



▶ With 22,655 high-tech companies employing 280,346 workers, **Florida has the fourth largest number of high-tech jobs among U.S. states.** (AeA 2009 Cyberstates)

▶ Florida also ranks **third** in the nation in **high-tech exports**, reaching over \$14.6 billion. (AeA and Enterprise Florida estimates)

▶ With merchandise trade valued at **\$130.5 billion** flowing through its airports and seaports in 2008, Florida is a world leader in international trade. (World Institute for Strategic Economic Research)

▶ Cumulative **foreign direct investment in Florida amounted to \$39.3 billion** in 2006, making Florida the **9th largest** recipient of foreign direct investment. (Bureau of Economic Analysis)

▶ With over 9 million workers, Florida's **labor force is the 4th largest** in the United States. (U.S. Dept. of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics 2009)

▶ **Miami** is second only to New York as a **U.S. center for international banking.** Over 70 foreign and domestic banks active in international trade & finance have offices in Florida, including 6 of the 10 largest banks in the world. (Florida International Bankers Association)

▶ Florida has one of the nation's **most "business friendly" tax codes.** (Tax Foundation 2009)

▶ Florida's wage costs are about **10 percent lower than the U.S. average** and Florida is one of only ten states with a right-to-work provision in its state constitution. (U.S. Dept. of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics 2009)

▶ Florida is one of the **friendliest states for entrepreneurs.** (Small Business Survival Index 2009)

▶ There are more **direct flights from Florida airports to Latin American and Caribbean** destinations than from all other cities in the U.S. combined.

▶ No Floridian lives more than **50 miles from an institution of post-secondary learning.**

▶ Every business in Florida is within **90 miles of one of 14 deep-water ports.**

▶ Florida ranks among the **top U.S. states for number of Science and Engineering Doctorates awarded.** (SSTI and National Science Foundation, 2009)



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