

25 Best Places to Retire

Your post-work years are a time to improve your golf game, take up a new hobby, or just enjoy a well-deserved break. In these great college towns, you can expand your intellectual horizons too.

9. Austin, TX



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Population: 799,267

% over 50: 22%

Median home price: \$196,600

Where to take classes: [University of Texas at Austin](#)

Known widely for its burgeoning music and film scene, Austin is the cultural and literal capital of Texas. Music can be heard everywhere come October, when the Austin City Limits takes over the 46-acre Zilker Park along the banks of the rambling Colorado River. The three-year-old Long Center for Performing Arts, which is home to opera, symphony and ballet, has also become a cultural staple of Austin. If you'd rather perform than watch, you can waltz right into the Austin International Folk Dancers, a nonprofit that has been teaching cultural dance to Austinites for more than 50 years.

While dance will keep your heart pumping, continuing education programs at University of Texas at Austin can keep your mind sharp. In addition to enrichment classes through its lifelong education program, the university offers a worldly "Road Scholar" travel educational odyssey for retirees.

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