

BY THE Numbers

LAKWOOD RANCH COMMUNITY FACT SHEET

- Lakewood Ranch (LWR) is a master-planned community located in Manatee and Sarasota counties east of Interstate 75, and accessible from interchanges at University Parkway, State Road 70, State Road 64, and Fruitville Road.
- The 35,000+-acre community is part of Schroeder-Manatee Ranch (SMR), a working ranch. Since the early 1900s, the Uihlein family, one of the original owners of the Schlitz Brewery, has owned the property. Ranch activities have included cattle ranching and citrus, tree and turf farming, and aggregate mining.
- SMR transitioned into community development in February of 1994 and today, Lakewood Ranch is the bestselling master-planned community for all ages in the United States (per MPC rankings by RCLCO and John Burns) for the seventh year in a row, with more than 72,000 residents in 30+ villages.
- Lakewood Ranch is a primary home, multi-generational community with appropriately priced and designed residential product types and lifestyle amenities that appeal to various age, income, and household segments; The Ranch is a primary home community with year-round residents. The median age is 53.
- To date, the majority of existing residential development is located in Manatee County, but there are more than 4,200 residential units planned and under development in Sarasota County in the village of Lakewood Ranch Waterside.
- Lakewood Ranch has a broad array of residential product, from apartments to senior living facilities to neighborhoods with attached and detached family homes. More than 50,000 homes are currently sold or under lease in Lakewood Ranch. Prices for new homes range from the \$300,000s to more than \$2 million.
- Since March of 2004, more than 15,000 acres have been certified “green” by the Florida Green Building Coalition. There are more than 150 miles of multi-surface trails, with 10 community parks and three county parks.
- Lakewood Ranch’s 2,645 businesses employ more than 22,246 employees in diverse fields including finance and insurance, healthcare, retail, professional/technology, hospitality, warehouse and industrial, and construction.
- There are 15 vibrant and varied business districts throughout Lakewood Ranch, including 3 town centers, five business parks, and 12 neighborhood shopping plazas, offering more than 360 shops, eateries, and services.

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- Lakewood Ranch Main Street offers stylish boutiques and international restaurants, the Lakewood Ranch Cinemas and other creative entertainment opportunities. Main Street combines elements of the ideal downtown with easy to access stores. The open-air environment provides a unique place for strolling and shopping, special events, and concerts and festivals throughout the year, making this the focal point of the community and Lakewood Ranch's "downtown."
- The Green is the town center located within the northern villages of Lakewood Ranch. The Green is a 37-acre development featuring more than two dozen businesses within 150,000 square feet of retail, office and restaurant spaces. Tenants include Fresh Market, LA Fitness, and Sirius Day Spa; restaurants such as Tsunami Sushi & Hibachi Grill, Keke's Breakfast Café, SoFresh, Pacific Counter, Starbuck's and Panera Bread; and shops such as Dog Perfect pet store and Modern Gents barbershop and bar.
- Waterside Place, in Sarasota County, is the village center located in Lakewood Ranch Waterside, and opened in late 2021. The center includes apartments, restaurants, retail shops, professional offices, and a variety of outdoor entertainment spaces all within walking distance of every residence and connected by a water taxi to many neighborhoods. In 2022, National Association of Home Builders recognized Waterside Place with a Gold award for Best Lifestyle Program.
- There are numerous public and private schools – elementary through college. The public schools zoned for Lakewood Ranch consistently receive high ratings from the Florida State Board of Education. The 10 college campuses include medical, pharmacy and dental schools.
- There are more than 15+ places of worship in Lakewood Ranch, along with several beginning congregations.
- Lakewood Ranch Medical Center, a 120-bed hospital that opened in the fall of 2004, added a robotic surgery program in 2019, undertook a \$3 million renovation project on its Women's Center in 2020, and has recently announced plans to add a new \$120 million, five-story, 60-bed patient tower in 2025.
- Since its inception in 2000, the Lakewood Ranch Community Fund has given more than \$1 million to non-profit organizations in the community. The fund's mission is to help support programs that promote a hometown lifestyle and enhance the community in the areas of education, youth, sports, elderly, health, environment, libraries and culture.
- Preservation and stewardship of the land is a top priority. Of The Ranch's total acreage, approximately 45% is set aside for open space and recreation.

