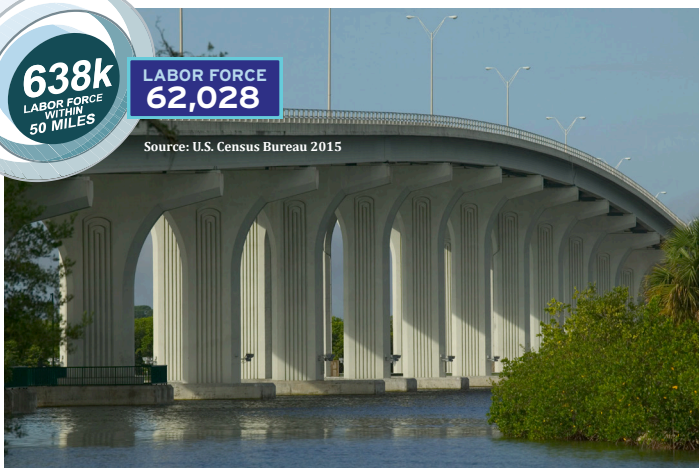# INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Professional, Scientific & Technical Services

Indian River County's rich tradition of innovation provides fertile ground for businesses in the professional, scientific and technical sectors. Businesses enjoy a low cost of doing business; an abundant supply of well-educated, well-trained employees; and some of the lowest taxes in the nation. In addition, Indian River County's location on the Atlantic Coast of Florida makes it ideal for businesses that provide coastal and environmental engineering services, as well as oceanographic science and research facilities.

638k LABOR FORCE WITHIN 50 MILES

LABOR FORCE 62,028

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.

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Representative Employers

Company	Industry	Employees
Kimley-Horn & Assoc.	Environmental Engineering Services	100-199
SpectorSoft/Veriato	Internet Monitoring Software Development	50-99
NetBoss Technologies	Software Research & Development	50-99
Communications International	Computer Systems Design Services	25-49
Carter Associates, Inc.	Civil Engineering, Surveying & Mapping Services	25-49
Syngenta Agricultural Research Center	Crop Protection Research	25-49
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

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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	Atlanta, GA	Huntsville, AL	Columbus, GA	Raleigh, NC
Mean Hourly Wage (Overall)	**$18.92**	$23.96	$25.30	$19.83	$23.36
Computer Programmers	**$32.73**	$40.72	$47.04	$38.45	$38.96
Software Developers	**$37.06**	$45.82	$48.56	$39.05	$46.58
Computer Systems Analysts	**$33.26**	$42.17	$40.71	$31.35	$43.33
Computer Network Architects	**$27.53**	$52.85	$44.26	$56.11	$49.91

(Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015)

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 degrees in:
- Biotechnology
- Computer and Information Science
- Computer Sciences
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Marine Science
- Civil Engineering Technology

Florida Institute of Technology

Bachelors degrees in:
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Ocean Engineering
- Oceanography
- Software Engineering
- Sustainability Studies

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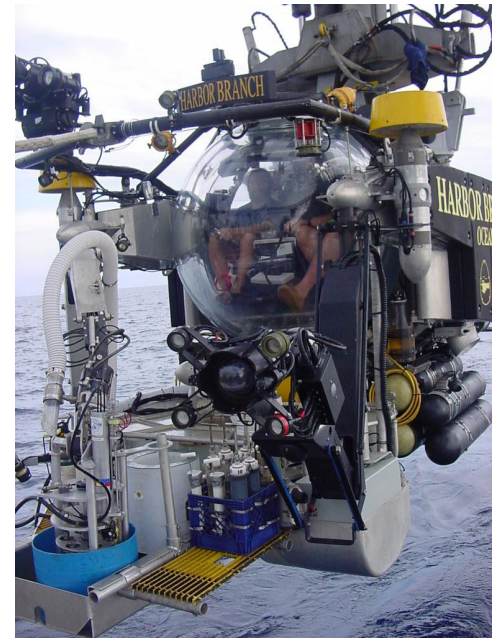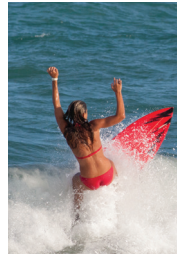**10,493 people in Indian River County hold a graduate, professional, or doctorate degree.**
(U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014)

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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"Our expanding company was looking for a business-friendly community in a central location with easy access to our many customers on the East Coast. Vero Beach met all of those requirements and the support shown by the County and the Chamber was key in our decision. We're looking forward to both the lifestyle and business environment Vero Beach offers our company and employees."

– Pete Jankowski, President, Next Level Security Systems