Central Florida
Relocation Guide

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Before **Apopka** was "The Indoor Foliage Capital of the World," or even before it was "The Fern City," or "The Lodge," it was an Indian settlement. From about 7500 B.C. until about the 1st century A.D. when they disappeared for reasons unknown, Indians were believed to have lodged on the shores of Lake Apopka. Then, for about 400 years, the region appears to have been uninhabited.

When the Spaniards arrived in Florida in the 16th century, the Acuera tribe of the Timucua confederation was said to have lived in the Apopka area, growing crops and trading. By 1730, these natives were decimated by war and diseases brought by the Europeans and had also disappeared. Then early in the 19th century, Indians again inhabited the area.

The Armed Occupation Act of 1842 brought settlers to the Apopka area. They received 160 acres if they would settle them. These pioneers, and those that followed them after the Civil War from states in the north, began converting the area into what it is today.

The settlement grew, attracting developers and settlers because of the climate and the agricultural opportunities. By the 1850s, Apopka had become an important trading center. One group of individuals, the Masons, was particularly active. The Masons Orange Lodge #36 was organized in 1857, and "The Lodge" building was completed in 1859. The Lodge building is still standing on its original site at Alabama Avenue and Highway 441 (Main Street) and is the oldest lodge room in continuous use in the State of Florida. It was around this building that the town grew in the 1860s and 1870s and ultimately became the city of Apopka, which was incorporated in 1882. Signifying the importance of this structure the city limits were measured one mile in all directions from the Masonic Lodge.

By 1912, growing ferns became one of the largest industries in the Apopka area, and soon Apopka developed the name "Fern City." More tropical plants were introduced to the growers in the area in following years. This influx of new foliage as a business opportunity took over the fern industry, and the city of Apopka became known as "The Indoor Foliage Capital of the World."

Today, the city of Apopka is located 12 miles northwest of Orlando and encompasses an area slightly larger than 24 square miles. Apopka is the second largest city in Orange County. With the continuing robust growth in population and local business development and expansion, the Apopka area offers countless business and recreational opportunities for local residents. From its roots as an Indian settlement, to its days as the Indoor Foliage Capital of the World, the Apopka area has grown into a community small enough for development but mature enough for stability and distinction. Today, the Apopka area offers a unique blend of natural beauty, historical pride and deep-set family values that will continue to grow in the 21st century.

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Casselberry is located in the southern portion of Seminole County. The city is only 7 miles north of Orlando and covers just over 6 square miles. Casselberry is a popular place to live for those who work in Orlando and at other locations throughout the greater Orlando area.

The City of Casselberry, like many Florida cities, started as a vision in one man's mind, Hibbard Casselberry, and today is a growing metropolis. For 2004, the official population estimate is 24,735, a far cry from the population of 407 in 1950.

Today, Casselberry encompasses an area of approximately eight square miles, including more than two dozen lakes, the largest of which are Lake Howell, Lake Kathryn and the Triplet Chain of Lakes. Within Casselberry there are two public schools, Casselberry Elementary an South Seminole Middle School and two private schools, Kenworthy School and The Geneva School.

The City has a diverse mix of fine retail establishments, purveyors of clothing, electronic equipment, household furnishings, comestibles, and automobiles, dozens of restaurants of various ethnicities, office and commercial space, and housing for families, single people and retirees in all price ranges. Hibbard Casselberry's vision to buy some "pretty land" on which to build homes and businesses is now the City you see today -- friendly, vibrant, prosperous…home to its citizens, residents and business owners. Casselberry is a great place to live and work.
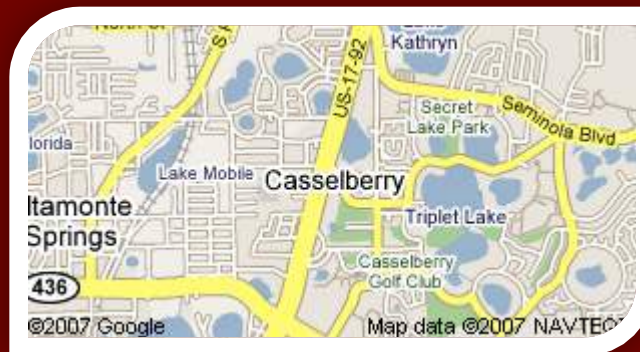
Population: 24,298

Population Density: 3,377 people per square mile

Location: Near State Route 4 :South of Winter Springs, North of Winter Park

Education:
Seminole County School District

Schools: Casselberry Elementary, Red Bug Elementary, South Seminole Middle, Sterling Park Elementary,

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The City of Lake Mary takes pride in its strong sense of community and its commitment to high standards of quality living. That's part of the reason Lake Mary is one of the fastest growing areas in Central Florida! Lake Mary is located near Interstate 4, along the fast growing high tech business center near Heathrow.

