

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Manufacturing

Indian River County has a thriving and diverse manufacturing industry. Manufacturers benefit from our low cost of doing business, with market rates ranging from \$10-\$17 per square foot. Plus excellent transportation, distribution, and supply chain networks; and some of the lowest taxes in the nation. All of this in an idyllic location with miles of beautiful beaches, superb cultural amenities, and a climate that makes year-round recreation pleasant and accessible.



Representative Employers

Company	Industry	Employees
Piper Aircraft	Small Aircraft Manufacturing	1,100+
Parker Hannifin	Industrial Hose Manufacturing	50-99
M.A. Ford	Cutting Tool and Machine Tool	50-99
Girard Equipment	Pressurized Valve Caps Manufacturing	50-99
Novurania of America	Boat Manufacturing - Yacht Tenders	50-99
Pusher Intake	Intake Valves for Pick-up Trucks	1-24
Nylacarb Corp.	Custom Plastic Injection Molding	25-49
Aluma Tower Co.	Aluminum Tower Manufacturing	25-49
Float-On Corp.	Aluminum Boat Trailer Manufacturing	25-49
Triton Submarine	Personal Submarine Manufacturing	1-24
Whelan Technology	Aviation Products Manufacturing	1-24
Dragonfly Boatworks	Paddleboard & Small Marine Craft Manufacturing	1-24
PCP/Gorilla Ammunition	Ammunition Manufacturing	1-24

NO NO TO TAXES MEANS YES TO YOUR BUSINESS!

With no corporate income tax, no inventory tax, no sales tax on the purchase of raw materials, some of the lowest property tax rates in the state, and a variety of local and state incentives, Indian River County is a cost-competitive place to locate or expand a business.



"Our company has been here for 25+ years, and Vero Beach is just a great place to live, play and work. We appreciate all the support shown by the County and the Chamber."

- Scott Cooley, Co-Owner of Nylacarb



Florida is a right-to-work state

With a strong, well-trained workforce, wages for Indian River County workers in the manufacturing industry are extremely competitive with comparable markets.

Wages	Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	FL	GA	AL	US
Mean Hourly Wage (Overall)	\$23.92	\$27.82	\$28.47	\$25.25	\$31.02
First-Line Supervisors	\$33.55	\$32.80	\$30.65	\$31.56	\$32.12
Machinists	\$21.18	\$22.73	\$21.21	\$22.42	\$22.98
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	\$13.10	\$20.74	\$16.99	\$15.10	\$16.94
Assemblers and Fabricators	\$17.65	\$21.54	\$14.99	\$16.96	\$17.30
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$21.68	\$21.40	\$19.68	\$20.21	\$22.45

(Source: FloridaCommerce, 2022)

Manufacturing Bootcamp Program

The Chamber's Manufacturing Bootcamp program introduces high school students to potential careers in the manufacturing industry. The free, week-long program is open to all high school students in Indian River County.



Education & Research

Indian River State College



- Associate and Bachelor degrees include: drafting and design technology; information technology; cyber security; electronics engineering. Plus numerous industry certifications such as robotics and simulation technology; lasers and photonics; and graphic design.

Florida Institute of Technology



Florida Institute of Technology
High Tech with a Human Touch™

- Bachelors degrees include aerospace, electrical, mechanical, and general engineering

Utilities in Indian River County are high quality, readily available, and reliable.

"This location is ideal for the well-organized distribution, transportation and delivery of our popular line of products to companies all over the world."



– Tim Girard, President & CEO of Girard Equipment

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(U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation 2014)

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Transportation

An excellent transportation network that includes highways, railroads, airports, and seaports provides easy access to state, national, and international markets.

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