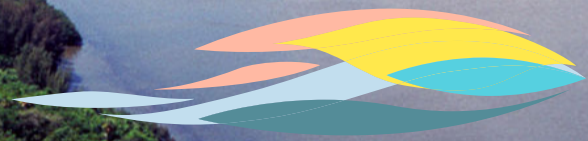




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## Professional, Scientific & Technical Services

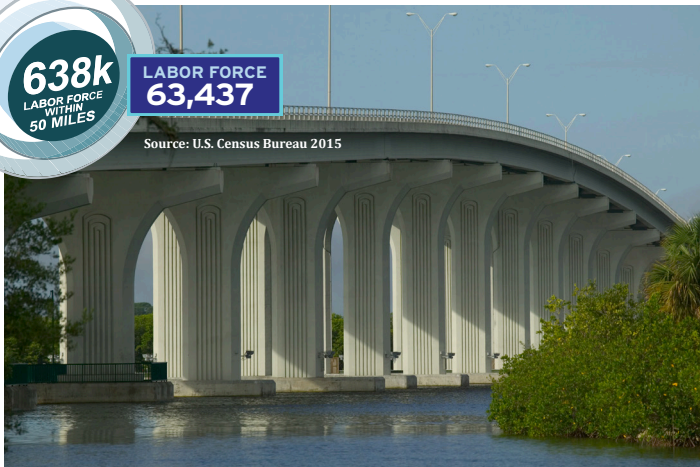
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LABOR FORCE  
**63,437**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2015



Through the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Indian River State College offers a wide range of programs and services to encourage entrepreneurship and business success, including a virtual incubator and small business development center.



## Representative Employers

Company	Industry	Employees
Kimley-Horn & Assoc.	Environmental Engineering Services	100-199
Carter Associates	Civil Engineering, Surveying & Mapping Services	25-49
Communications International	Computer Systems Design Services	25-49
Syngenta Agricultural Research Center	Crop Protection Research	25-49
LevCo Technologies	IT, Cyber-security Services	1-24
Coastal Tech G.E.C., Inc.	Coastal Engineering Services	1-24
Coastal Waterways Design & Engineering	Coastal Engineering Services	1-24
Granite Environmental	Pollution Prevention Services	1-24
Technology Partners	Computer Systems Design Services	1-24
MBV Engineering	Environmental Engineering Services	1-24
Treasure Coast Engineering, Inc.	Electrical Design Engineering	1-24



## Workforce & Wages

With a strong, well-educated workforce, wages for Indian River County workers in this sector are significantly lower than the averages for comparable markets, providing employers with a great value and a competitive advantage.

	Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	FL	GA	NC	US
Mean Hourly Wage (Overall)	<b>\$21.11</b>	\$27.82	\$28.47	\$23.25	\$31.02
Computer Programmers	<b>\$36.07</b>	\$38.49	\$43.94	\$46.73	\$45.98
Software Developers	<b>\$36.13</b>	\$48.09	\$49.92	\$51.09	\$54.94
Computer Systems Analysts	<b>\$36.96</b>	\$42.29	\$44.98	\$46.10	\$47.61
Computer Network Architects	<b>\$48.02</b>	\$52.03	\$58.50	\$53.07	\$57.32

(Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020)

## Education & Research

Indian River County's institutions of higher education provide a pipeline of well-educated workers that supply the region's scientific, professional, and technical industries with talent to help their businesses innovate and grow.

### Indian River State College

Associates and Bachelors degrees include:

- Biotechnology
- Computer and Information Science
- Computer Sciences
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Marine Science



### HARBOR BRANCH

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY®  
Ocean Science for a Better World®

### Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute

- Research community of about 150 marine scientists, engineers, educators and other professionals focused on Ocean Science for a Better World.
- Focuses include ocean engineering and exploration, coral research and conservation, marine drug discovery, estuarine and coastal ecology and observation, marine mammal research and conservation, ocean dynamics and modeling, aquaculture and marine science education.

### Florida Institute of Technology

Bachelors degrees in:

- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Ocean Engineering
- Oceanography
- Software Engineering
- Sustainability Studies



**14,743 people in Indian River County hold a graduate, professional, or doctorate degree.**

(Applied Geographic Solutions 2021)



## Culture & Recreation

- Our 26 miles of pristine beaches provide opportunities for fishing, kayaking, swimming, boating and other water activities.
- Choose your course: golf at any one of our six public or twelve private courses.
- Designated "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists.
- Attractions include:
  - Vero Beach Museum of Art
  - Riverside Theatre
  - McKee Botanical Garden
  - Navy Seal Museum
  - Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge



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"I am excited about the opportunity to grow Blue Dog in Indian River County. After 3 ½ years of operating in the area, I was concerned that expanding could be limited by staffing, but after working with the County and the Indian River Chamber, we feel that Indian River County is a great place to work and grow that offers a quality lifestyle to our employees and their families."

- Ron Dichter, CEO, Fortis (formerly Blue Dog)