The city offers well planned residential communities, excellent schools, prominent businesses, and a variety of shopping. It\'s a friendly place to live and work and few places are more attractive. The crime rate is one of the lowest in Florida thanks to our pro-active, community based police department.

The fire department is skilled in rapid response and emergency rescue. The parks and recreation facilities are beautifully maintained. Lake Mary has all the conveniences of Orlando without the traffic!

Money BEST PLACES TO LIVE

#4 – Lake Mary, Florida

Best of the South
Typical single-family home: $325,000
Estimated property taxes: $5,200
Pros: Big-economy jobs, small-town feel, no income tax

Population: 13,200

Less than a decade ago, "everything" might have referred to Orlando or Disney World, which are 30 minutes away, or to Daytona Beach, reachable in 45. But growth has brought Lake Mary residents plenty of shopping, restaurants and events in their own backyard. There are lakes for boating and fishing, and the Timacuan Golf Course lies in the center of town. The downtown is a work in progress, but plans are moving ahead to create multiuse plazas that incorporate retail, office and residential space.

Recreation is one thing, but jobs keep Lake Mary humming. On weekdays the population rockets from less than 14,000 to more than 35,000 as commuters arrive. AAA and Ruth's Chris Steak House keep their headquarters here, while others, like the Hartford and AT&T, maintain a large presence in the area's office parks.

All of the development has pushed housing prices higher, but a four-bedroom, three-bath house can still be had for $300,000. Of course, there's always the weather to worry about. In 2004 the town spent more than $2 million cleaning up after hurricanes. Three years later, though, the streets are once again lined with palms and flowering crape myrtles, and residents are more than willing to risk a storm for the town's amenities. "We're away from the tourists, we're close to the beach, and there are really good schools," says Tracy Paone, 39, a stay-at-home mom who lives here with her husband and two children. "To me, it's just right."

Lake Mary

The City of Longwood may not be one of the largest cities in Central Florida, but it ranks among the oldest, dating roughly from the end of the Second Seminole War.

During the first half of the 1800\'s, several forts were established in Central Florida as bases for military action. When the threat of Seminole Indian attacks receded, many settlers moved to Longwood and established orange groves and other crops in the area. They sent word to the North, speaking of the Florida climate and warm weather. Soon, more and more moved to the Central Florida area.

Longwood soon became inundated with entrepreneurs, small business owners, churches and houses. Many of these early buildings are still in existence today in downtown Longwood and many are on the National Register of Historic Places. New economic and development opportunities were brought to the area in the 1960's and 1970's, fueled by both the space industry and the development of Walt Disney World and other attractions.

Longwood prides itself on providing a favorable atmosphere to the development and enhancement of commercial and industrial uses. There are approximately 465 acres devoted to commercial use and approximately 355 acres for industrial purposes within the City. New developers are always welcome by City staff to meet and review their location/development needs and discuss all aspects of permitting activities and approvals

Longwood is unique in that it provides a comfortable, safe, small town atmosphere while being nestled within a larger, dynamic metropolitan area which is internationally known for its ambiance and attractions. The combination of Old Florida charm and the city's dedication to attracting new and dynamic industrial enterprise warrants careful examination by newcomers.

At one time in the history of Longwood, an enormous Bald Cypress (Taxodium distichum) was recognized as the largest tree of its kind surviving in Florida. Visitors to the Sanford area are known to have waded through the surrounding swamp to view this tree since the early 1800s. In 1927 M. O, Overstreet, a prominent citizen of Orlando (and State Senator, 1920-1924), gave lasting protection to the giant, thereafter known as the "Senator" in his honor, and an adjacent slightly smaller tree, the "Senator's Brother," by his donation of six acres to Seminole County.

