



Lake Wales, Florida.

Current market data.

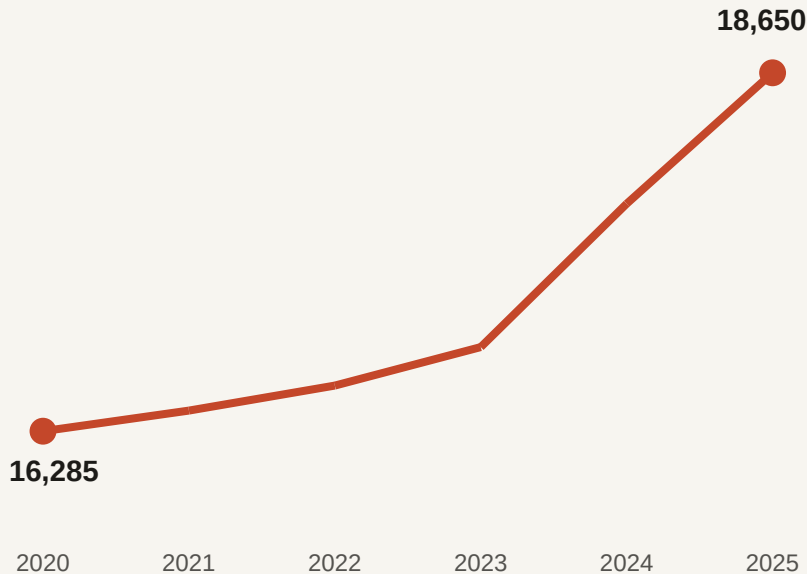
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 14.5% since 2020.

18,650

people, the 129th-largest of Florida's cities and towns.

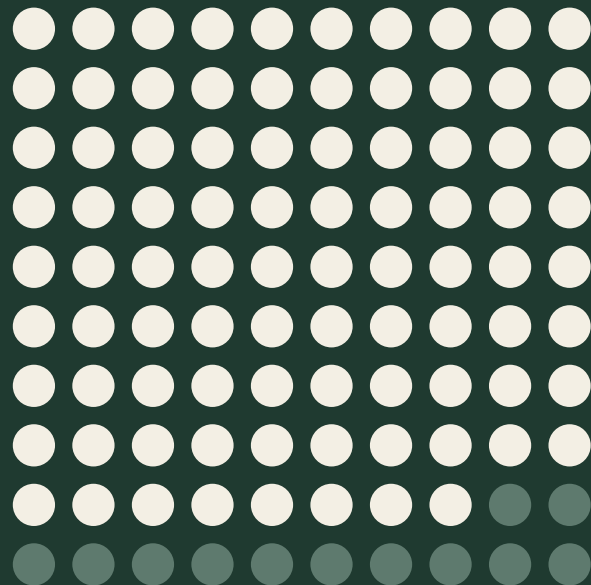


THE WORKDAY

9 in 10 jobs here go to
people who live somewhere
else.

87.5%

of 7,807 jobs located in Lake Wales are filled by in-commuters.



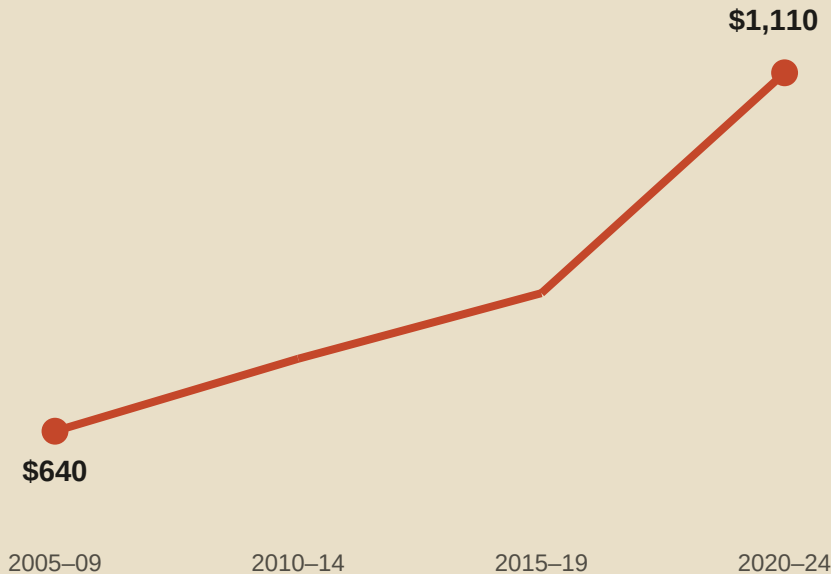
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

RENT

Median rent is up 73%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$1,110

a month. Florida's median is \$1,669.





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$1,636 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Polk County.

TRACT 121.31

\$529

TRACT 121.32

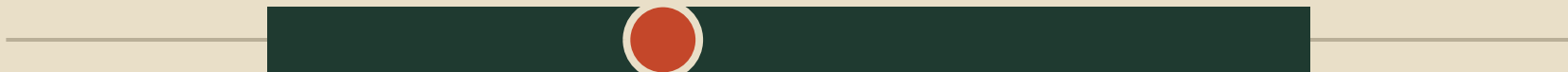
\$2,165



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$933–\$1,399



\$1,110 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

61% of the housing here was built before 2000.

1,304

homes permitted, 2022–2025

22%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

61%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.4–0.9% to the 8,223 homes here.

32–78

is the estimated number of missing housing units, from the lowest to the highest of three estimates.



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 33% less than Florida's.

\$239,300

median home value in Lake Wales.

Lake Wales



\$239,300

Florida



\$359,000

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS LAKE WALES'S 2026

Every number came from a public source, with its date.

New Census data usually lands in December. The next Edition follows it.

See this Edition at [**almanacdata.ai/e/fl/lake-wales/**](https://almanacdata.ai/e/fl/lake-wales/)

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