

# MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRY SECTOR BRIEF

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FLORIDA'S 25,000+ MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS PRODUCE NEARLY EVERYTHING, INCLUDING SUCCESS.<sup>1</sup>

Thanks in part to its pro-business policies, strong workforce, and trade infrastructure — Florida ranks among the nation's top three states for manufacturing.<sup>1</sup> Florida's manufacturers produce a wide variety of goods including aerospace products, batteries, food and beverages, communications equipment, pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, boats, and more.

**BUSINESS CLIMATE**

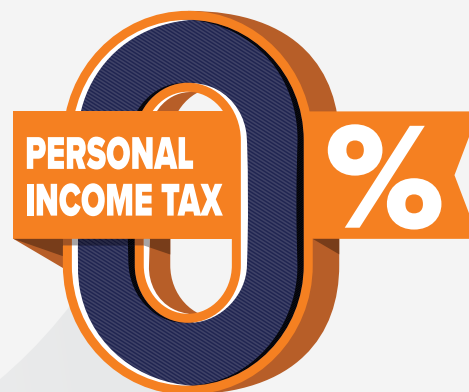
Consistently ranked one of the best states for business — Florida is committed to keeping regulatory requirements and business taxes low. Which, along with a strong economy and zero personal state income tax, makes Florida a great place to do business. We won't stand in the way of your success.

**We will pave the way for it.**

FLORIDA HAS THE  
**4TH BEST TAX CLIMATE  
IN THE U.S.<sup>2</sup>**



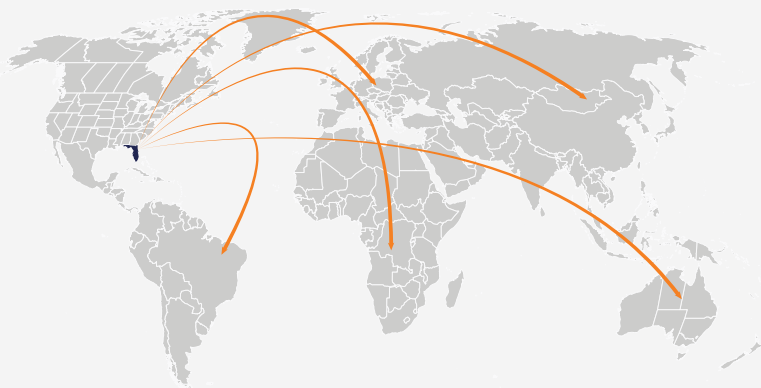
**#2 BEST STATE FOR BUSINESS<sup>3</sup>**



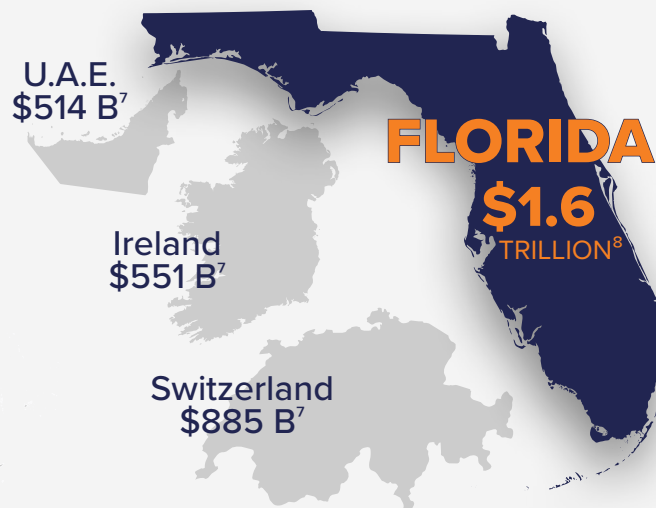
STATE  
**CREDIT RATING<sup>6</sup>**  
**AAA**

**BOUNDLESS MARKET**

Florida is an economic superstate — home to 23+ million residents<sup>4</sup> and home-away-from-home for 142+ million annual visitors.<sup>5</sup> Whether you and your customers are serving Florida's large market, the U.S., Latin America, or the globe, **Florida can help you find new growth opportunities anywhere.**



**16TH LARGEST GLOBAL ECONOMY,  
IF FLORIDA WERE A COUNTRY<sup>7,8</sup>**



Source: 1 Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023 QCEW; 2 Tax Foundation; 3 Chief Executive; 4 U.S. Census Bureau; 5 Visit Florida; 6 S&P Global; 7 World Bank; 8 U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis  
Note: Manufacturing Industry is defined in this brief as a set of manufacturing-related NAICS codes included in Florida's targeted industries.

# TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Florida has one of the world's most extensive multi-modal transportation systems — giving you the ability to move your product anywhere in the world. **So, the only thing easier than operating your business in Florida is moving your product out of Florida.**



**21** Commercial Service Airports<sup>9</sup>



**3** Spaceport Facilities<sup>9</sup>



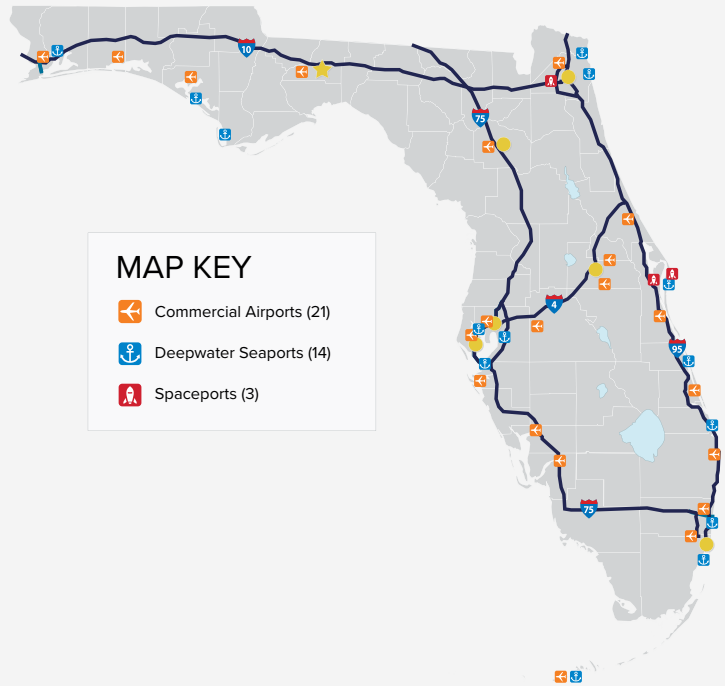
**14** Deepwater Seaports<sup>9</sup>



**2,700+** Miles of Freight Rail Tracks<sup>10</sup>



**120,000+** Miles of Roadway<sup>9</sup>



# WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE

Nothing is more important to a company's success than its workforce. More than 420,000 Floridians work in the state's manufacturing industries<sup>1</sup> and our training schools, state colleges, and universities are among the nation's top producers of STEM graduates. **So while we're helping you succeed with today's talent, we're also preparing tomorrow's.**

**#1** in NET TECH EMPLOYMENT in the SOUTHEAST<sup>11</sup>

Table source: Lightcast 2024.4 (data as of 2022-2023 academic year)

FLORIDA'S ANNUAL OUTPUT OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES		
Program	"Certificates and Degrees 2023 Completions"	2023 Jobs
Civil Engineering, General	1022	38729
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	46	59560
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	751	214668
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	498	219265
Electrical and Electronics Engineering	1582	35539
Electrician	1005	181094
Industrial Engineering	408	28487
Manufacturing Engineering Technology/Technician	80	925513
Materials Engineering	194	23149
Mechanical Engineering	2045	44160
Metal Fabricator	21	2327
Operations Management and Supervision	1506	688992
Welding Technology/Welder	2199	143295
<b>Total</b>	<b>11357</b>	<b>2604779</b>

Source: 1 Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023 QCEW; 9 Florida Department of Transportation; 10 Association of American Railroads; 11 CompTIA

