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10 best places for starting over

5. Oklahoma City

- Population: 1.21 million
- Job growth: 6.7%
- Per-capita income 2010: \$37,928
- Ratio of income to home price: 25%
- Average home price: \$153,014
- Home-price change Q1 2011: -2%

Oklahoma City has done more than just OK in the jobs arena. It has consistently ranked as one of the nation's strongest economies over the past few years. Unemployment is a low 5.2%, due in large part to steady energy-sector jobs, as well as a spike in business-service jobs in the last year. And the city has a new aerospace specialty, as a producer of unmanned aerial systems for the government.

Boeing is building a facility in Oklahoma City to house its B-1 bomber program and other operations moving from California, which will bring an additional 550 jobs.

The city skyline is growing up, too. Construction on Devon Energy Corp.'s new 50-story headquarters building — the tallest building in the state — is expected to be complete at the end of next year.

And while its weather is notoriously unstable, with tornadoes reported in each of the 12 months, its housing prices are not, dropping for the first time this year, and then by only 2%.

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