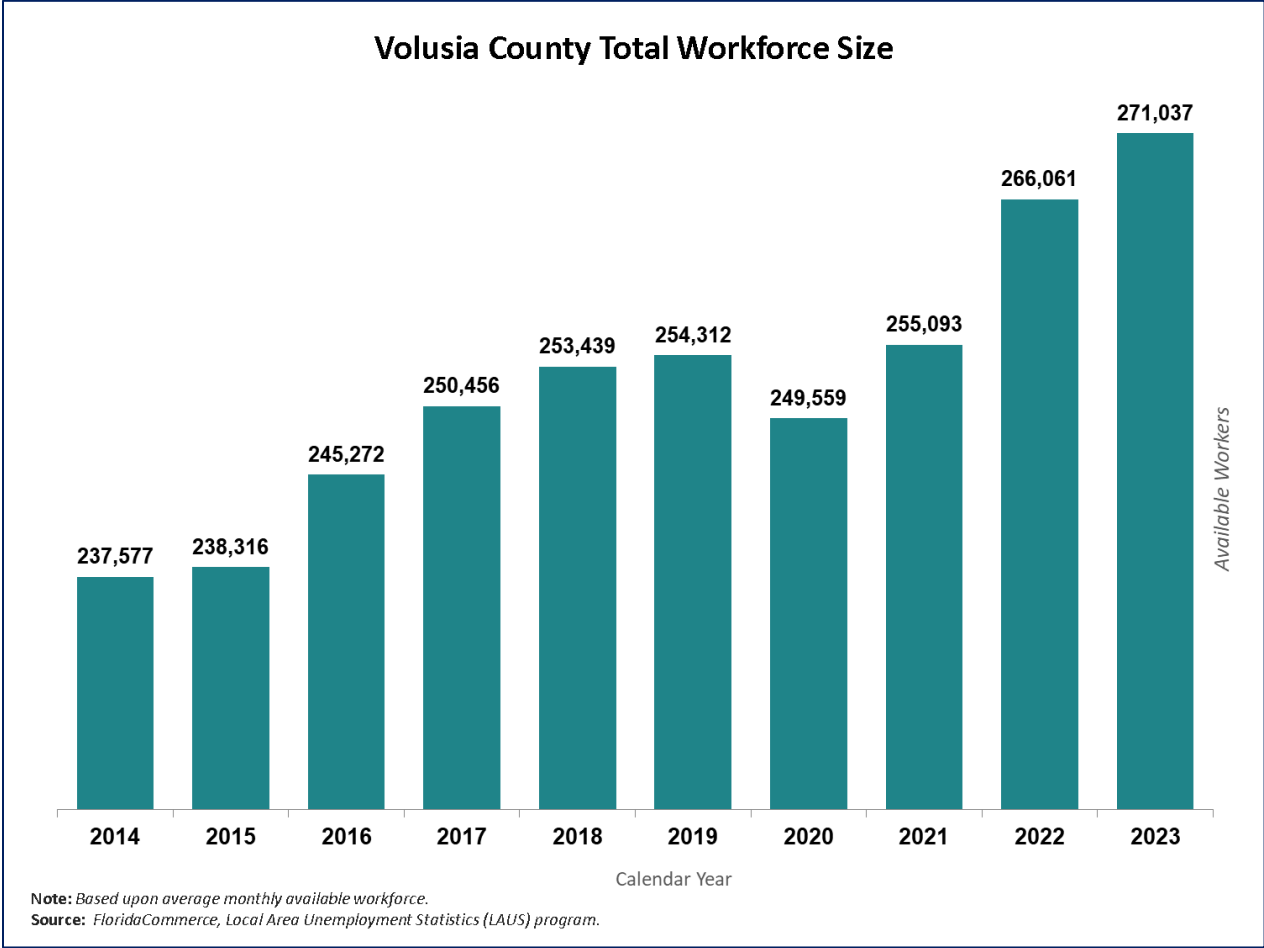
Regional Average Annual Wage Comparison

Volusia County wages are regionally competitive allowing businesses to attract the talent they need.

