

Lakeland, FL Metro Area

Counties FLORIDA: Polk
Primary City Lakeland, FL
Metro Type Mid-Sized Magnet* (High Growth, Low Diversity, Low Education)
Population 580,594 (2009)



The Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL metro area is the 87th largest in the United States, and one of eight metropolitan areas among the 100 largest that lies in Florida. It is located in central Florida, between Tampa and Orlando.

KEY INDICATORS (all figures 2009 unless otherwise noted)

	Metro	Metro Rank (**)	Primary City	Suburbs	Mid-Sized Magnet Metros	United States
<u>Population and Migration</u>						
% change in population, 2000-2009	20.2	19	10.4	22.3	15.3	8.8
Domestic migration rate, 2000-2009 ¹	14.5	10			9.4	0.0
% of population moving in previous year	17.6	28	17.6	17.6	16.8	15.4
<u>Race and Ethnicity</u>						
% of population that is nonwhite ²	33.4	44	36.9	32.7	28.3	35.1
% change in nonwhite population, 2000-2009	58.4	11	45.9	61.4	41.3	23.9
Change in nonwhite share of population, 2000-2009	8.0	9	6.6	8.2	5.1	4.2
<u>Immigration</u>						
% of population that is foreign-born	10.2	43	10.2	10.2	8.4	12.5
% change in foreign-born population, 2000-2009	78.4	10	117.0	72.5	55.3	23.8
% of children with at least one foreign-born parent	22.2	35	21.0	22.4	15.2	22.7
<u>Age</u>						
% of population age 45 and over	42.3	13	45.4	41.7	41.1	38.7
% change in under-18 population, 2000-2009	19.8	14	13.1	20.9	12.2	3.3
Dependency ratio ³	71.8	5	75.8	71.0	62.7	59.1

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<u>Households and Families</u>						
% of households that are married couples with children	17.6	86	12.3	18.9	18.9	20.6
% change in married-with-children households, 2000-2009	6.6	19	14.7	5.5	1.2	-5.7
Average household size	2.56	56	2.17	2.65	2.53	2.63
<u>Educational Attainment</u>						
% of population age 25 and over with bachelor's degree	17.9	96	25.0	16.5	25.6	27.9
Change in % of population with bachelor's degree, 2000-2009	3.0	70	4.1	2.8	3.2	3.5
% 18-to-24 year-olds enrolled in higher education	25.3	100	34.0	23.3	39.7	41.7
<u>Work</u>						
Wage for middle-wage workers, 2009 (\$/hour) ⁴	15.21	98				17.74
% change in wage for middle-wage workers, 2000-2009	-0.4	40				-4.5
High/low wage ratio, 2009 ⁵	4.27	78				5.00
<u>Income and Poverty</u>						
Median household income (\$)	42,118	94	36,165	43,754	46,219	50,221
% change in median household income, 2000-2009	-9.5	64	-16.1	-7.5	-9.6	-7.1
% of children in poverty	25.9	8	24.1	26.2	19.9	20.0
<u>Commuting</u>						
% of commuters who drive alone	79.7	50			81.2	76.1
% of commuters who use public transit	0.2	99			1.0	5.0
% change in commuters who use public transit, 2000-2009	-67.5	100			25.6	18.0

*Mid-Sized Magnet metro areas include: Allentown, PA; Baton Rouge, LA; Boise, ID; Bradenton, FL; Cape Coral, FL; Chattanooga, TN-GA; Greensboro-High Point, NC; Greenville, SC; Jacksonville, FL; Lakeland, FL; Little Rock, AR; Ogden, UT; Oklahoma City, OK; P

**Out of 100 largest metropolitan areas

¹ Net domestic migration from 2000 to 2009 divided by population in 2000

² Includes all groups other than non-Hispanic whites

³ Population under 18 plus population 65 and over divided by population age 18 to 64, multiplied by 100

⁴ Full-time, year-round workers at the median of the wage distribution in the specified geography

⁵ Ratio of wages for full-time, year round workers at the 90th percentile of the wage distribution to those at the 10th percentile of the wage distribution