

## **Living in Jacksonville**

Metro Jacksonville is the 12th most populous city in the U.S. at 1,688,208. Population has grown by 2 percent in the past year, which makes it the 6th fastest growing large metropolitan city.

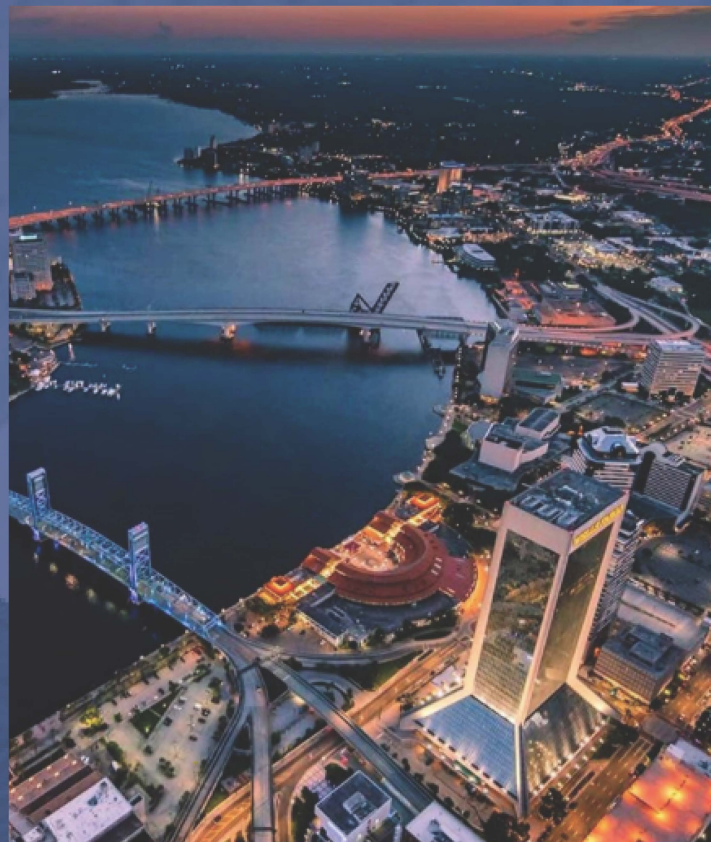
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Jacksonville is a well-rounded city with convenient location, mild climate, reasonable cost of living, high quality of life, and business-friendly environment.

Additionally, it has the incentive of intermodal transportation with leading distribution centers. The growing city is also the center for advanced medicine with a growing medical hub of over 10 top-rated medical facilities. The Jacksonville region is an economic driver and gateway to Florida.

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Towering skyscrapers line the St. Johns River, and Jacksonville, the largest city in square miles in the continental United States, is home to three U.S. Navy bases, numerous major corporations, a Professional Golf Association tournament, the Jacksonville Jaguars National Football League team and three minor league sports teams. There are 10 colleges, universities, and professional schools within 30 miles.



Jacksonville offers five-star restaurants, resorts and other leisure activities. Its geographical location puts to many cultural, historic and entertainment centers in both Florida and Georgia. The area is home to national landmarks such as historic St. Augustine and Fernandina Beach, as well as leisure sites such as the St. Johns River, World Golf Village and Marineland. With Savannah and Amelia island just lying north of Jacksonville. Every newcomer has a location in northeast Florida from oceanfront living, a downtown urban loft or a rural homestead.

# Cost of Living

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Jacksonville's housing market is ranked as one of the most affordable in the country. Median home sales price is \$180,300 (2020). Cost of living is 5% lower than the national average with housing expenses that are 11% lower than the national average and the utility prices are 8% lower than the national average (2020) Transportation expenses like bus fares and gas prices are 3% lower than the national average (2020). Healthcare in Jacksonville is 13% lower than the national average (2020). Compared to other major cities, cost of living is 26.1% higher, 4.5% higher in Phoenix, and 12.3% higher in Dallas. There are many affordable places to rent or buy within a short drive of Mayo Clinic.

# General Sites

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[City of Jacksonville](#)



[Jobs in Jacksonville](#)



[Northeast Florida  
Regional Council](#)



# Festivals & Concerts






-  [Metropolitan Park](#)
-  [Jax Beach Festivals](#)
-  [Jacksonville Events](#)
-  [Springing the Blues](#)
-  [Ecofest Mid-April](#)
-  [Fernandina Shrimp Festival](#)
-  [Taste of St. Augustine](#)
-  [Jacksonville Crawfish Festival: Late April](#)
-  [Crawfish Festival in Woodbine, GA: Late April](#)
-  [Corn Festival: Mid May](#)
-  [Strawberry Festival Late Feb/Early March](#)
-  [Wilson Center for the Arts](#)
-  [Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra](#)
-  [Jacksonville Time-Union Center](#)

-  [Ponte Vedra Concert Hall](#)
-  [St. Augustine Ampitheatre](#)
-  [Local Music Scene](#)
-  [Seawalk Pavilion at Jacksonville Beach](#)
-  [The Comedy Zone](#)
-  [Suwannee River Jam](#)






# Keeping Active for a Cause



-  [Gate River Runs](#)
-  [Dona Breast Cancer Runs](#)
-  [Upcoming Runs](#)

# Parks



-  [Local Parks](#)
-  [Ravina Gardens State Park](#)
-  [Kings Landing and Rock Springs](#)
-  [Jekyll Island](#)
-  [Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park](#)