President Calvin Coolidge in 1929, during his last days in office, made a dedicatory speech beneath the tree, and a descriptive bronze plaque was placed on its trunk. In the mid-1930s the Work Progress Administration (WPA), to facilitate access, constructed a boardwalk from the nearby roadway to the base of the tree.

Longwood

Maitland, one of the oldest incorporated municipalities in Central Florida, is a city rich in history. The area was once called Fumecheliga (Musk Mellon Place) by the Seminole Indians before it was established as Fort Maitland in 1838 by the U.S. Army. Fort Maitland was a small fort built on the west shore of Lake Maitland as a rest stop between Fort Mellon and Fort Gatlin (Orlando). What is now Maitland Avenue was part of the Old Black Bear Trail which ran from Montreal, Canada to St. Petersburg, Florida, and passed by the fort.

When the Indian wars ceased and the fort had been torn down, people began settling in this area because of the natural spring water and extensive pine forests. At the close of the Civil War, settlers came buying large tracts of land, clearing them and planting citrus groves. By 1876 the orange trees were coming into production and as many as 300,000 boxes of fruit were to be shipped each season. The city was incorporated as the Town of Lake Maitland in 1885. After two years of devastating, tree killing freezes in 1894 and 1895, many of the grove owners were so financially affected that they left Florida. The town survived, however, and wealthy visitors kept coming to enjoy the climate. By 1926, Maitland had its largest year in citrus.

The Martin Marietta Corporation moved from Baltimore to Orlando in the 1950s. In 1959 a new city charter changed the name from Lake Maitland to Maitland.

In the 1960s, Maitland Avenue and Orlando Avenue (U.S. Highway 17-92) came alive with building construction. Supermarkets opened, as did restaurants, service stations, condominiums, garden apartments and churches. Even though the nation was in a recession, the arrival of Disney World, in 1971, to the Orlando area, had a strong impact on the continuous growth of Maitland. New buildings were sorely needed and numerous older buildings were demolished, including those on the site of the new City Hall, Fire and Police Departments. This complex was completed in 1975.

While growth continues, residents of the city are proud Maitland's past and actively pursue preservation of historical residences. A "historical corridor" has been established. This corridor encompasses old residences still standing and occupied in the Lake Lily-Lake Catherine area and extending through the Central portion of the city. Examples of these homes are: the Arthur O' Heir House (1885), Chadburne Hall or High Oaks (1890), the James Arch House (1885), the Robert L. Wagner House (1881) and the Hill-Stone House (1908). Also, the Florida Audubon Society was founded in Maitland and continues in its protection of wild birds on Lake Sybelia.
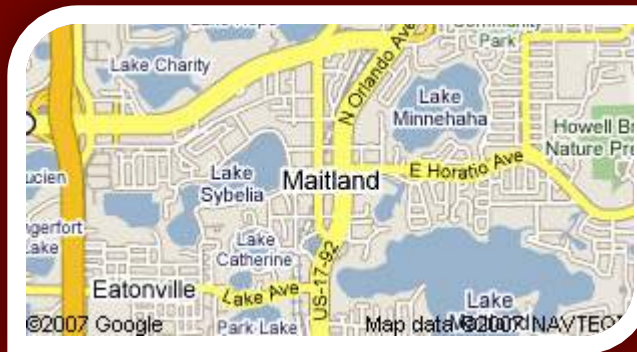
The City of Maitland has a history of strong residential identity, sustained by the beauty of the area and the diverse economy in the region. This history continues today, and the City will maintain and advance this tradition well into the future.

Maitland

Orlando is a thriving major city located in Orange County, Florida. The city is in the top 20 media markets in the country and is home to plenty of tourist attractions. Of these, most notable are Disney, Epcot, SeaWorld, and Universal, just to name a few. It is also centrally located. Just a 45-minute drive is all it takes to reach the east coast of Florida, including its beautiful beaches and most notably, Cape Canaveral. Home of NASA's Kennedy Space Center, residents and visitors alike can experience tours and frequent Space Shuttle launches. Around 60 minutes in the opposite direction and you'll find yourself on the west coast, with its equally beautiful beaches and the city of Tampa.

