

LAKEWOOD RANCH FACTS

& Community Statistics

OVERVIEW

Lakewood Ranch is a 35,000+-acre, 53-square-mile master-planned community in Manatee and Sarasota counties, Florida, east of I-75. More than 80,000 people live across 40+ villages in Lakewood Ranch. As of March 31, 2026, Lakewood Ranch was 70% sold or leased, with 27,918 homes sold and 6,481 rental units delivered. The community includes 6.6 million square feet of non-residential development, 2,645 businesses, more than 22,246 jobs, 150+ miles of trails, 10 community parks, 3 county parks, and 20 commercial centers.

Location	Manatee and Sarasota counties, Florida, east of I-75 with interchanges on SR64, SR 70, University Parkway and Fruitville Road.
Total size	35,000+ acres / 53 square miles
Residents	More than 80,000 people
Villages	40+ villages including those actively selling new construction, offering resale homes, and planned for future residential.
Homes sold	27,918
Rental units completed	6,481
Total entitled units	49,132 for-sale and rental units
Business count	2,645
Employment	More than 22,246
Non-residential development	6.6 million sq. ft.
Open space and recreation	Approximately 46% of total acreage
Trails	150+ miles of trails
Certified green acreage	15,000+ acres certified by the Florida Green Building Coalition since 2004

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SIZE & LOCATION

- **Lakewood Ranch** is a 35,000+-acre/53 sq. mile master-planned community located in **Manatee and Sarasota counties**, east of I-75, accessible via interchanges at University Parkway, State Road 70, State Road 64, and Fruitville Road. (Source: Clearview Land)
- The community is part of **Schroeder-Manatee Ranch (SMR)**, a working ranch historically involved in cattle ranching, citrus and turf farming, and aggregate mining. Owned by the **Uihlein family** (founders of Schlitz Brewery) since the early 1900s. (Source: Lakewood Ranch: A Legacy of Living with the Land by Inc. Schroeder-Manatee Ranch)
- SMR transitioned into community development in **February 1994**, and Lakewood Ranch has been the **best-selling multigenerational master-planned community in the U.S. since 2018**, per rankings from **RCLCO and John Burns Real Estate Consulting**.
- As of **March 31, 2026**, Lakewood Ranch is **70% sold or leased**, with **27,918 homes sold** and **6,481 rental units delivered**. The community is entitled for 49,132 for-sale and rental units in total.

RESIDENTS & LIFESTYLE

- Lakewood Ranch is a **primary-home, multigenerational community**, offering a wide variety of residential product types and lifestyle amenities. The **average age of residents is 49**. (Source: ESRI)
- **New home prices** range from the **high \$200,000s to over \$2 million**, including condominiums, townhomes, villas, and single-family homes.
- **19 builders** are active in Lakewood Ranch, offering options from move-in-ready homes to custom luxury residences.
- **More than 80,000 people** live across **40+ villages**, making Lakewood Ranch one of the most vibrant and diverse master-planned communities in the country.

BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

- Lakewood Ranch features 6.6 million square feet of non-residential development and is home to 2,645 businesses employing more than 22,246 people across industries including healthcare, finance, retail, insurance, professional and technology services, construction, hospitality, warehousing, and light manufacturing. (Source: ESRI)

COMMERCIAL & TOWN CENTERS

- **Main Street:** Lakewood Ranch's original town center and walkable downtown district. Main Street features 25 boutiques & stores, 15 restaurants, 19 class-A offices, the Lakewood Ranch Cinema, The Fish Hole Mini Golf, and condominium residences above street-level businesses. It also hosts year-round community events, including the popular Music on Main concert series.
- **The Green:** The Green is a 37-acre mixed-use town center in northern Lakewood Ranch featuring approximately 150,000 square feet of retail, restaurant, and office space. Anchored by a grocery store, the center also includes a fitness center, spa, pet supply store, dining establishments, and multifamily residential apartments, creating a live-work-play environment.

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- **Waterside Place** is Lakewood Ranch's vibrant lakefront town center located within the Waterside village. The mixed-use destination offers 13 shopping options, 15 restaurants, 14 class-A offices, wellness services, entertainment, and year-round events. It is home to the Lakewood Ranch Farmers' Market, which was named the #1 Farmers' Market in the United States in 2025 by American Farmland Trust's Farmers Market Celebration. Connected to surrounding neighborhoods by trails and water taxi, Waterside Place is adjacent to Waterside Park and serves as a central gathering place for residents and visitors. In 2022, Waterside Place received the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Gold Award for Best Lifestyle Program.
- Across Lakewood Ranch, there are **20 commercial centers**, including the **3 town centers, 5 business parks**, and **13 neighborhood shopping plazas**, with **300+ shops, restaurants, and services**. (Source: ESRI)

