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# Promising Careers Relocation Guide

Where to live, learn and play



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This guide contains comprehensive information on where to find housing, schools and entertainment in and around Lakeland, FL to guide you on your relocation to Central Florida.



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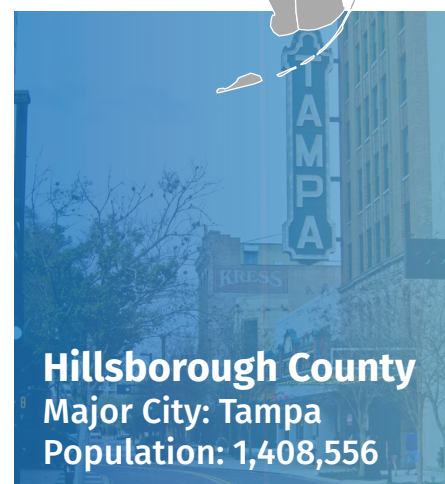
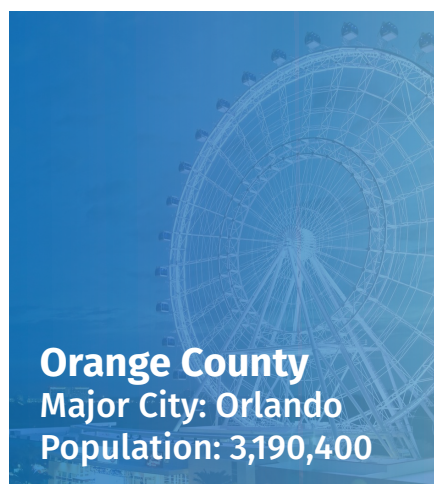
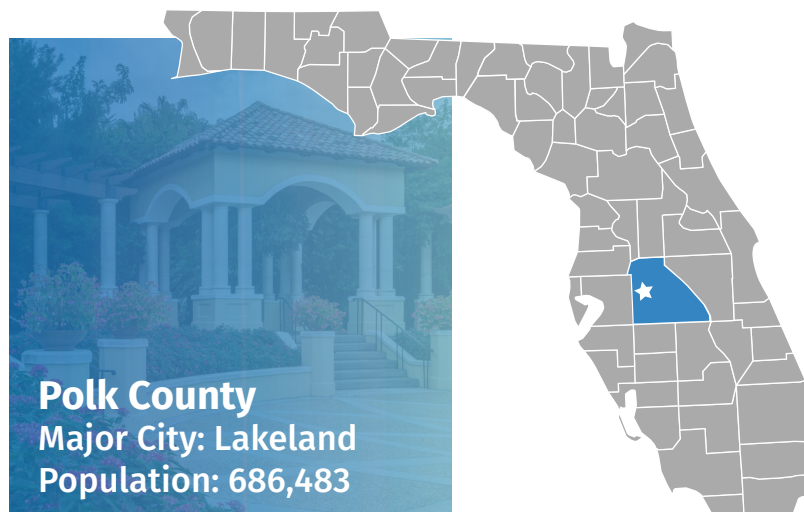
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# Living in Lakeland and Central Florida

Ideally situated in sunny central Florida among nearly 40 lakes, Lakeland has something to offer everyone.

An easy driving distance to both Tampa and Orlando means that you will have access to two major airports, world famous theme parks, and the white sandy beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. From professional sports teams to the various amusement parks located throughout central Florida, Lakeland offers opportunities for endless fun for the whole family. Whether you are looking for a town with urban sensibilities or outdoor activities, Lakeland caters to both lifestyles. Lakeland is a family-oriented community that maintains a low cost of living and a great selection of neighborhoods and schools, making it easy to call home.



## Lakeland Apartments

### Complex

### Neighborhood

### Price Range Phone

The Park at Palazzo	SR33/North	Luxury	863.682.1300
Arbor Glen Apartments	SR33/North	Luxury	863.393.0000
NoBay Village	Downtown/Central	Luxury	863.333.9253
Town Center at Lakeside	Harden/South Central	Luxury	863.499.0004
Village at Lake Highland	Lake Somerset/SE	Luxury	863.701.7101
Century Ariva	Southeast	Luxury	863.815.5800
Native Palm Properties	Imperial Lakes/Southwest	Luxury	863.647.1679
The Preserve at Lakeland Hills	SR33/North	Affordable	863.546.4862
Sunset Lakes Condominiums	Sleepy Hill/North	Affordable	863.816.1616
Carlton Arms (North LKLD)	SR33/North	Affordable	877.779.7410
Carlton Arms (South LKLD)	Southwest	Affordable	877.558.1001
Huntington at Sundance	Southwest	Affordable	833.281.8343
Wilmington Apartments	Lake Miriam/South	Affordable	863.701.7828