The Orlando metro is huge in terms of a population area. Its downtown district is also going through a facelift, seeing new sky-rises and developments go up frequently. There is also a future redevelopment plan in the works that includes a new sports arena, a performing arts center, and renovations to the Citrus Bowl. Sports fans can enjoy professional NBA basketball as Orlando is home to the Orlando Magic. Orlando is also home to arena football, soccer, and occasional nationally recognized bowl games.

Walt Disney wasn't the first person to build a tourist attraction. Dick Pope, Sr. is credited with that with the opening of his 1936 Cypress Gardens. (reopened in 2003 as the Cypress Gardens Adventure Park).

Central Florida continues to grow, attracting families to enjoy its warm climate, attractions, shopping and dining venues and hotels. It's also become a center for business conventions and meetings that allow attendees to bring their families, combining business and pleasure. Disney also features cruises from Port Canaveral in conjunction with its land-based attractions.

Orlando is also serviced by the largest International airport in Florida, and is sprawling with businesses and developments.

Location Characteristics: Today, Orlando incorporates outlying neighboring towns such as Winter Park (developed as a winter home in the 1860's for wealthy northerners), Kissimmee, Altamonte and Winter Gardens.

Orlando

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The City of Oviedo bases its roots in history and heritage, first settled by a group of Native Americans that were part of the Seminole tribe. However, Oviedo has emerged as a modern community with beautiful neighborhoods, high-caliber schools, notable shopping and dining establishments (Oviedo Marketplace Mall), and its major component, the University of Central Florida.

Oviedo's name is also tied to Spanish roots, associated with a city of the same name established in northern Spain in the 8th century.

Located just to the east of Orlando, it consists of a number of public parks and recreational facilities. Amenities include tennis, racquetball, softball, baseball, soccer, football, skating, fishing, nature trails, a gymnasium, an equestrian center, and an aquatics center. With several annual festivals, Oviedo is a popular destination for many area residents.
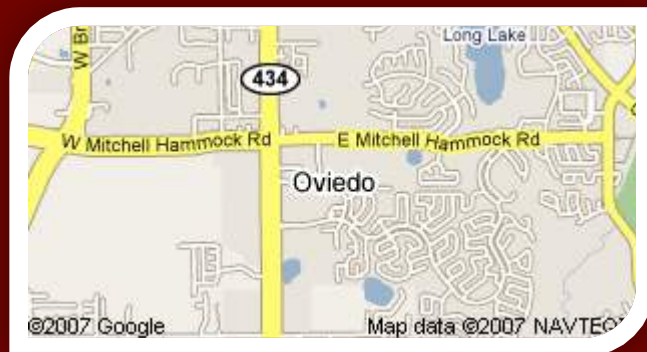
Oviedo planners are currently planning to build a new downtown area adjacent to the current downtown location. It will be a mixed-use development with new apartments, single-family homes, townhomes, restaurants, and other retail establishments.

"Location, Location, Location"

Oviedo and its surrounding communities certainly have it all when it comes to location. Situated in Eastern Seminole County, Oviedo is ideally located near the Greeneway (417). Orlando International Airport is just a 25-minute commute from Oviedo, downtown Orlando is only 20 minutes away and the Sanford Orlando Airport is less than 20 minutes away. Port Canaveral is a 45-minute commute from our border and several of the world\'s most beautiful beaches and famed attractions are less than 50 minutes away. Kennedy Space Center is a 45 minute drive and you need only to step outside any door in East Seminole County to catch a spectacular view of a shuttle launch. Major employers, including Siemens and Lockheed Martin and a host of high-tech companies in Research Park are minutes away and the University of Central Florida is mere minutes south of our community.

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An older agricultural and resort area, **Sanford** is home to the Delta Connection Academy, Seminole Community College and the Central Florida Zoological Park. The city is situated beside Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River.

Florida was acquired by the United States from Spain in 1821, but the Seminole Wars would delay settlement. In 1845, Florida became a state. Orange groves were planted, with the first fruit packing plant built in 1869. In 1870, General Henry Shelton Sanford bought 12,548 acres to the west of Mellonville and laid out the community of Sanford. Believing it would become a transportation hub, he called it "The Gateway City to South Florida." A colony of Swedes was recruited, arriving by steamboat in 1871 to settle the town and work its groves.