# FLORIDA'S MANUFACTURING HEAT MAP

**25,000+**

Manufacturing Establishments in Florida<sup>1</sup>

**420,000+**

Manufacturing Industry Employees<sup>1</sup>

**#3**

U.S. State for Manufacturing Establishments<sup>1</sup>

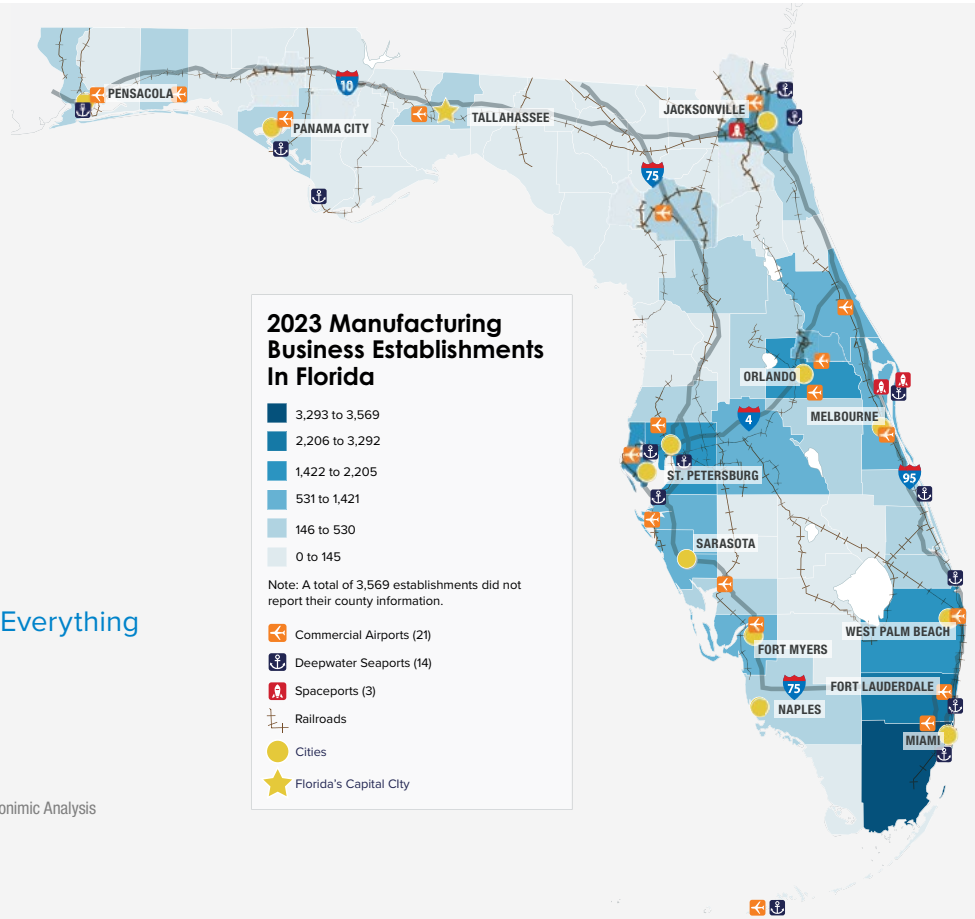
**A-Z**

Florida Companies Manufacture Everything from Airplanes to Zirconium

**\$77 Billion**

in GDP in 2023<sup>12</sup>

Source: 1 Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023 QCEW; 12 Bureau of Economic Analysis  
Map Source: Lightcast 2024.4; QCEW

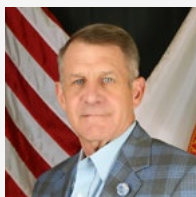


## SERVICES

- **Confidential Site Selection and Property Search Assistance**
- **Target Industry Sector Expertise**  
Aviation and Aerospace, Defense and Homeland Security, Manufacturing, Financial and Professional Services, Life Sciences, Information Technology, Logistics and Distribution, Cleantech, and Headquarters.
- **Demographic and Workforce Information**
- **State Agency Liaison**
- **Permitting and Regulatory Assistance**
- **Incentive Programs**
- **Export Counseling**
- **Overseas Trade Shows and Trade Missions**
- **Certificates of Free Sale**

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