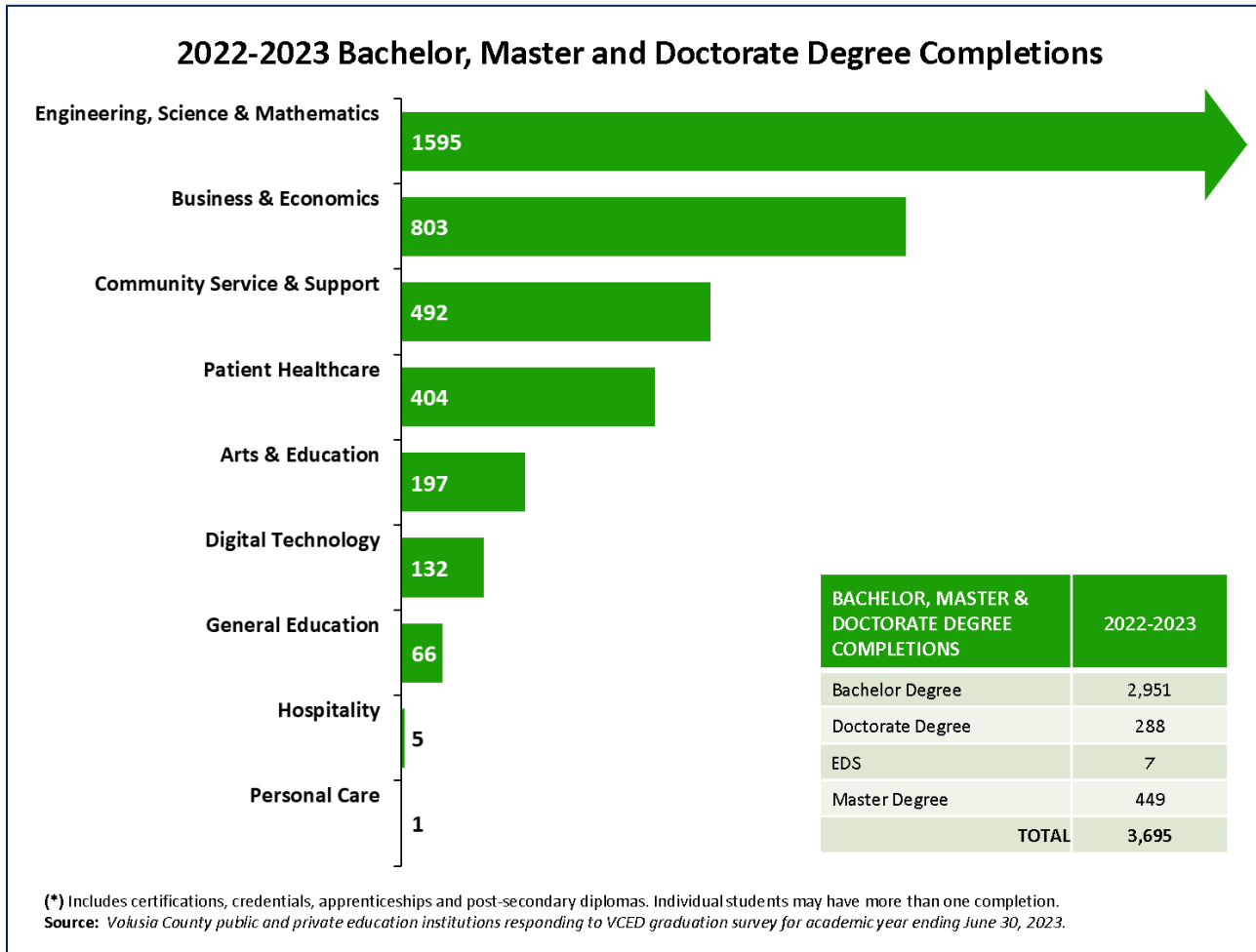


Average Workforce Size

Volusia County available total workforce has surpassed pre-pandemic levels to record levels of approximately 271,037 in 2023.



Bachelor, Master and Doctorate Degree Completions



Total Education Completions

2022-23 Volusia County Education Completions


BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



Total 1,771

Education Sector	Totals
Accounting/Finance	164
Business Administration	442
Business Ops. & Mgmt.	294
Economics	10
Finance	117
Marketing & Promo	
Enterprise	454
Office Admin – General	136
Office Admin – Medical	154

ENGINEERING, SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS



Total 1,751

Education Sector	Totals
Aero Science/Tech	659
Aerospace	14
Aviation Maint. Science	8
Engineering	764
Mathematics	40
Robotics	1
Science	265

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY



Total 1,184

Education Sector	Totals
Audio/Visual Media	370
Computer Aided Design	41
Computer Technology	50
Digital Networks	4
Information Technology	687
Programming/Coding	32