Incorporated in 1877 with a population of 100, Sanford absorbed Mellonville in 1883. The South Florida Railroad ran a line from Tampa to Sanford, where the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Railroad ran a line to Jacksonville, and the area became the largest shipper of oranges in the world. Arriving by steamer in April of 1883, President Chester A. Arthur vacationed a week at the Sanford House, a lakeside hotel built in 1875 and expanded in 1882.

But in 1887, the city suffered a devastating fire, followed the next year by a statewide epidemic of yellow fever. When the freezes of 1894 and 1895 ruined the citrus industry, farmers diversified by growing vegetables as well. Celery was first planted in 1896, and until 1974 the community would be nicknamed Celery City. In 1913, Sanford became county seat of Seminole County, created from Orange County. Agriculture continued to dominate the economy until 1940.

The opening of Walt Disney World in October 1971 shifted the economy of Central Florida further toward tourism and residential development, the epicenter of which is Orlando. But because of Sanford's former preeminence as a trade center, the city retains a significant collection of older commercial and residential architecture, on streets shaded by live oaks hung with Spanish moss. Its charm has made Sanford a setting for movies, including *My Girl*, 1991, *Passenger 57*, 1992, *Rosewood*, 1997, and *Monster*, 2003.

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Winter Park is an old and distinguished address in Central Florida, located on the North East side of Orlando. Minutes from downtown, it is convenient to all of downtown amenities while maintaining a peaceful atmosphere. Winter Park offers some of the most picturesque areas and some of the best window shopping opportunities in greater Orlando.

Founded in the late 19th century as a winter retreat for northerners, Winter Park is known for its natural beauty and numerous lakes. It has also nurtured an arts and cultural community, much of which is centered around Rollins College. The first higher education institute in Florida, Rollins is a small liberal arts school located on Lake Virginia. Some of its historical buildings can be found in the National Register of Historic Sites.

In addition to historical buildings, Winter Park is also home to the Cornell Fine Arts Museum, one of the top art museums in the country with over 6,000 pieces. The community also boasts having the largest collection of Tiffany glass on the planet, located at the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art.

Another institution of note located in Winter Park is the Full Sail Academy. Catering to those who wish to pursue a career in entertainment, music, broadcasting, creative design and internet technology find specialized courses and professional training.

Winter Park consists of over 70 parks, and recreational opportunities abound. There are a number of yearly festivals and activities, as well as golf courses, a train station, country club, boat tours, shopping, and dining. There is enough to keep anyone active.

Location Characteristics:
Winter Park is a city of about 25,000 residents located just north of Orlando in Orange County, Florida. One of Florida's finest cities, it is famous for its bricked streets, vibrant lakes, abundant parks, fine shops, Rollins College, The Winter Park Farmer's Market and two unique and impressive Art Festivals.

Winter Park

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Kissimmee History

1800's

The City of Kissimmee was originally a small trading post on the northern bank of Lake Tohopekaliga known as the community of "Allendale". After the Civil War this area was included in a purchase of 4,000,000 acres of marshland and plains by Mr. Hamilton Disston, the owner of Disston Saw Company in Philadelphia. The sale price for the land totaled $1 million or $.25 per acre! The infusion of $1 million to the State of Florida reportedly rescued the state from financial disaster. In January 1881, he contracted to drain the area and deepen the Kissimmee River so products could be shipped into the Gulf of Mexico and points beyond. Many steamboat captains navigated the chain of lakes leading from Kissimmee to the Gulf with cargoes of cypress lumber and sugar cane. On March 24, 1883, the citizens voted to incorporate the City, changing the name from Allendale to Kissimmee City. From the late 1800s into the turn of the century, the economy of the Kissimmee area relied strictly on cattle and sugar cane.

1900's

By 1920, the population of Kissimmee increased to more than 2,700 people as a result of the Florida land boom of the early 1900s. In the early 1930s, the cattle industry began to flourish in the area. However, citrus and other crops remained as the predominant industry. The construction of the Kissimmee Airport in the 1940s by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in preparation for the U.S. involvement in World War II, led to Kissimmee's population increasing by another 38% to more than 3,700 citizens.

