

2011 Best Places for Military Retirement: Second Careers

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1 Oklahoma City

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Oklahoma City excelled in numerous categories to earn its top spot on the list. The area is home to a high number of jobs that require skill-sets learned in the military and boasts one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country at only 5.2%. Oklahoma City also is home to a large number of veteran-owned businesses and numerous federal jobs. In addition, many companies in the area recently have been awarded large defense contracts.

Military retirees can take advantage of the excellent amenities offered at the four military bases in the Oklahoma City area, along with a local VA medical center. While the area offers affordable living and housing, one drawback is the state of Oklahoma does tax military pensions.



The Oklahoma City skyline at dusk.



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Category	Metro Statistics ¹
Population	1,228,100
Median Home Price	\$119,000
Unemployment Rate	5.2%
Federal Pension Taxed	Yes
Military Base Proximity	Local
Primary Job Sectors (In order of importance)	Government Medical Aviation