PATIENT HEALTHCARE



Total 1,033

Education Sector	Totals
Medical and Dental	1,033


COMMUNITY SERVICE & SUPPORT



Total 868

Education Sector	Totals
Emergency Services	264
Humanities & Gov't	371
Legal	233


PRODUCTION & MAINTENANCE



Total 760

Education Sector	Totals
Agriculture	254
Automotive Tech	37
Building	64
Construction*	72
HVAC	12
Manufacturing	64
Utilities	257

ARTS & EDUCATION



Total 259

Education Sector	Totals
Early Childhood Education	28
Education	130
Music	49
Visual Arts/Design	52

EDUCATION SECTORS NOT PICTURED

Education Sector	Totals
Culinary/Hospitality	251
General	6,122
Personal Care	196

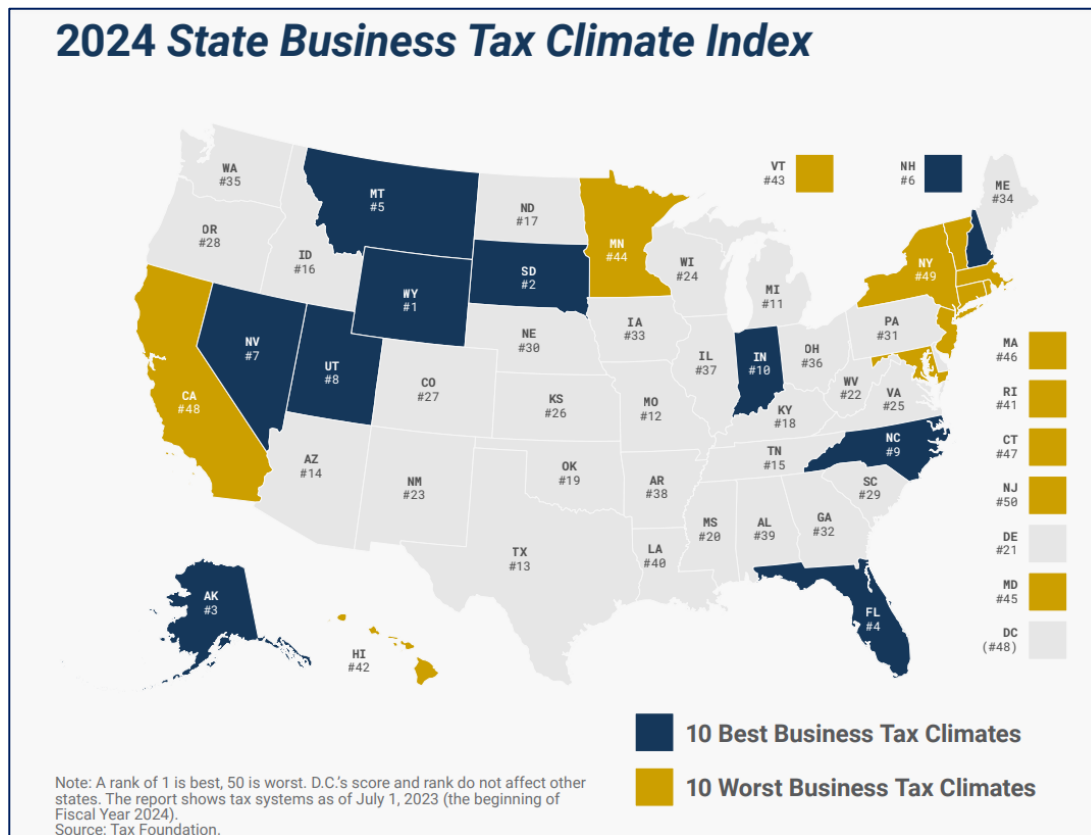
(*) Includes certifications, credentials, apprenticeships and post-secondary diplomas. Individual students may have more than one completion.
 Source: Volusia County public and private education institutions responding to VCED graduation survey for academic year ending June 30, 2023.

State Taxes

According to the Tax Foundation's [State Business Tax Climate Index](#), Florida has been ranked the 4th best state for how well the tax system is structured and moving towards even greater improvement. This is the 8th year in a row for a No. 4 ranking.

Florida's corporate income tax rate declined from 5.5% to 4.4% in September 2019, effective for tax years 2019-2021. This temporary reduction is the result of revenue triggers adopted in 2018, and enhanced revenue from corporate base broadening.*

Additionally Florida has no Personal Income Tax.



