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Executive Summary

Jacksonville, Arkansas presents an exceptional opportunity for expanding your business ventures. Strategically situated along Highway 67/167 (Future I-57), merely a short 10-minute commute from Little Rock, Jacksonville offers unparalleled accessibility and connectivity. As the proud home of the Little Rock Air Force Base



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and a burgeoning industrial park, the city extends abundant prospects for advancement and collaboration. Moreover, with the emergence of a thriving new school district, Jacksonville-North Pulaski, in tandem with diverse local colleges and technical institutions, the city underscores its forward-looking dedication to fostering and empowering its future workforce.

It's been suggested that the presence of construction cranes is a sign of a thriving economy. While Jacksonville might not boast many cranes, the city is bustling with various construction projects. The widening of Highway 67/167, slated to become Interstate 57, is in progress, alongside work on Loop Road for a rail grade separation. Additionally, four new subdivisions are springing up across the city. The school district is expanding with two new elementary schools under construction and renovations underway at another. Recently renovated, the local hospital has plans for further expansion, while a physical therapy office is constructing a new building to accommodate growth. Sig Sauer's development of additional warehouses and assembly areas is expected to bring in 600 new jobs. Jacksonville eagerly anticipates the growth and development of its community.

Nestled within a hometown atmosphere, Jacksonville is home to 29,759 residents, offering the convenience of easy cross-town travel. With access to interstate routes, the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport, the Little Rock River Port, and the State Capitol, the city provides ample connectivity. Spanning 18,539.5 acres, nearly 29 square miles, Jacksonville offers diverse amenities including healthcare, housing, and industry, as well as shopping, entertainment, and relaxation venues.

Healthcare remains a cornerstone of Jacksonville, with Unity Health's phased opening of a renovated hospital. Alongside two fully operational hospitals within a 15-minute drive, the city hosts urgent care facilities and medical clinics catering to various needs, including therapy, counseling, dentistry, optometry, chiropractic care, and general medicine.

The city's housing options continue to expand, catering to various budgets and lifestyles, from apartments to spacious homes. With a focus on enhancing quality of life, Jacksonville provides essential services like water and wastewater management, garbage collection, and recycling. Additionally, it boasts fire stations, a senior wellness center, a library, educational facilities, and a robust public safety infrastructure.

Jacksonville's economy thrives on a diverse industrial landscape, including the Little Rock Air Force Base and a dozen manufacturing firms. The city's calendar is punctuated with annual events, drawing tourists to festivities like Festiville, the Big Bang on the Range fireworks, and Civil War re-enactments. Attractions also include shopping centers, flea markets, restaurants, and accommodations for visitors, anticipating increased tourism for events like the upcoming total solar eclipse in April 2024.

Military history deeply influences Jacksonville's culture, evident in landmarks like the Jacksonville Museum of Military History and Reed's Bridge Battlefield. The city's Parks and Recreation Department maintains exceptional facilities, offering a range of amenities from community centers to sports complexes and parks catering to diverse interests, ensuring residents and visitors alike can enjoy

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Jacksonville's hospitality year-round. Welcome to Jacksonville—where hometown warmth awaits.

Sources

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Transportation Infrastructure

Interstates

I-440

Interstate 440 (I-440) and Highway 440 (AR 440), in the central part of the US state of Arkansas, form a partial freeway loop of 14.16 miles (22.79 km) connecting U.S. Highway 67 (US 67), US 167, and I-40 with I-30 and I-530 near Little Rock. I-440, known as the East Belt Freeway during planning and construction, travels through much of the area's industrial core in the eastern part of the metropolitan area, near Clinton National Airport and the Port of Little Rock. The route is mostly a six-lane freeway.[3] North of I-40, the route continues as AR 440 until it reaches US 67/US 167 (Future I-57) in Jacksonville. This section is known as the North Belt Freeway.

