

OVERVIEW

JACKSONVILLE'S PORT

Jacksonville is home to one of the largest commercial cargo ports on the U.S. East Coast. The city also harbors a thriving cruise port and historic ferry service.

CARGO OPERATIONS

Each year, goods from more than 100 countries are imported and exported by ship through Jacksonville's port — the roughly 30-mile stretch of the St. Johns River from the Atlantic Ocean to downtown Jacksonville. In this harbor, the Jacksonville Port Authority owns the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal, the St. Johns River Ferry Terminals and three cargo terminals: the Blount Island Marine Terminal, Talleyrand Marine Terminal and Dames Point Marine Terminal.

CRUISE SERVICE

Carnival Cruise Lines provides year-round sailings from Jacksonville to Key West and The Bahamas. All cruises sail from the temporary JAXPORT Cruise Terminal in Northeast Jacksonville.

FERRY SERVICE

The St. Johns River Ferry connects the north and south ends of Florida State Road A1A in Duval County, linking historic Mayport Village and Fort George Island via a pleasant sail across the St. Johns River.

JAXPORT NAME

It is correct to refer to the Port Authority as either the "Jacksonville Port Authority" or by its brand name, "JAXPORT."

PORT'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

About 150 employees work at JAXPORT, but more than 50,000 people in Jacksonville have jobs reliant on the local maritime industry. These include private sector jobs such as longshoremen, crane operators, truck drivers, warehouse workers, and others working in industries which rely on the port.

PORT'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

Jobs reliant on our port 50,000

Total annual impact of port \$2.7 billion

(Impact takes into account port wages, salaries, business revenue and spending, and taxes)

JAXPORT VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Jacksonville Port Authority is to be a major economic engine in Northeast Florida by continuing to be a premier diversified port in the Southeastern United States with connections to major trade lanes throughout the world.

JAXPORT'S MAJOR INITIATIVES

GROW PORT BUSINESS

JAXPORT's Strategic Plan emphasizes growing the Port's cargo, cruise and ferry business to create new jobs and grow the economy in Northeast Florida.

DEEPEN THE HARBOR

Most of Jacksonville's harbor is maintained at a depth of 40 feet. To keep Jacksonville's port competitive, a section of the St. Johns River from Dames Point to Talleyrand is being deepened from its current depth of 38 feet to 40 feet. Deepening the entire main channel to 45 feet is currently being studied by the federal government.

CONTINUE TO ENHANCE PORT SECURITY

For several years, JAXPORT has been enhancing security in and around Jacksonville's port. JAXPORT continues to implement a comprehensive security program to protect port employees, tenants, property and the community.

WHO GOVERNS JAXPORT?

The Jacksonville Port Authority is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors, comprised of four Jacksonville mayoral appointees and three Florida gubernatorial appointees. Each member serves a four-year, unpaid term. The Board elects its own Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for one-year terms.



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JAXPORT FACILITIES

All JAXPORT facilities are located on the St. Johns River:

Blount Island Marine Terminal - At 754 acres, this is JAXPORT's largest facility and one of the country's largest automobile import-export centers. Blount Island also handles recreational boats, woodpulp, steel and consumer goods packed in cargo containers.

Talleyrand Marine Terminal - The 173-acre Talleyrand Marine Terminal handles many cargoes, including automobiles, consumer goods, paper, poultry, beef, produce and liquid cargoes such as molasses.

Dames Point Marine Terminal - Besides handling limestone and granite rock, Dames Point is the site of a new 158-acre container terminal, currently under construction. When the facility opens in 2009, container ships carrying consumer goods will sail directly between Jacksonville and Asia, a new market for JAXPORT.

JAXPORT Cruise Terminal - JAXPORT owns and manages a 63,000-square foot temporary cruise terminal in Northeast Jacksonville.

St. Johns River Ferry Terminals - JAXPORT owns and manages the ferry terminals at Mayport Village and Fort George.

PRIVATE FACILITIES

JAXPORT facilities do not handle all the cargo moving over the St. Johns River. In fact, more than 20 maritime facilities in Jacksonville's harbor are owned and operated separately from JAXPORT. These facilities include private dry docks, petroleum terminals and the U.S. Navy's Mayport Naval Station.

HISTORY

Prior to 1963, the City of Jacksonville owned and maintained the city's municipal cargo docks, but local business leaders — acutely aware of the Port's importance to Jacksonville's economy — wanted an agency dedicated to such an important task. So in 1963, the Florida Legislature created the Jacksonville Port Authority to own and manage Jacksonville's public ship docks and terminals. In 1968, as part of the consolidation of the City of Jacksonville and Duval County, the county's airports also were placed under the Port Authority's control. In 2001, the Florida Legislature passed a law (effective Oct. 1, 2001) to separate the Port Authority into two agencies: the Jacksonville Airport Authority was created to manage the city's airports, and the Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT) was established to continue to manage the city's public ship facilities. JAXPORT is an independent special district of the City of Jacksonville.

WHO FUNDS JAXPORT?

Tax dollars do not pay for any of JAXPORT's day-to-day operating expenses, including Port Authority salaries, utility bills, office supplies and similar costs. Instead, private companies lease space and equipment at the port, and in turn JAXPORT uses this revenue to pay its expenses. In 2007, JAXPORT recorded \$39.9 million in operating revenues and grants, and \$25.4 million in operating expenses. JAXPORT also receives state and federal grants to pay for construction (capital) and security projects. JAXPORT itself has no taxing authority.

JAXPORT BY THE NUMBERS

Founded:	1963
Size:	More than 1,500 acres
Cargo:	3 cargo terminals
Ferry:	2 ferry terminals
Cruise:	1 cruise terminal
Cruise lines:	Carnival Cruise Lines
Shipping lines:	More than 20 shipping lines
Vessel arrivals:	1,800 vessels in 2007
Cargo tonnage:	8,309,201 metric tons in 2007
Local Impact:	More than 50,000 jobs and \$2.7 billion annually for local economy