

INDUSTRY SECTOR BRIEF

MILITARY AND DEFENSE

— INCL. DUAL USE TECH, LAW ENFORCEMENT TECH, MODELING, SIMULATION AND TRAINING

SELECTFLORIDA

FLORIDA'S STRENGTHS IN DEFENSE & HOMELAND SECURITY.

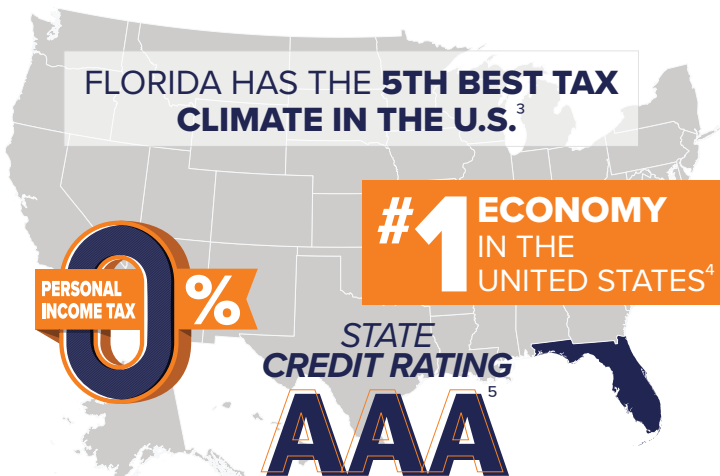
Florida is a national leader in Military and Defense, supported by a vast ecosystem of premier contractors, specialized suppliers, and innovative technology firms. From advanced weapon systems to globally recognized modeling, simulation, and training capabilities, Florida companies support mission critical operations across every domain. Anchored by major military installations and a highly skilled talent pipeline, Florida provides an unparalleled environment for Military and Defense firms to grow.

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.

WITH A **\$1.87 TRILLION GDP**
IN Q4 OF 2025¹

FLORIDA WOULD BE THE **15TH**
LARGEST GLOBAL ECONOMY IF IT
WERE A STANDALONE COUNTRY.²



FLORIDA RANKS **#1 STATE** FOR NEW
BUSINESS FORMATIONS⁶

MILITARY AND DEFENSE LEADERSHIP

Florida is a national leader in Military and Defense, supported by more than 85,000 active-duty military personnel and over 30,000 Department of Defense Professionals. Florida consistently ranks among the top five in the nation for defense contract awards and is home to 21 major military installations, including three unified combatant commands. With a favorable tax structure and business friendly environment, Florida offers a strategic and competitive location for defense companies to grow.^{7,8,9,10,11}

FLORIDA'S TARGET INDUSTRY SECTOR EXPERTISE:

4 CROSS-CUTTING:

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

LOGISTICS – incl. Shipping, Distribution, Packaging, Processing

MANUFACTURING

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

8 SECTOR-SPECIFIC:

AEROSPACE AND AVIATION – incl. MRO, Pilot Training, Air Traffic Control, AAM, UAS/UAV

AGTECH – incl. Emerging Technologies, Timber, Aquaculture, etc.

ENERGY SECURITY – incl. Semiconductors, Superconducting, Nuclear, Hydrogen, Energy Storage, etc.

FINANCIAL SERVICES – incl. Insurance, FinTech

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – incl. Emerging TECHNOLOGIES, CYBERSECURITY

LIFE SCIENCES – incl. Pharmaceuticals, Medical Device Technology, Digital Health

MARITIME – incl. Commercial and Industrial Base Shipbuilding, MRO

MILITARY AND DEFENSE – incl. Dual Use Tech, Law Enforcement Tech, Modeling, Simulation and Training

Source: 1 U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis 2025.Q4; 2 U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and World Bank; 3 Tax Foundation; 4 U.S. News and World Report; 5 S&P Global; 6 U.S. Census Bureau; 7 Military State Policy Source; 8 U.S. Department of War - U.S. Office of Personnel Management; 9 U.S. Department of War; 10 FloridaCommerce, Office of Military and Defense; 11 U.S. Central Command.

FLORIDA FAST FACTS

SIZE: More Than 36,000 AIRCRAFT, MISSILES, AND ORDINANCE MANUFACTURING EMPLOYEES AND OVER 670 ESTABLISHMENTS¹²

AIRSPACE & INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

Florida offers thousands of square miles of **controlled land and over water air space**, more than **300 days of VFR flight conditions** a year, and multiple aerospace and defense parks with **“through the fence” access**. Your business can run smoothly and efficiently in Florida.

