

2 Polk communities among top 10 housing markets

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LAKELAND - Fort Meade and Lakeland Highlands ranked sixth and seventh, respectively, among the 10 healthiest housing markets in Florida, according to smartasset.com, an online financial-technology company. It measured "health" based on four variables - stability, risk, ease of sale and affordability. Heading the list was West Melbourne followed by Brandon, Neptune Beach, Merritt Island and Sun City Center. Rounding out the top 10 list was Satellite Beach, Westchase and Safety Harbor. The free study is distributed annually to community leaders in the ranking areas, the website said.