RECREATION, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE

- Approximately **46% of Lakewood Ranch's total acreage is set aside for open space and recreation**. (Source: Clearview Land)
- There are over **150 miles of trails, 10 community parks**, and **3 county parks featuring**:
 - o Basketball courts
 - o Disc Golf
 - o Dog Parks
 - o Exercise Stations
 - o Fishing Lakes
 - o Inline Skate Park
 - o Kayak Launch
 - o Pickleball Courts
 - o Picnic Pavilions
 - o Playgrounds
 - o Sand Volleyball Court
 - o Splash Park
 - o Sports Fields
 - o Tennis Courts
 - o Volleyball Courts
- **15,000+ acres** have been certified "green" by the Florida Green Building Coalition since 2004.
- SMR has prioritized land conservation, restoring habitats and managing invasive species. Notable areas include:
 - o **Heritage Ranch**, a 2,025±-acre conservation area with Gopher Tortoise Preserve.
 - o **Long Swamp**, 400±-acre conservation tract in Waterside.
 - o **Braden River Mitigation Bank** protecting water quality and native habitats along the Braden River corridor across 349± acres.

GOLF, SPORTS & FITNESS

- **Private Golf:**
 - o **Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club (LWRG&CC)** features:
 - **72 holes** across four courses (three designed by Arnold Palmer)
 - A **Golf Academy**, three **practice facilities, 20+ tennis courts, 20 pickleball courts**, and a **20,000 sq ft athletic center**
 - o **The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club** featuring an 18-hole course designed by Tom Fazio

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- Residential Bundled Golf courses, with access provided by HOA fees:
 - **Lakewood National** (36 holes)
 - **Esplanade at Azario** and **Esplanade Golf & Country Club** (each with 18 holes)
 - **Calusa Country Club** (18-hole and 12-hole courses)
- **Sarasota Polo Club** (est. 1991): A residential neighborhood with polo ranches and 7 playing fields, which host matches open to the public every Sunday from December through April annually.
- **Premier Sports Campus at Lakewood Ranch:** Opened in 2011, the Premier Sports Campus at Lakewood Ranch is a regional sports and tournament destination featuring **23 FIFA-regulation soccer and multipurpose athletic fields**. The campus welcomes more than **400,000 visitors** annually and hosts local, national, and international sporting events throughout the year. It is also home to Sarasota Paradise, a professional soccer club competing in USL League One.

Key amenities include:

- Stadium with seating for more than 3,000 spectators and premium hospitality areas
 - Athletics & Aquatics Center (coming soon), featuring competition and therapy pools
 - 24 pickleball courts, including covered courts
 - Walking trails and open recreation areas
- **Sarasota International Cricket** also calls Lakewood Ranch home, playing year-round.

EDUCATION & HEALTH

- **42 centers of learning** (public and private)
 - 15 Preschools
 - 10 public schools (Elementary, Middle and High School), which consistently receive **high ratings** from the Florida State Board of Education.
 - 7 private schools
 - **10 colleges** with medical, dental, and pharmacy schools
- **Lakewood Ranch Medical Center** - a 180-bed hospital providing comprehensive healthcare services. A new \$120 million, five-story patient tower opened in 2026, adding 60 beds and expanding the hospital's capacity to serve the growing region. Key service lines include:
 - Cardiovascular care
 - Robotic-assisted surgery
 - Emergency medicine
 - Orthopedics
 - Women's health and obstetrics
- Orlando Health Hospital (coming soon)
- 6 Senior Living Facilities for Ongoing Care
- Florida Cancer Specialists Center & Research Institute
- Johns Hopkins All Children's Outpatient Care
- Onsite General Practitioners, Dentists and Specialists
- Freestanding Emergency Rooms

COMMUNITY LIFE & PHILANTHROPY

- **15+ places of worship**, plus several emerging congregations.
- **Lakewood Ranch Community Foundation**, founded in 2000, has granted **\$1.5M+ to local nonprofits** supporting education, youth, seniors, health, environment, culture, and more.
- Additional philanthropic opportunities are available through organizations such as **Women's Giving Circles**, where residents can support a variety of charitable causes.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- **2018-2025:** No. 1 best-selling multigenerational master-planned community in the U.S. – *RCLCO and John Burns*
- **2021-2026:** Top 100 Best Places To Live – *ideal-LIVING*
- **2020:** Best Health & Fitness Community – *ideal-LIVING*
- **2019:** Best Wellness Community – *ideal-LIVING*
- **2019:** Ranked **#2 "Best of the Decade"** – *RCLCO*
- **2025:** #1 Farmers Market in the Nation – *American Farmland Trust's Farmers' Market Celebration*
- **2023-2024:** #1 Farmers Market in the Florida – *American Farmland Trust's Farmers' Market Celebration*
- **2023:** Waterside Place received Best of American Living Award for mixed-use community – *National Association of Home Builders*
- **2022:** Best Lifestyle Program for Waterside Place – *National Association of Home Builders*

COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE INFORMATION

- The **Lakewood Ranch New Home Center**, located at **8131 Lakewood Main Street, Suite 106**, is staffed with professional community guides ready to answer questions or help design a self-guided tour.

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