Modern Era

City leaders, wanting to continue Kissimmee's prosperous history, encouraged growth through the attraction of retirees into the area during the 1950s. This effort stimulated growth of almost 60%. The next period of growth came in the 1970s with the opening of Walt Disney World resort area and other tourist attractions. Since Walt Disney Worlds debut in 1971, the population doubled from 7,500 to 15,000 in 1980. The population doubled again during the 80s to 30,000. Currently, 41,248 people reside within the corporate limits of the City, with approximately 140,000 people living throughout Osceola.

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Located in Polk County on Alt. U.S. Highway 27, minutes south of the Osceola County line, **Davenport** is a community of approximately 1,924 and is southwest of Orlando between Kissimmee and Winter Haven near Lake Tohopekaliga and Lake Marion. Davenport's location in the area of I-4 and U.S. Highway 27 is prime for expansion.

Part of the greater Davenport area is rapidly developing due to its close proximity to Walt Disney World and other major tourist attractions. Polk County has zoned much of the land to the north of Davenport for short term rental development, and large developments of high priced homes have been built. Many homes are purchased by British residents who rent the homes to British tourists for annual vacations to nearby Orlando. This influx of money has a great influence on the economy and local development of Davenport. Many British residents visit Orlando each year, some preferring to rent a home for their vacation, instead of using the traditional hotels on International Drive and Kissimmee in Greater Orlando.

With land area of 1.6 square miles and an elevation of 136 feet, the community is 3.8 miles from Haines City and 9.7 miles from Celebration. It's about 28 miles from the Orlando International Airport, 49 miles from the Sanford Airport and 32 from the Lakeland Regional Airport. The rolling hills of the Lake Wales Ridge, stretching south for about 100 miles from this point in northeast Polk, provide an idyllic setting for Davenport.

Davenport was developed in the 1920's by Holly Hill. The citrus processing company subdivided former groves into a landscaped community with a Mediterranean theme. One tradition says the community was named after Col. William Davenport, while another says it was named for a railroad conductor. Although a quiet, small town Davenport is nonetheless in the center of a booming residential area. The rapid expansion of the Disney complex just to the north, coupled with thousands of vacant acres of land formerly used for citrus production, have drawn dozens of new subdivisions to the area.

Davenport

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Apopka

Population: 34,728

Population Density: 1100 people per square mile

Education:
Orange County Public Schools
445 W. Amelia, Orlando, FL 32801
Phone-407.317.3200
http://www.ocps.k12.fl.us/

Schools:
Elementary Schools are Dream Lake, Lovell, Rock Springs, Wheatley, Apopka, Clarcona and Clay Springs. Middle Schools are Apopka and Piedmont Lakes. High School is Apopka High School.

Location:
Orange County just northwest of Orlando between Tavares and Orlando along US Highway 441 near Lake Apopka

For Information:
Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1234, Orlando, FL 32802
407-425-1234   407-889-1700 City Hall

Casselberry

Population: 24,298

Population Density: 3,377 people per square mile

Location: Near State Route 4 South of Winter Springs, North of Winter Park

Education:
Seminole County School District
400 East Lake Mary Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32773
(407) 320-0000 or 1-888-297-7277
http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/

Schools:
Casselberry Elementary, Red Bug Elementary, South Seminole Middle, Sterling Park Elementary

For Information:
Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce
30 N. Westmonte Drive, Suite 1974
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
407-834-4404   407-339-1224 FAX

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Lake Mary

Population: 14,638

Population Density: 1332 people per sq. mile

Location:
Lake Mary is a fast-growing suburban community, ideally located just 10 miles north of Orlando at the intersection of Interstate 4 and Lake Mary Boulevard. With convenient I-4 access nearly all that Central Florida has to offer is within easy reach.

Recreation:
Lake Mary has been actively developing a city wide park system for the enjoyment of its citizens. A variety of parks are available to fit every need. An active Sports Complex provides for baseball, softball, soccer, basketball and open playing fields. The naturally beautiful Liberty Park has large picnic pavilions, trails, playgrounds, boardwalks and a fishing dock. Central Park boasts an amphitheater hosting local shows as well as professional entertainment.

