

- 3rd most competitive U.S. location for business (KPMG, 2014)
- 2nd fastest growing major metro in the U.S. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2013)
- Top 10 “American city of the future” (*Foreign Direct Investment (fDi) Magazine*, 2015)
- #5 leading metro in job creation (Gallup, 2015)
- Friendliest Florida city for small business (Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation & Thumbtack, 2014)
- 4th happiest place to work in the nation (*Forbes*, 2014)

Strong Talent Pipeline

- More than 500,000 students within a 100 mile radius
- Top 10 state for talent pipeline (U.S. Chamber of Commerce Enterprising States, 2014)
- Home to 35 post-secondary institutions including:
 - University of Central Florida | 2nd largest university in the U.S. | Ranked by IEEE among the top universities in the world for the number of patents awarded;
 - Full Sail University | Recipient of Apple’s “Innovators in Education” Award;
 - Rollins College | #1 MBA program in the state (*Forbes*, 2014);
 - Seminole State College of Florida | #1 college system in Florida – RN Graduate Licensures;
 - Valencia College | #1 community college in the nation (Aspen Institute); and
 - Lake-Sumter State College | voted national learning center of the year (National College Learning Center Association, 2012).

Top-Ranked Infrastructure

- Top 10 large city in the U.S. for infrastructure (*Foreign Direct Investment (fDi) Magazine*, 2015)
- Orlando International Airport: 5th best airport in America (*Travel + Leisure*, 2014)
- Port Canaveral: World’s only quadramodal port; 2nd busiest cruise port in the world (Port Canaveral, 2014)
- SunRail and Interstate 4 Improvements – largest public works project in Florida’s history

Advanced Manufacturing

- 500 companies with 13,100 employees and \$1B annual payroll
- Home to the 7th largest research park in the U.S. by number of employees (Central Florida Research Park)

Innovative Technologies

- 2,600 companies with 33,900 employees and \$2.4B annual payroll
- Home to the world’s leading software developer – Electronic Arts Tiburon (EA Games) and other powerhouse companies including Oracle and Golf Channel

Life Sciences & Healthcare

- 4,800 companies with 92,600 employees and \$5.3B annual payroll
- 41% growth in the past 10 years (EMSI, 2014)

Aviation, Aerospace & Defense

- 220 companies with 18,900 employees and \$1.5B annual payroll
- #1 modeling and simulation capital of the world (National Center for Simulation, 2013)

Corporate Headquarters & Regional Offices

- Headquarters of numerous international corporations including American Automobile Association (AAA), Tupperware Brands Corporation and Darden Restaurants, Inc.
- Companies with global, divisional and regional headquarters specializing in back office support, contact centers and shared services