# Arts & Culture



Cumer Museum of Art  
and Gardens



Florida Theatre



Museum of  
Contemporary Art  
Jacksonville



Ritz Theatre & Museum



Fort Caroline



Talbot Island



Alexander Brest  
Museum



Stellers Gallery



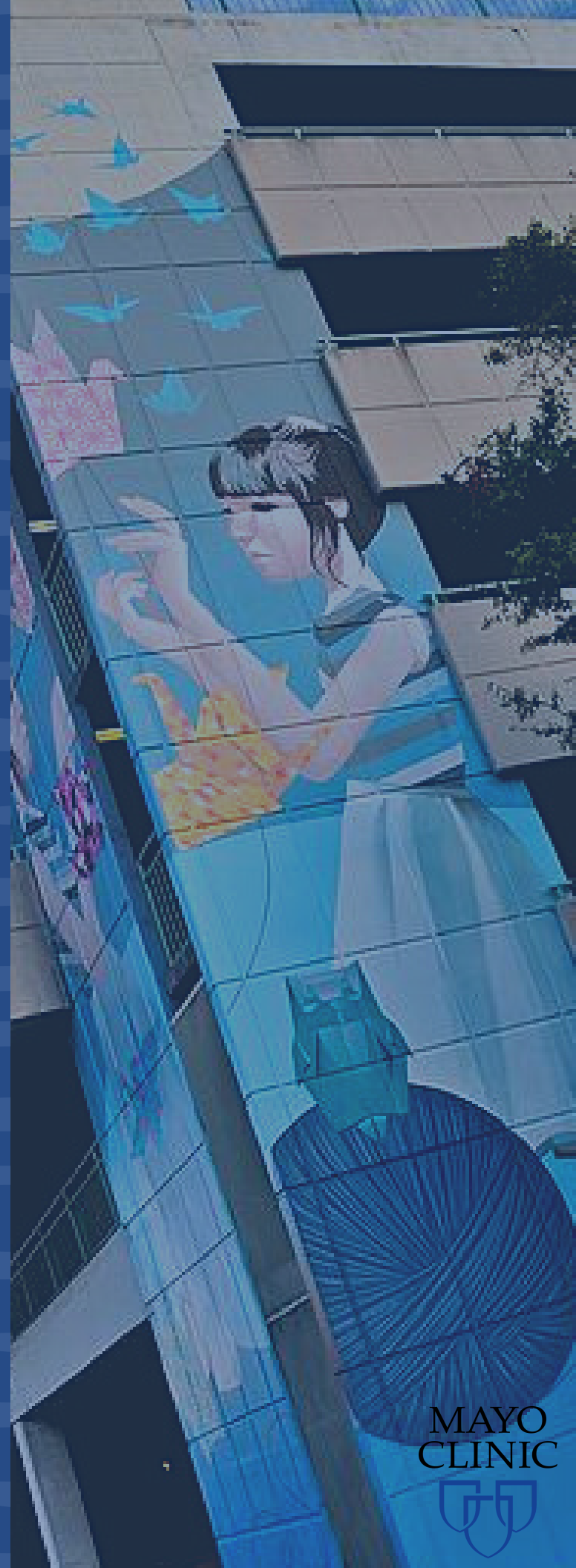
Karpeles Manuscript  
Library



Friendship Fountain



Art Walk



# Sports



 [Jacksonville Suns](#)

 [Jacksonville Jaguars](#)

 [Jacksonville Sharks](#)

 [Nascar Events](#)

 [Players Championship](#)

 [Gate River Run](#)

 [Area Golf Courses World Village](#)

# Shopping



 [St John Town Center](#)

 [Regency Square Mall Avenues](#)

 [The Shoppes of Avondale](#)

 [Riverside Arts Mart](#)

# Local Restaurants



 [OpenTable](#)

 [50 Best Restaurants](#)



## Transportation



 [Jacksonville International Airport](#)

## School and Universities



 [Duval County Public Schools](#)

 [St. Johns County Public](#)

 [Jacksonville Private Schools](#)

 [University of North Florida](#)

 [Florida State College at Jacksonville](#)

 [Jacksonville University](#)

## Family Friendly Activities



 [YMCA](#)

 [Museum of Science and History](#)

 [Elizabeth's Tea Room](#)

 [Hands on Children Museum](#)

 [Jacksonville Public Libraries](#)



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## Family Friendly Activities (cont.)

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-  [Marineland](#)
-  [Silver Springs](#)
-  [Alligator Farm](#)
-  [Jacksonville Zoo](#)
-  [Kennedy Space Center](#)
-  [State Parks](#)
-  [Adventure Landing](#)
-  [Castillo de San Marcos](#)
-  [Ripley's Believe or Not](#)
-  [The Golden Isles](#)
-  [Savannah](#)
-  [Fort Pulaski National Monument](#)
-  [Daytona Beach](#)
-  [Space Coast](#)

## Day/Weekend Trip

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-  [Fernandina /Amelia Island](#)
-  [Ferry from Mayport to Fernandina](#)
-  [Fort Clinch State Park](#)
-  [Cumberland Island National Seashore](#)
-  [St Augustine](#)
-  [St Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum](#)
-  [Spanish Quarter Museum](#)
-  [Kennedy Space Center](#)
-  [Canaveral National Seashore](#)
-  [Charleston](#)
-  [Orlando](#)
-  [Walt Disney World](#)
-  [Universal Studios](#)
-  [SeaWorld](#)
-  [Panama City & Destin](#)
-  [Tampa](#)
-  [Busch Gardens](#)
-  [Jacksonville Hot Spots](#)