

TOP 10 IN-DEMAND JOBS: RECREATION & HOSPITALITY

Job Title	Average Wages	Annual Demand
Fast Food/Counter Worker	\$30,800	4,988
Restaurant Cook	\$37,300	3,112
Waiter/Waitress	\$40,400	3,112
First-Line Supervisor, Food Preparation	\$45,400	1,068
Hosts/Hostess	\$31,100	743
Amusement & Recreation Attendant	\$31,500	603
Food Preparation Worker	\$37,000	601
Fast Food Cook	\$30,600	334
Exercise Trainer	\$48,300	279
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Worker	\$35,900	206

Source: JobsEQ, 2026

FAST FACTS

104,800+ employed in
Recreation & Hospitality in JAX

400+ national state & city parks
in the region

\$34,213 average wage
per worker in Northeast Florida

AREAS OF EXCELLENCE

Hotels & Motels
Food Establishments
Professional Sports
Museums
Theme Parks



“Don’t be afraid to try something new. If it makes you uncomfortable, you’ll learn from it. Learning doesn’t stop after high school.”

-Sarah Mathis
Director of Fan Experience, Jacksonville Jaguars

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