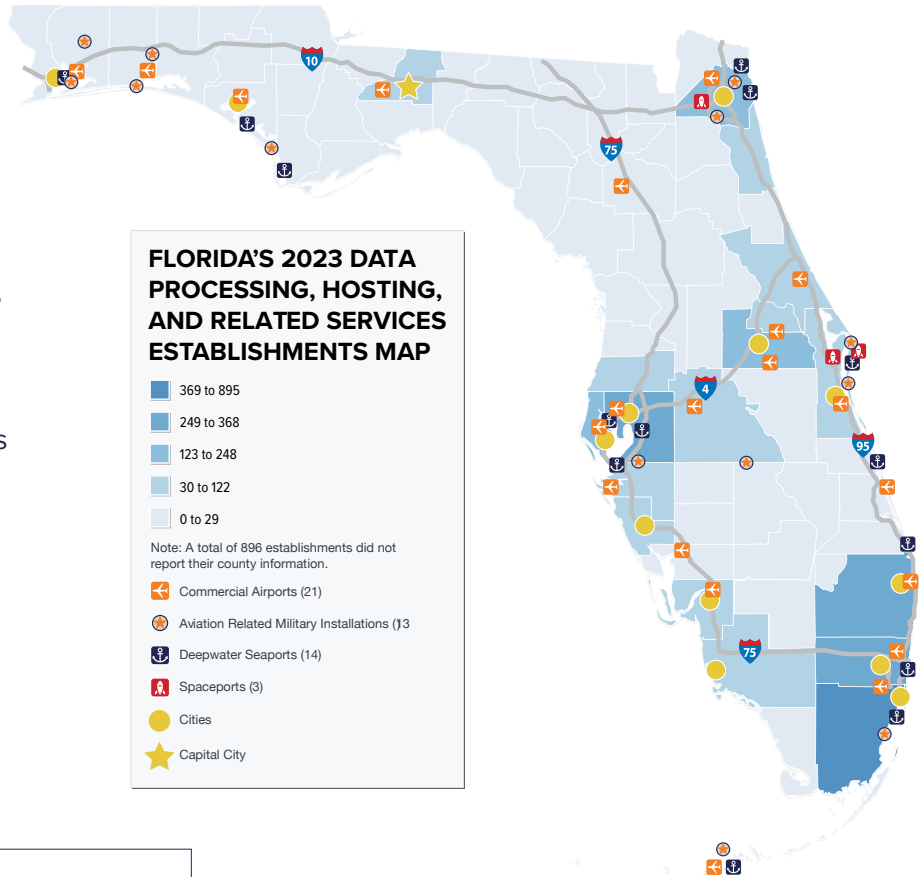


# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

## DATA CENTERS

### Why Florida?

Florida's Data Center Industry provides numerous advantages to businesses seeking reliable technology infrastructure and support. With a robust fiber optic backbone, top-tier data centers, and fast connections to major metropolitan areas, Florida's computing infrastructure enables efficient data transfer to ensure business continuity. Additionally, the state offers a favorable regulatory environment for technology companies and world-class talent, attracting top IT professionals to the region.



**FLORIDA'S 2023 DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING, AND RELATED SERVICES ESTABLISHMENTS MAP**

- 369 to 895
- 249 to 368
- 123 to 248
- 30 to 122
- 0 to 29

Note: A total of 896 establishments did not report their county information.

- Commercial Airports (21)
- Aviation Related Military Installations (13)
- Deepwater Seaports (14)
- Spaceports (3)
- Cities
- ★ Capital City

**MORE THAN 15,000 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL COMPLETIONS**



**IN COMPUTER, INFORMATION SCIENCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMS<sup>1</sup>**

**5,000+ BACHELOR'S DEGREES AWARDED.<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Lightcast 2024.3 (Data as of 2022-2023 academic year)

**IN STATES LIKE FLORIDA, THE PRESENCE OF LARGE METROPOLITAN CENTERS AND FAVORABLE TAX CODE CREATE UNIQUE INCENTIVES TO**



**CONSTRUCT NEW NETWORK LINES IN THE REGION.<sup>2</sup>**



<sup>2</sup> IBISWorld Report

**FLORIDA IS THE 2ND LARGEST U.S. STATE FOR DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING AND RELATED SERVICES ESTABLISHMENTS.<sup>3</sup>**



**3,300+ ESTABLISHMENTS<sup>3</sup>**

<sup>3</sup> BLS, 2023 QCEW

**FLORIDA IS THE 3RD LARGEST U.S. STATE FOR DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING AND RELATED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT.<sup>3</sup>**



**29,500+ JOBS<sup>3</sup>**

<sup>3</sup> BLS, 2023 QCEW

# FLORIDA'S ASSETS AND BUSINESS ADVANTAGES FOR DATA CENTERS

- **INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTIVITY** – THE SUNSHINE STATE HAS INVESTED IN ROBUST TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTIVITY INCLUDING FIBER-OPTIC NETWORKS, ENHANCING DATA TRANSFER SPEEDS AND RELIABILITY.
- **CYBER FLORIDA AT USF** – WORKING ACROSS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, THE CENTER IS A STATE-FUNDED ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO POSITIONING FLORIDA AS A NATIONAL LEADER IN CYBERSECURITY BY PROMOTING OUTREACH, ENHANCING THE STATE'S CYBER TALENT PIPELINE THROUGH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES, AND FOSTERING CUTTING-EDGE APPLIED RESEARCH.
- **THE FLORIDA HIGH TECH CORRIDOR** – THE CORRIDOR IS ANCHORED BY THREE OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS: THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA (UCF), THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA (USF), AND THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (UF). STRETCHING ACROSS 23 COUNTIES, THE CORRIDOR CONVERGES AND CATALYZES THE CAPACITY OF HIGH-TECH, INNOVATION, AND BRIGHT MINDS IN THE REGION.
- **CAREERSOURCE FLORIDA** – LOCAL WORKFORCE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARDS CONNECT BUSINESSES WITH FLORIDA'S SKILLED WORKFORCE BY OFFERING FUNDING AND RESOURCES FOR TRAINING..
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES** – FLORIDA IS ONE OF THE FEW STATES THAT PROVIDES ELECTRICITY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND COST-EFFECTIVE LOCATIONS FOR OPERATING DATA CENTER FACILITIES.
- **125 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS** OFFERING COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES PROGRAMS ACROSS THE SUNSHINE STATE (NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS).
- **GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION** – FLORIDA'S GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION MAKES IT A STRATEGIC HUB FOR DATA CENTERS, BOTH FOR THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS, BY LEVERAGING ITS CONNECTIVITY WITH LATIN AMERICA AND EUROPE.

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