Future I-57

I-57 is slated to eventually be extended west along US 60 to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and then south along the US 67 corridor to North Little Rock, Arkansas, ending at I-40.[13] The extension is listed under High Priority Corridor 89, the I-57 Corridor Extension.[14] In April 2016, a provision designating US 67 from North Little Rock to Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, as "Future I-57" was added into the federal fiscal year 2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development funding bill and officially became law in 2017.[15]

I-40

Interstate 40 (I-40) is an east–west Interstate Highway that has a 284.69-mile (458.16 km) section in the U.S. state of Arkansas, connecting Oklahoma to Tennessee. The route enters Arkansas from the west just north of the Arkansas River near Dora. It travels eastward across the northern portion of the state, connecting the cities of Fort Smith, Clarksville, Russellville, Morrilton, Conway, North Little Rock, Forrest City, and West Memphis. I-40 continues into Tennessee, heading through Memphis. The highway has major junctions with I-540 at Van Buren (the main highway connecting to Fort Smith), I-49 at Alma (the main highway connecting to Fayetteville and Bentonville), I-30 in North Little Rock (the Interstate linking south to Texarkana and Dallas, Texas), and I-55 to Blytheville.

For the majority of its routing through Arkansas, I-40 follows the historic alignment of two separate U.S. Highways. From Oklahoma

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to Little Rock, I-40 generally follows U.S. Highway 64 through the Ozark Mountains. East of Little Rock, the route generally follows the routing of US 70 until the Tennessee state line.

I-30

I-30 enters southwestern Arkansas at Texarkana, the twin city of Texarkana, Texas.[12][self-published source] I-30 intersects I-49,[12] after which it travels northeast. I-30 then passes through Hope,[12] birthplace of former President Bill Clinton. I-30 then serves Prescott, Gurdon, Arkadelphia, and Malvern. At Malvern, drivers can use US 70 or US 270 to travel into historic Hot Springs or beyond into Ouachita National Forest. There, US 70 and US 67 join I-30 and stay with the Interstate into the Little Rock city limits. Northeast of Malvern, I-30 passes through Benton before reaching the Little Rock city limits.[13] From Benton to its end at I-40, I-30 is a six-lane highway with up to 85,000 vehicles per day.[citation needed] As I-30 enters Little Rock, I-430 leaves its parent route to create a western bypass of the city. Just south of downtown, I-30 meets the western terminus of I-440 and the northern terminus of another auxiliary route in I-530. I-530 travels 46 miles (74 km) south to Pine Bluff. At this three-way junction of Interstates, I-30 turns due north for the final few miles of its route. Here, I-30 passes through the capitol district of Little Rock.[14] I-30 also creates one final auxiliary route in I-630, or the Wilbur D. Mills Freeway, which splits downtown Little Rock in an east–west direction before coming to its other end at I-430 just west of downtown. After passing I-630, I-30 crosses the Arkansas River into North Little Rock and comes to its eastern terminus,[15] despite facing north, at I-40. At its end, I-30 is joined by US 65, US 67, and US 167. US 65 joins I-40 westbound, while US 67 and US 167 join I-40 eastbound from I-30's eastern terminus.

History

Airports

Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport

Serving 2.2 million passengers annually with eight airlines, the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport has 57 daily departures to 15 different cities. From there, you can reach major cities across the globe. The airport is home to manufacturer Dassault Falcon Jet, their largest operations in the world. In addition, two FBO's are located at the airport: TacAir and Lynx. The airport is designated as a U.S. Customs Point of Entry.

Highways

AR 161

One route of runs north the Jacksonville city limits near AR 440 to Vandenberg Boulevard near the Little Rock Air Force Base.[1] A second route of 19.80 miles (31.87 km) begins at U.S. Route 165/Highway 15/Highway 256 in England and runs north to terminate at

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Highway 165.

US Hwy 167-Future I 57

US Hwy 67

AR 107

Rail

Union Pacific

Navigable Water

Arkansas River

Ports

The Port of Little Rock

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COST OF LIVING INDEX

County:

Taxes

Sales Tax

State and local sales and use taxes State=6.5% Pulaski County=1.0% Jacksonville=2%

Millage Rate: Rate Per Thousand: \$61.40 Millage Rate .0614 Effective Tax Rate: 1.23%

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Government

Mayor/Council City Government

In a Mayor/Council form of government, the governance of a city is divided between two main bodies: the mayor, who serves as the executive branch, and the city council, which constitutes the legislative branch. Here's a breakdown of their roles and functions:

Mayor (Executive Branch):

The mayor is typically elected by the residents of the city and serves as the chief executive officer. Responsibilities of the mayor include implementing policies, managing city departments, proposing budgets, and representing the city in official capacities.

