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May is Military Appreciation Month and Memorial Day is less than a week away. With the average military retirement age being 44 years old, the personal finance social network [WalletHub](#) conducted an in-depth analysis of 2015's Best & Worst States for Military Retirees.

The WalletHub report analyzed the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 20 key metrics — ranging from job opportunities for veterans to the number of VA health facilities — that speak collectively to the economic environment, health care services and overall quality of life in each area.

Here are the top, and bottom, states:

Best States for Military Retirees		Worst States for Military Retirees	
1	Wyoming	42	Oregon
2	Montana	43	Illinois
3	South Dakota	44	Connecticut
4	Maine	45	Nevada
5	Florida	46	New Jersey
6	Alaska	47	New York
7	New Hampshire	48	Utah

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- The **number of homeless veterans per 10,000 veterans** is 17 times higher in the District of Columbia than in Virginia.
- The **number of VA health facilities per number of veterans** is eight times higher in New York than in Rhode Island.
- The **number of VA benefits administration facilities per number of veterans** is 24 times higher in Alaska than in Michigan.
- The **percentage of the population aged 40 and older** is two times higher in Maine than in Utah.
- The **number of veteran-owned businesses per 1,000 inhabitants** is two times higher in Montana than in Utah.

The full report and all ratings is at <http://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-military-retirees/3915>.

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