Technical Assistance

Business Concierge Services

Bliss Jamison 386-566-4966

Oak Hill, Mike Arman 386-672-0200

Edgewater, Ryan Solstice 386-424-2400 ext 1501

New Smyrna Beach, Samantha Bergeron 386-279-2497

Volusia Business Resources: <https://www.volusiabusinessresources.com/>

Data and Telecommunications

- **Internet:** There are nine internet providers covering 100% of Volusia County. Speeds average 919 Mbps.
- **Cable:** 98.36% of Volusia County has access to cable internet and is the fastest service to 85.5% of the county.
- **Fiber:** The average Volusia County property can get up to 988 Mbps on their fiber internet plan. The fastest fiber download speed in the county is 1,000 Mbps. Fiber is available in 12.79% of the county primarily in industrial areas along the Interstate 95 corridor.

*Source: <https://bestneighborhood.org/cable-tv-and-internet-volusia-county-fl/>

Business Incubators and Resource Centers

Volusia County Incubators exist to nurture local businesses through collaboration and learning. They provide hands-on support that can accelerate the growth of both new and existing business ventures. These collaborative environments provide access to experienced mentors, low cost space, a variety of funding sources, product development equipment and a pool of curious and creative minds. [Incubators/Centers](#).

Strategic Partners and Programs

Learn more about the outstanding business resources available to you. Our [business support partners](#) have capable teams and offer numerous programs to help meet your particular business need.

Resource Directory

Matching your current needs with the right business resources can be a confusing task but we're here to help. Explore the collaborative partner [business resource navigation tool](#) that can be searched by the stage of your business, category of need or organization name. If you can't find a resource you need, give us a call at 386-566-4966 or [contact us](#) and we'll guide you to the resources you seek and help make the connection.

Networking

Studies have shown that informal professional networks and communities are as valuable to entrepreneurial success as formal structures such as incubators and accelerators. Peer advice, especially from a business owner who's already been through it all, is priceless when trying to overcome unfamiliar obstacles. Start building your professional network at one or more of the networking events or networking organizations available to you in the community.

Small Business Checklist

When you have a business idea, where do you go from there? Follow our [10 Steps to Help Launch Your Business guide](#) or follow [other startup guides](#) available to you.

Business Certifications

If you're a small business owner who belongs to an underserved group, you may be [eligible for certain business certifications](#) that can help you access more government contracts and private-sector opportunities.

Exporting

United States GDP accounts for only 15% of the global economy, leaving significant opportunity for many domestic businesses to grow through exports to international customers. Should international trade be part of your strategy? Learn more about the export development programs and logistics assets available and take advantage of our relationships with [JaxPort](#) and [Port Canaveral](#) to gain valuable insights about developing new international markets.

- [Select Florida](#) - Select Florida's six trade offices around the state assist Florida businesses with developing new international markets and exporting their products and services around the globe. [Programs and services](#) provided include:
 - Trade Development Services
 - Export Diversification Grants
 - International Office Network
- [Central Florida International Trade Office](#) - provides a single point of contact for navigating international trade resources available in Central Florida.
- [International Trade Administration](#) - offers trade expertise to assist with exporting; guidance and tips on how to grow your business and export successfully.

Workforce Development

There are excellent recruiting and employee training programs available through [CareerSource Flagler Volusia](#) and our local colleges and universities. If you anticipate growing or upskilling your team in the future, explore the programs below to see if they're right for you.

- [Customized training](#)
- [On-the-job training](#)
- [Incumbent Worker Training](#)
- [Quick Response Training](#)
- [Business & Industry Courses](#)
- [Virtual Job Fairs](#)

Workforce Re-Entry Program



The Volusia County Division of Corrections (VCDC) Re-entry program is committed to readying individuals to be released from its facilities with personal growth and employment opportunities. Volusia County Economic Development has been working with VCDC to connect employers with program participants as they re-enter the workforce. The program offers technical and practical training in various fields with participants receiving certification or licensing upon completion.

Industry certifications offered include:

- Construction and Concrete Certification
- OSHA certification
- Heavy Equipment Licensing
- FDOT Flagger Licensing
- Commercial Landscape Maintenance/Horticulture
- In-2-Work (kitchen prep and safety)
- GED completion

In addition to industry certification, program participants are offered self-improvement counseling and job readiness skills to prepare them for successful re-entry into the workforce. These include life skills, financial literacy, and anger management. An effective method of lowering recidivism is to empower those individuals to be released with personal skills and employment opportunities. In 2023, VCDC's Re-entry program assisted over 1,400 individuals.