# Schools and Universities

## Top Public Schools

Name	Level	Type	Rating
McKeel Academy Central	PreK-6	Magnet/Choice	A
Berkley Elementary	K-5	Public	A
Highlands Grove	K-5	Public	A
Lincoln Avenue Academy	K-5	Magnet/Choice	A
Scott Lake Elementary	K-5	Public	B
Valleyview Elementary	PreK-5	Public	B
South McKeel Academy	PreK-7	Magnet/Choice	A
Berkley Accelerated Middle	6-8	Public	A
Lawton Chiles Middle Academy	6-8	Magnet/Choice	A
McKeel Academy of Technology	7-12	Magnet/Choice	A
George W. Jenkins Senior High	9-12	Public	C
Harrison School for the Arts	9-12	Magnet/Choice	N/A
International Baccalaureate	9-12	Public	N/A
Lake Gibson Senior High	9-12	Public	C
Lakeland Senior High	9-12	Public	C
Polk State Collegiate	9-12	Charter School	A

## Private Schools

Name	Level
All Saints Academy	PreK-12
Lakeland Christian	K-12
Santa Fe Catholic	9-12
St. Paul Lutheran	PreK-8
St. Joseph's	PreK-8
Victory Christian	PreK-12



For additional school options and the most recent school ratings, please visit [polkschoolsfl.com](http://polkschoolsfl.com).



# Schools and Universities

## Local Universities and Colleges in Central, FL



Florida Polytechnic University  
863.583.9050



Florida Southern College  
863.680.4111



Hillsborough  
Community College  
813.253.7000



Keiser University  
863.682.6020



Polk State College  
863.297.1000



Rollins College  
407.646.2000



Southeastern University  
863.667.5000



University of Central Florida  
407.823.2000



University of South Florida  
813.974.2011



University of Tampa  
813.253.3333



Valencia College  
407.299.5000

## Recreational Activities in Central Florida



Lakeland offers a wide variety of recreational activities including lake front trails, community gatherings, public golf courses and more. ***Some highlights include:***



### Common Ground Playground

Common Ground is Polk County's first "inclusive play experience," a term used to describe non-traditional play areas. Children of varying abilities and disabilities are able to play together side-by-side.



### Downtown Farmers Curbside Market

Showcasing the talents and work of local artisans and local growers, this market brings together all segments of our community. Featuring sweet treats, handcrafted goods, and so much more!



### Cleveland Heights Golf Course

This 27<sup>th</sup> hole municipal facility is open to the public. Enjoy a fun day of golf, food and drinks at "The Heights".



# Entertainment

## Main Shopping

Ellenton Premium Outlets  
Downtown Lakeland  
Lakeland Square Mall  
Lakeside Village  
Orlando Premium Outlets  
The Mall at Millenia  
Channelside Bay Plaza  
Hyde Park Village

## Location

Ellenton, FL  
Lakeland, FL  
Lakeland, FL  
Lakeland, FL  
Orlando, FL  
Orlando, FL  
Tampa, FL  
Tampa, FL



## Local Beaches

### West Coast

Ana Maria  
Clearwater Beach  
Ft. Desoto Beach  
St. Pete Beach  
Treasure Island

### East Coast

Cocoa Beach  
Daytona Beach  
New Smyrna Beach  
St. Augustine



## Sports Teams

Detroit Tigers Spring Training (MLB)  
Lakeland Magic (NBA D-League)  
New York Yankees Spring Training (MLB)  
Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL)  
Tampa Bay Buccaneers (NFL)  
Orlando City SC (Soccer)  
Orlando Magic (NBA)  
Tampa Bay Rays (MLB)

## Location

Lakeland, FL  
Lakeland, FL  
Tampa, FL  
Tampa, FL  
Tampa, FL  
Orlando, FL  
Orlando, FL  
St. Petersburg, FL



# Entertainment

## Theme Parks

Disney Parks  
Universal Studios  
SeaWorld  
Legoland  
Busch Gardens  
Gatorland

## Location

Orlando, FL  
Orlando, FL  
Orlando, FL  
Winter Haven, FL  
Tampa, FL  
Orlando, FL



## Theaters/Concert Venues

Silver Moon Drive-In  
Polk Theatre  
Lakeland Center  
Straz Center  
Amway Center  
Amalie Arena  
MidFlorida Amphitheatre

## Location

Lakeland, FL  
Lakeland, FL  
Lakeland, FL  
Tampa, FL  
Orlando, FL  
Tampa, FL  
Tampa, FL



## Museums

Explorations V Children's Museum  
Polk Museum of Art  
Ringling Museum  
Dali Museum

## Location

Lakeland, FL  
Lakeland, FL  
Sarasota, FL  
St. Petersburg, FL





# Informational Resources

[YLakeland.com](http://YLakeland.com)

[LakelandMom.com](http://LakelandMom.com)

[TheLedger.com](http://TheLedger.com)

[Lakelandgov.net](http://Lakelandgov.net) - City of Lakeland

[PolkSchoolsFL.com](http://PolkSchoolsFL.com) - Polk County Public Schools







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