

# INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Distribution

Indian River County's central position on the Florida's east coast makes it an ideal location for distribution centers. Market rates for available build-to-suit sites range from \$10-\$17 per square foot. An excellent transportation network provides convenient access to highways, rail, and ports, making it easy to ship products anywhere in the world. All of this in an idyllic location with miles of beautiful beaches, superb cultural amenities, and a climate that makes year-round recreation not only possible, but pleasurable.



## Wages & Workforce

Wages for workers in the transportation and distribution sectors in Indian River County are comparable to other markets in the Southeast, providing employers with a great value and a competitive advantage.

	Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	GA	NC	SC
Mean Hourly Wage (Overall)	<b>\$23.92</b>	\$28.47	\$23.25	\$23.10
First-Line Supervisors	<b>\$31.51</b>	\$26.54	\$26.10	\$26.84
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	<b>\$25.26</b>	\$23.07	\$22.48	\$21.08
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	<b>\$25.26</b>	\$17.95	\$17.35	\$17.33
Laborers and Freight, Stock and Material Movers, Hand	<b>\$20.09</b>	\$14.84	\$14.61	\$14.75
Packers and Packagers, Hand	<b>\$13.10</b>	\$12.22	\$12.50	\$12.69

(Source: FloridaCommerce, 2022)



## Representative Employers

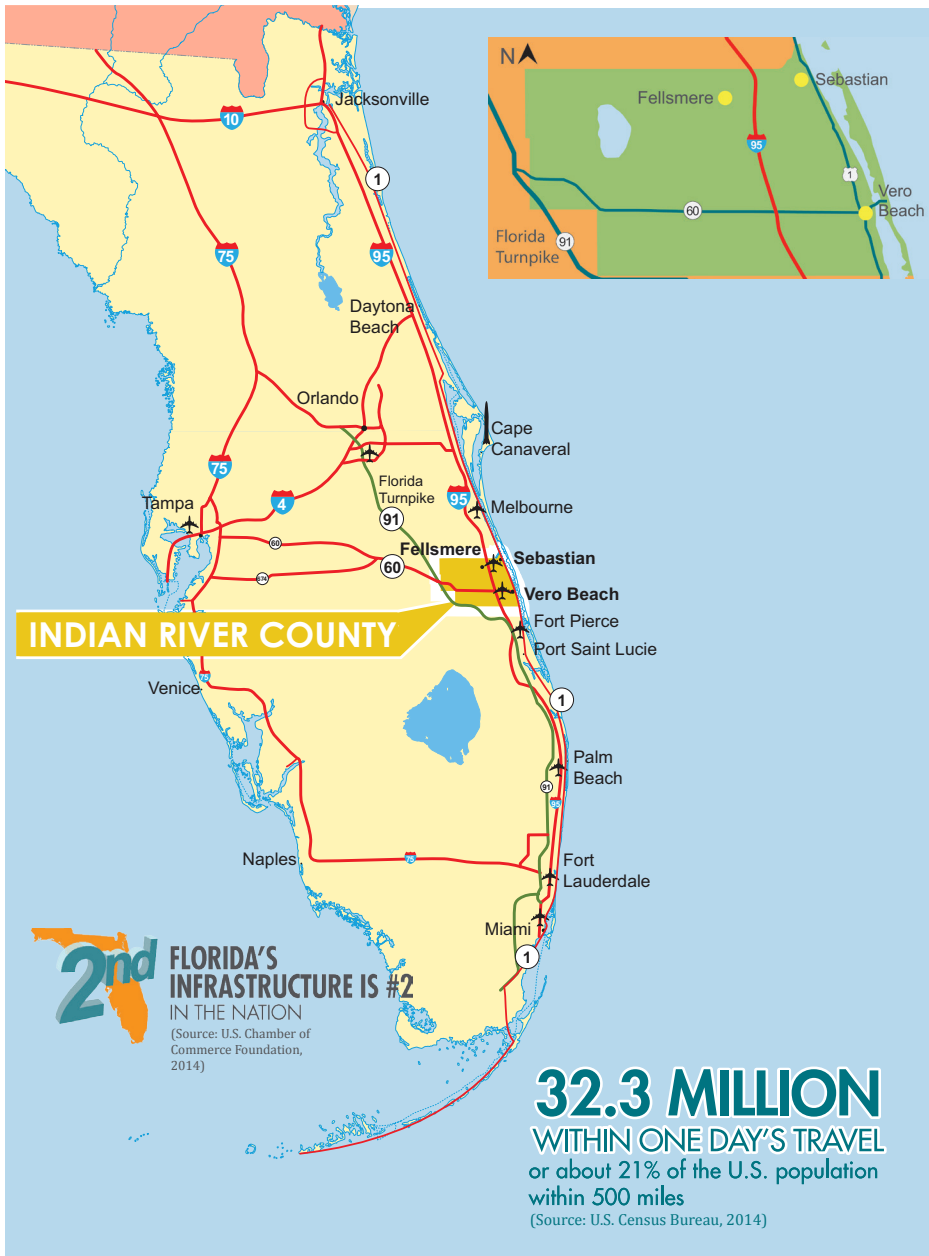
These employers know that Indian River County is a great location for distribution and logistics.



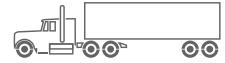
## Training

Indian River State College offers a certificate in commercial vehicle driving. It has partnered with SAGE Corporation, the nation's foremost operator of professional truck driving schools.

# Transportation



## Roadways



Indian River County is within 3 hours of 90% of Florida's population - 19+ million people.

- I-95 is the primary north-south transportation route through Indian River County, less than 10 miles from the county's population centers, with convenient access from virtually anywhere in the county.
- U.S. Highway 1 is the historic business route that runs directly through the county's urban centers.
- State Road 60 is the main east-west artery between Vero Beach and the Tampa Bay area on Florida's west coast, with Florida's Turnpike just 30 minutes away.
- County Road 512 provides easy access to industrial and residential sites in Fellsmere and Sebastian, including the Sebastian Municipal Airport.

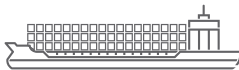
## Airports



The Indian River County region provides a number of airport options, covering businesses' needs from corporate travel to air cargo shipping.

- The international airports at Melbourne and Orlando provide area companies with a full menu of air and air cargo shipping options.
- Vero Beach Regional Airport has 3 runways that range from 3,500+ feet to 7,300+ feet.
- There are also a number of other local airports, including Sebastian Municipal Airport, that serve primarily small personal and corporate aircraft.

## Seaports



The two closest ports are Port Everglades to the south and Port Canaveral to the north. Port Canaveral is a designated Foreign Trade Zone and has direct access to the Atlantic Ocean, as well as Canada, South America, Europe, Africa and Asia.

## Rail



Florida East Coast Railway (Class II) goes north to Jacksonville and south to Miami through Indian River County. It runs parallel to U.S. Highway 1 and serves PortMiami, Port Everglades, and the Port of Palm Beach.

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**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
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