Education:
Seminole County School District
400 East Lake Mary Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32773
407-320-0000
1-888-297-7277
http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/

Schools:
Crystal Lake Elementary, Greenwood Lakes Middle, Heathrow Elementary, Lake Mary Elementary, Lake Mary High, Markham Woods Middle, UCP Seminole Child Developmental Center

For Information:
Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce
30 N. Westmonte Drive, Suite 1974,
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Longwood

Population: 13,580

Population Density: 2,593 people per sq. mile

Location: North of Orlando, Longwood is bordered by cities including Winter Springs, Apopka and Casselberry

Education:
Seminole County School District
400 East Lake Mary Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32773
(407) 320-0000 or 1-888-297-7277
http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/

Schools:
Choices in Learning Charter, Longwood Elementary, Lyman High, Milwee Middle, Rock Lake Middle, Sabal Point Elementary, Wekiva Elementary, Woodlands Elementary

For Information:
Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce
30 N. Westmonte Drive, Suite 1974
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
407-834-4404
FAX 407-339-1224

Maitland

Population: 12,019

Population Density: 2613 people per square mile

Location: Maitland is located in Orange County just north of Orlando between Lake Mary and Winter Park along Interstate 4

Education:
Orange County Public Schools
445 W. Amelia, Orlando, FL 32801
Phone- 407-317-3200

Schools:
Dommerich Elementary, Amistad High, Lake Sybella Elementary, Maitland Middle, Summit Charter

For Information:
Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1234
Orlando, FL 32802
(407) 425-1234

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Orlando

Population: 213,223

Population Density: 1,989 people per square mile

Location: Orlando is located in Orange County northeast of Tampa between Daytona Beach and Winter Haven along Interstate 4 near Lake Apopka Situated in the middle of Florida's lakes region. Orlando is the hub of Central Florida. Easy access to Orlando International Airport, Sanford Airport or Daytona Beach Airport. Major highways bisect through and beltway around Greater Orlando making travel to any point in Florida fast and enjoyable.

Education:
Orange County Public Schools
445 W. Amelia
Orlando, FL 32801
407.317.3200

For Information:
Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1234
Orlando, FL, 32802
(407) 425-1234

Oviedo

Population: 29,848

Population Density: 1743 people per sq. mile

Location: Oviedo is 12 miles northeast of the Greater Orlando area, 15 miles from Orlando Intl. Airport, 9 miles from Sanford Intl. Airport and 20 miles from Walt Disney World. Oviedo is just a few minutes drive from Seminole Community College, the University of Central Florida and Interstate I-4.

Education:
Seminole County School District
400 East Lake Mary Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32773
407-320-0000 or 1-888-297-7277

For Information:
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Sanford

Population: 47,257

Population Density: 2005 people per square mile

Location: Seminole County is located in Central Florida, just north of Orlando, within 45 minutes of the Disney area and less than one hour from Daytona Beach and Kennedy Space Center.

Education:
Seminole County schools are rated nationally in the top 100.
Seminole County School District
400 East Lake Mary Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32773
(407) 320-0000 or 1-888-297-7277

For Information:
Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce
30 N. Westmonte Drive, Suite 1974
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
407-834-4404
407-339-1224 FAX

Winter Park

Population: 24,090

Population Density: 3030 people per square mile

Location: Winter Park is located in Orange County on the northeastern city limits of Orlando between Orlando and Titusville along Highway 50 near Lake Jessup.

Education:
Orange County Public Schools
445 W. Amelia
Orlando, FL 32801
407-317-3200

For Information:
Winter Park Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 280
Winter Park, Fla. 32790
407-644-8281

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Kissimmee

Population: 60,894

Population Density: 2866 people per square mile

Location: Kissimmee is the county seat of Osceola County and lies South of Orlando along Hwy 192.

The Houston Astros conduct spring training here

Education:
The School District of Osceola County, FL
817 Bill Beck Blvd.
Kissimmee, FL 34744
407-870-4600
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For Information:
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1425 East Vine Street
Kissimmee, FL 34744
407-847-3174
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Davenport

Population: 1,995

Population Density: 1235.5 people per square mile

Location: Davenport is located in northeastern Polk County along the I-4 corridor and is known for its close proximity to Walt Disney World.

Education:
1915 South Floral Ave.
P. O. Box 391
Bartow, FL 33831
Phone: 863-534-0500
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For Information:
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5 Allapaha St.
PO Box 994
Davenport, FL 33836
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