Interested employers seeking to hire can submit an [Employer Application Form](#). For more information, contact Volusia County Economic Development at (386) 248-8048 or email Business Specialist Ricardi Calixte at rcalixte@volusia.org.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES from FLORIDA

Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus – Created by the Legislature in 1997 to encourage development of abandoned, idled or underused industrial and commercial sites where expansion or development is complicated by environmental contamination. The Bonus is designed for sites recognized as a Brownfield Area AND which possess a Brownfield Site Rehabilitation Agreement (BSRA) with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This can provide for up to \$2,500 in tax refunds per new Florida job created. Eligible businesses must demonstrate a fixed capital investment of at least \$2M in mixed-used business activities, including multiunit housing, commercial, retail, and industrial and create at least 10 new full-time jobs with benefits.

For more information for the above program, please visit

[Enterprise Florida – Doing Business in Florida has Advantages](#)

TAX CREDITS

Rural and Urban Job Tax Credits – An incentive for eligible businesses located within one of 36 rural areas or 13 urban areas to create new jobs. The tax credit ranges from \$500 to \$2,000 per qualified employee and can be taken against either the Florida Corporate Income Tax or the Florida Sales and Use Tax. These tax credits are provided to encourage meaningful employment opportunities that will improve the quality of life of those employed and to encourage economic expansion of businesses in rural and urban areas of Florida.

For more information for the above program, please visit: [Florida Department of Economic Opportunity](#)

Capital Investment Tax Credit (CITC) – Used to attract and grow capital-intensive industries in Florida. It is an annual credit against the corporate income tax which is available for up to 20 years in an amount up to 5% of the eligible capital costs generated by a qualifying project. Eligible capital costs include all expenses incurred in the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of a project from the beginning of construction to the commencement of operations. Available to businesses in certain high impact performance sectors. Businesses that make an investment of at least \$100M are eligible to receive the full credit.

For more information for the above program, please visit: [Enterprise Florida – Doing Business in Florida has Advantages](#)

HIGH IMPACT BUSINESS PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANT

The High Impact Business Performance Incentive Grant is a negotiated incentive used to attract and grow major high impact facilities in Florida. Grants are provided to pre-approved applicants in certain high-impact sectors as designated by the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Once recommended by Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) and approved by DEO, the high impact business is awarded 50 percent of the eligible grant upon commencement of operations and the balance of the awarded grant once full employment and capital investment goals are met. Eligibility includes:

- Operating within designated high impact portions of the following sectors: Clean Energy, Corporate Headquarters, Financial Services, Life Sciences, Information Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation Equipment Manufacturing, and Semiconductors;
- Creating at least 50 new full-time equivalent jobs in Florida in a designated high impact sector in a 3-year period; or if a research and development facility, creating at least 25 new full-time equivalent jobs in a 3-year period; and
- Making a cumulative investment in the state of at least \$50 million in a 3-year period, or if a research and development facility, making a cumulative investment of at least \$25 million in a 3-year period.

For more information for the above program, please visit: [incentive-high-impact-performance-grant.pdf](#)

TAX EXEMPTIONS

Semiconductor, Space and Defense Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Used to attract and grow businesses in these sectors by providing an exemption for all sales and use taxes on investments in machinery and equipment used in manufacturing and research.

For more information for the above program, please visit

[Grow Your Business in Florida | SelectFlorida](#)

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

The Opportunity Zone Program aims to foster economic development and job creation in economically distressed communities. It was created by the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to encourage businesses, developers and financial institutions to invest long-term capital in low-income census tract areas. These areas were designated as Qualified Opportunity Zones by the U.S. Department of Treasury in June 2018. Investments are made in Opportunity Zones through U.S. Treasury Qualified Opportunity Zone Funds, which must invest over 90 percent of their assets in Qualified Opportunity Zone properties and businesses. Qualified Opportunity Zone Funds attract investors through possible tax benefits. Tax benefits can accrue once unrealized capital gains from other investments are rolled into Qualified Opportunity Zone Funds. A total of 427 Qualified Opportunity Zones are designated in Florida and located in every county in the state, stretching from the Panhandle through the Keys.

To view Opportunity Zones in Florida, please visit [Opportunity Zones Program - FloridaJobs.org](https://www.floridajobs.org/opportunity-zones)