

## Best Metros for Access to Continuing Education Opportunities

### Communities With Military Populations Over 20,000

Rank	Metro Area	Military Installation(s)	Military Population	Rank Among 354 Metros
1	Chicago, Ill.	Great Lakes NTC, Navy Hosp Great Lakes, Fort Sheridan	32,336	2
2	Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va.	Various Installations	100,000+	6
3	Baltimore, Md.	Fort Meade, Aberdeen Proving Ground, USNA	31,102	7
4	San Diego, Calif.	San Diego (11), Oceanside (1)	154,731	18
5	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, Va.-N.C.	Various Installations	138,868	19
6	San Antonio, Texas	Fort Sam Houston, Lackland AFB, Randolph AFB, Brooks AFB, Kelly AFB	76,061	37
7	Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif.	Fort Irwin, Barstow MCLB, 29 Palms Marine A/G	29,484	39
8	Louisville, Ky.-Ind.	Fort Knox	22,980	54
9	Honolulu, Hawaii	Various Installations	89,284	71
10	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jacksonville NAS, Mayport NAVSTA	26,089	80

SOURCE: "Military Communities of Excellence Study," September 2004, Expansion Management magazine

### Communities With Military Populations Between 10,000 and 19,999

Rank	Metro Area	Military Installation(s)	Military Population	Rank Among 354 Metros
1	Los Angeles-Long Beach, Calif.	Edwards AFB, Los Angeles AFB, Seal Beach Nav Wpns Sta	13,719	5
2	St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	Scott AFB	16,662	9
3	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Tinker AFB	18,650	29
4	Dayton-Springfield, Ohio	Wright-Patterson AFB	15,597	29
5	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash.	Whidbey Island NAS, NAVSTA Everett	11,249	31
6	Omaha, Neb.-Iowa	Offutt AFB	18,977	42
7	Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz.	Luke AFB	12,974	50
8	Richmond-Petersburg, Va.	Fort Lee	13,271	60
9	Little Rock-North Little Rock, Ark.	Little Rock AFB	11,327	60
10	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla.	McDill AFB	13,503	66

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### Communities With Military Populations Under 10,000

Rank	Metro Area	Military Installation(s)	Military Population	Rank Among 354 Metros
1	Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	Willow Grove NAS	739	3
2	Boston, Mass.-N.H.	Hanscom AFB, South Weymouth NAS	4,132	4
3	Atlanta, Ga.	Fort McPherson, Fort Gillem, Atlanta NAS	8,095	8
4	San Francisco, Calif.	Moffitt Field NAS	924	11
5	Denver, Colo.	Lowrey AFB	1,125	16
6	Kansas City, Mo.-Kan.	Fort Leavenworth	9,957	22
7	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, N.Y.	Scotia Naval ADMBALLSTO	2,501	23
8	Providence-Fall River-Warwick, R.I.-Mass.	Newport NAVEDTRACEN	6,612	25
9	New Orleans, La.	New Orleans Mil Ocean Terminal, New Orleans NAS	2,021	26
10	San Jose, Calif.	Onizuka AFB	369	33

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