Florida Ranks:

#2 U.S. State for Search, Detection, Navigation, Aeronautical, and Nautical System and Instrument Manufacturing establishments¹³

#2 U.S. State for Aerospace Products and Parts Manufacturing Establishments¹³

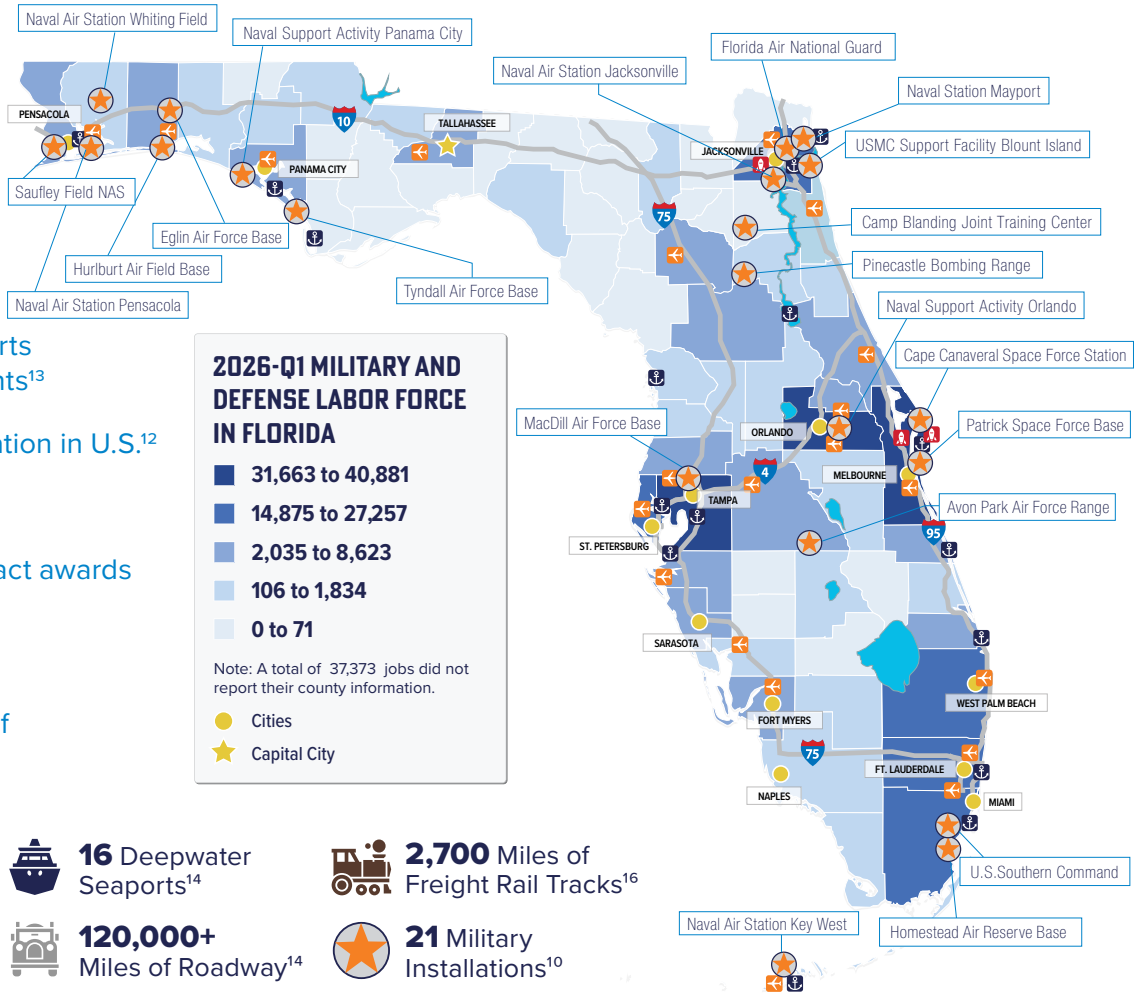
3rd Largest Veteran Population in U.S.¹²

#4 in Defense Spending⁹

#4 U.S. State in DOD contract awards with 34.8 billion in FY 2024⁹

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Defense Economic Impact of **\$102.6 Billion**¹⁰



21 Commercial Service Airports¹⁴

16 Deepwater Seaports¹⁴

2,700 Miles of Freight Rail Tracks¹⁶

3 Spaceport Facilities¹⁴
7 Spaceport Territories¹⁵

120,000+ Miles of Roadway¹⁴

21 Military Installations¹⁰

Source: 9 U.S. Department of War; 10 Florida Commerce, Office of Military and Defense; 12 Lightcast 2026.Q1; 13 Bureau of Labor Statistics QCEW 2025.Q3; 14 Florida Department of Transportation; 15 SpaceFlorida; 16 Association of American Railroads.
 Map Source: Lightcast 2026.1

OUR SERVICES

- Confidential Site Selection and Property Search Assistance
- 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
- Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practices

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