The mayor often has the authority to appoint key city officials and department heads, subject to confirmation by the city council.

In many cases, the mayor has the power to veto ordinances passed by the city council, although this power may be subject to override by a supermajority vote of the council.

City Council (Legislative Branch):

The city council is composed of elected representatives (10), often called councilors or aldermen, who are responsible for enacting local laws and policies.

The council typically holds regular meetings where they deliberate on various matters affecting the city, including budgets, zoning regulations, and public services.

Council members may also serve on committees that focus on specific issues, such as finance, public safety, or urban development.

To pass legislation, a majority vote of the council is usually required, although some decisions, especially those involving significant expenditures or changes to city ordinances, may require a supermajority vote.

The council also plays a role in providing oversight of the executive branch, including reviewing the mayor's budget proposals and confirming appointments to key city positions.

Interactions and Checks and Balances:

While the mayor and city council each have distinct powers and responsibilities, their interactions are characterized by a system of checks and balances.

The mayor may propose policies and budgets, but these must be approved by the city council to take effect.

Similarly, the council can pass ordinances and resolutions, but the mayor may veto these actions if they conflict with their vision for the city.

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Through this system, power is distributed between the executive and legislative branches, ensuring that no single individual or body dominates the decision-making process.

Overall, the Mayor/Council form of government provides a framework for local governance that seeks to balance executive leadership with legislative representation, allowing for the efficient administration of city affairs while safeguarding the interests of the community.

Sources

City of Jacksonville : 7/2020

Recreation

Jacksonville Parks and Recreation

Jacksonville offers a plethora of options for leisure activities, catering to various interests and preferences. From the thrilling adventures at Splash Zone Water Park to the precision of the Arkansas Game & Fish Shooting Complex, there's something for everyone. Additionally, the Jacksonville Community Center, equipped with an indoor pool, gym, and more, serves as a hub for fitness and recreation enthusiasts. For those seeking outdoor enjoyment, numerous neighborhood and community parks dot the city landscape.

Committed to enhancing the quality of life for all its residents, the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department plays a pivotal role. By offering a diverse range of recreational programs, activities, special events, and top-notch facilities, the department fosters learning, promotes wellness, and ensures that fun is always on the agenda.

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[About Jacksonville, Arkansas](#)

Demographics

2023 Key Demographic Indicators (Esri)

2023 Total Population (Esri)	29,407
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2023 Daytime Population (Esri)

2023 Total Daytime Population (Esri)	28,334
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2023 Daytime Population: Workers (Esri)	11,797
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2023 Daytime Population: Residents (Esri)	16,537
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2023 Income (Esri)

2023 Average Household Income (Esri)	66,906
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2023 Per Capita Income (Esri)	26,722
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2023 Educational Attainment (Esri)

2023 Population Age 25+: High School Diploma (Esri)	5,545
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2023 Population Age 25+: Some College/No Degree (Esri)	4,356
2023 Population Age 25+: GED/Alternative Credential (Esri)	855
2023 Population Age 25+: Associate's Degree (Esri)	2,119
2023 Population Age 25+: Bachelor's Degree (Esri)	2,804
2023 Population Age 25+: Graduate/Professional Degree (Esri)	1,488
2023 Labor Force (Esri)	
2023 Employed Civilian Population Age 16+ by Occupation Base (Esri)	11,375
2023 Occupation: Production (Esri)	483
2023 Occupation: Transportation/Material Moving (Esri)	942
2023 Occupation: Architecture/Engineering (Esri)	97
2023 Occupation: Farming/Fishing/Forestry (Esri)	48
2023 Occupation: Construction/Extraction (Esri)	553
2023 Occupation: Office/Administrative Support (Esri)	1,571