

Florida (FL)

Capital City: Tallahassee

Major Cities: Miami, Tampa, St.Petersburgh, Orlando

Major Companies: World Fuel Services, Tech Data, Jabil Circuit, Auto Nation, Lennar, Publix Super Markets, WellCare Health Plans, NextEra Energy, Navarro Discount Pharmacies, Genesis

Major Sectors/Economy:

- Florida's \$1.0 trillion economy is the fourth largest in the United States
- Service industries comprise the largest portion of the Florida economy
- The community, business and personal services sector ranks first in importance, with private health care, law firms, hotels and amusement parks, and repair shops.
- Ranking second is Florida's finance, insurance and real estate industry.
- Electrical equipment (military communications systems, broadcasting components and telephone equipment) manufacturing ranks second, behind the food processing industry
- Florida's digital media industry comprises nearly 4,200 companies, developing some of the best video games, mobile applications, and theme park applications in the world.
- The state is home to more than 18,200 manufacturers employing more than 317,000 workers, ranking it among the nation's top 10 states for manufacturing
- With more than 1,000 biotech, pharmaceutical, and medical device companies, a foundation of more than 45,000 health care establishments, including 700 hospitals, Florida's life sciences industry is now seen as one of the nation's hub for innovation and research.
- If Florida were an independent nation, it would have the 17th Largest economy in the world
- Florida is home to two of the nine active spaceports in the United States: Cape Canaveral Spaceport and the Cecil Field Spaceport, making it one of the largest marketplaces for aerospace and aviation technology of any state in the nation
- Florida's famed agriculture industry employs two million people and contributes more than \$104 billion to the state's economy each year
- In the Twentieth century, tourism, industry, construction, international banking, biomedical and life sciences, healthcare, research, simulation training, aerospace and defense, and commercial space travel have contributed to the state's economic development.
- Florida's Economy - The 6 Industries driving GDP Growth:
 - Tourism
 - Agriculture
 - International Trade
 - Aerospace & Aviation
 - Life Sciences
 - Financial Services

Climate:

With an average daily temperature of 21.5 °C it is the warmest state in the country. Due to its subtropical climate, Florida rarely receives snow

University Eligibility and Fee:

University	Bachelors Eligibility	Bachelors Fee Range/yr	Masters Eligibility	Masters Fee Range/yr
University of Florida Gainesville	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 1170-1350 ACT – 27-31	\$25,694	GRE – 315+ GPA – 3.6/80%+ TOEFL –100/IELTS – 7.0	\$30,130
University of South Florida	GPA – 3.6 SAT– 1070-1270 ACT – 24-28	\$15,473	GRE – 305 GPA – 3.3/70%+ TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$15,864
Florida State University	GPA – 3.5 SAT– 1120-1280 ACT – 25-29	\$16,540	GRE – 305 GPA – 3.3/70%+ TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$22,370
University of Central Florida	GPA – 3.5 SAT– 1080-1270 ACT – 23-27	\$19,810	GRE – 300 GPA – 3.3/70%+ TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$21,492
Florida International University	GPA – 3.4 SAT– 1070-1270 ACT – 24-28	\$16,529	GRE – 300 GPA – 3.3/70%+ TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$18,429
Florida Institute of Technology	GPA – 3.4 SAT– 1080-1290 ACT – 24-29	\$41,100	GRE – 295+ GPA – 3.3/70%+ TOEFL – 80/IELTS – 6.5	\$22,838

University	Key Points
U of South Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1956 • Students - 48,000 • Total number of students who received financial aid in 2016-17: 38,638 • Average financial aid awarded: \$10,774 • Student-faculty ratio: 22:1 • Average class size: 33 students • In the 2016 fiscal year, USF System was awarded a record \$458.5 million in contracts and grants • University of South Florida's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 140. • Median starting salary of alumni \$44,900
Florida International U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1965 • Students 56,886 (2017) • The student-faculty ratio is 26:1 • Florida International University's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 216. • Median starting salary of alumni \$ 44,900 • 67 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$5,654.

Florida Institute of Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1958 • Enrollments: 6,451 • Florida Tech offers more than 200 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs • The student-faculty ratio is 13:1 • More than 60,000 alumni • Florida Institute of Technology's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 151. • Median starting salary of alumni \$ 56,700 • 51 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$25,435.
University of Central Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranking: 10th most innovative school, 91st among public universities, and 168th overall on the list of Tier I National Universities. • Founded in 1963 • 3,00,000 alumni spanning across Central Florida, the nation and the world • Endowment: \$183 million • UCF offers more than 220 degree programs • The university confers almost 17,000 degrees each year • \$88.6 million Awarded to Bright Futures students (third-largest amount in Florida) • \$192.1 million Funded Research Fiscal Year 2019
University of Florida Gainesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranking: U.S. News & World Report (USN&WR) ranked the University of Florida as tied for the 7th-best public university in the United States, and tied for 34th overall among all national universities, public and private • UF is consistently ranked among the nation's top universities. Rankings like second among Forbes "Best Value Public Colleges" (2016) and second in Kiplinger's "Best Values in Public Colleges" (2015) are a result of UF's commitment to provide the highest quality education at the best value. • Founded in 1853 • Alumni: University of Florida has 5,45,165 total alumni, Over 57,000 are dues-paying members of the University of Florida Alumni Association. Florida alumni live in every state and more than 100 foreign countries. • Florida alumni include TWO Nobel Prize winners, NINE NASA astronauts, TEN U.S. Senators, FORTY TWO U.S. Representatives, EIGHT U.S. ambassadors, ELEVEN state governors, ELEVEN state Supreme Court justices, and over FIFTY federal court judges. • Florida graduates have served as the executive leaders of such diverse institutions as the U.S. Marine Corps and the National Organization for Women. • Endowment: \$1.825 billion • At UF, students utilize more than 200 research, service and education centers, bureaus and institutes. The university's varsity sports teams have won 41 national team

	<p>championships, 36 of which are NCAA titles, and Florida athletes have won 275 individual national championships. In addition, University of Florida students and alumni have won 126 Olympic medals including 60 gold medals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 123 master's degree programs and 76 doctoral degree programs • \$9.56b+ Generated In Private Investment, 200+ Start ups Launched By Tech Licensing, 7,600+ Jobs Created With Start ups
Florida State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded: 1851 • Ranking: #57 in National Universities • For 2020, U.S. News & World Report ranked Florida State as the 18th best public university in the United States in the national university category • 372,025 alumni • Florida State alumni can be found in all 50 states and many countries all over the world. • FSU has almost thirty college and university presidents who are alumni. This institution has produced over fifteen members of the United States Congress, Florida Legislature, numerous U.S. ambassadors, four governors, and over twenty generals and admirals for the United States Armed Forces. • Endowment: \$704.1 million (2019) • 104-degree programs at the Bachelor's degree level; • 111-degree programs at the Master's degree level • At Florida State University, 47 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$16,556 • Florida State's varsity sports teams have won 20 national athletic championships and Seminole athletes have won 78 individual NCAA national championships.