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- SMR has also made considerable efforts to set aside large tracts of land, eradicate invasive species that have overtaken them, and restore their native flora and fauna. Long Swamp, a 400-acre conservation area, and Heritage Ranch, a 2,000-acre parcel, are two such examples. Through the use of a combination of habitat management techniques, nuisance and exotic plant overgrowth has been reversed. There is also a 38-acre preserve for the gopher tortoise, a threatened and protected species.
- The private Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club (LWRG&CC) offers 72 holes of superb golf. Three of the four courses are designed by Arnold Palmer and all provide varied levels of play. LWRG&CC also offers three world-class practice facilities, each with 400-yard driving ranges, short game areas, and putting greens. It is also home to the Golf Academy which is equipped with cutting-edge digital analysis and expert instruction.
- LWRG&CC serves as a social and recreational retreat for members and their families. The 44,000 square-foot main clubhouse is one of the largest in the area. A second 29,000 square-foot clubhouse -- The Lodge -- opened in 2016 and provides 6,000 square feet of outdoor covered spaces, as well as a pro shop. The club also has a 20,000 square-foot state-of-the-art athletic center, a tennis facility with 20+ courts, and 20 pickleball courts.
- LWRG&CC has won numerous awards since opening in 2007, but most recently received a platinum followed by a gold award in SRQ magazine's "Best of SRQ" issue for Best Private Golf Course in 2023 and 2024. Other recent awards include Top Ranked Clubhouse & Patio (Club Resort Magazine), Best Private Club Pro Shop (PGA Magazine) and Top Ranked Wedding Vendor (Wedding Wire).
- Esplanade Golf and Country Club and Esplanade at Azario Lakewood Ranch both have 18-hole courses, and Lakewood National has 36 holes; some have tee times available for non-members as well. Also located on the Ranch is the private Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, offering a Tom Fazio-designed 18-hole championship course. Additionally, the Calusa Country Club will be opening soon with both an 18-hole and 12-hole course for neighborhood residents, but they will be open for public play initially.
- The Sarasota Polo Club opened in 1991, making this one of the few communities where residents can live near polo fields. Polo players from around the world come to play on one of seven fields. LWR is also home to the Sarasota International Cricket and Rugby Club.

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- In 2011, The Premier Sports Campus at Lakewood Ranch opened – a multi-purpose facility that is home to 23 full-sized, mixed-use fields for soccer, lacrosse and other amateur sports, and features Celebration grass and underground irrigation. PSC hosts some 200,000 visitors per year, and hosted such national events as the Nike Friendlies, USA Ultimate, IVP World Cup Qualifiers by FIGO7, and the USA Roma Academy Showcase. Manatee County took over ownership of the facility at the end of 2017.
- From 2011 through 2023, two national real estate consulting firms (RCLCO and John Burns Real Estate Consulting) ranked Lakewood Ranch as one of the top 10, best-selling, master-planned communities in the United States. More than 130 communities across the U.S. were included in the study. Lakewood Ranch was named second best-selling in the U.S. from 2018 to 2023, as well as being the No. 1 best-selling multi-generational community for those six years. The Ranch has been among the top-selling master-planned communities in the country for 13 out of the last 14 years, according to RCLCO, who ranked The Ranch second in its “Best of the Decade” list.
- Lakewood Ranch was named to the “Best Wellness Community” category in 2019, the “Best Health & Fitness” category in the 2020, and “Top 100 Planned Communities” category in 2021, and 2022 and Best Community Amenities in 2024 by ideal-LIVING magazine. The Ranch was recognized for its wellness-centered master planning, extensive recreational amenities, and health-conscious lifestyle programming.
- Lakewood Ranch’s information center is located in the heart of the Ranch, at 8131 Lakewood Main Street, and features a team of professional community specialists who are eager to customize a self-guided tour of the Ranch or provide answers to any questions prospective buyers may have.

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