



# 10 Beautiful Beachside Towns To Retire To In Texas

Enjoy peaceful golden years in one of these beautiful beach towns in Texas to retire to, each offering a fun and tranquil setting.

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*The Guadalupe River, which receives water from Canyon Lake in Texas, near San Antonio*

## ☰ SUMMARY

- The best state to retire to is Texas, according to a recent study, due to its low cost of living, lack of state income tax, and abundance of recreational activities.
- Seabrook, Rockport, and San Angelo are some of the best beach towns in Texas to retire to, offering waterfront views and a variety of retirement communities.
- Other great options for retirement in Texas include Georgetown, Canyon Lake, Hudson Bend, Port Arthur, Baytown, Granbury, and Garland, each offering unique attractions and retirement communities.

The verdict is in: The best state to retire to isn't Florida. At least, that's according to a recent study by [\*Bank Locations\*](#), which deemed the Lone Star State worthy of such a distinction. That's right; apparently, everything's bigger in Texas — even its retirement communities.

Of course, it's not hard to see why the state is a good place to spend the golden years. It has no state income tax, offers a low cost of living, and has a plethora of recreation options, from birding and nature walks to even waterfront views. Whether a retiree opts for a Gulf Coast destination or a picturesque lakeside retreat, they can enjoy their peaceful golden years at any one of the most beautiful beach towns to retire to in Texas.

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## 10 Seabrook, Texas



*Seabrook, Texas coastline*

Located about [30 minutes south](#) of downtown Houston, this waterfront town is a great retirement option, especially for those who like boating.

With access to Taylor Lake and Trinity Bay, Seabrook is one of the best towns to retire to in Texas with beaches - it's a beach lover's retirement dream.

- **Population:** [13,708](#)
- **Average cost of living:** [\\$36,288 per year](#)
- **Things to do:** [Pine Gully Park](#), [Clear Lake Park](#), [Robinson Park](#), [Hester Garden Park](#),

#### Note

Seabrook is also home to active adult communities like the [Chesapeake Bay Luxury Active Senior Community](#).

## 9 Rockport, Texas



*A long stretch of beach in Rockport, Texas USA*

Situated about an [hour north of Corpus Christi](#), this charming coastal city has it all — beautiful bay views, several parks, and a laid-back atmosphere.

Plus, unlike other parts of Texas, Rockport also has [mild winters](#), with daily average highs of around 67 °F and lows of 54 °F. This makes Rockport one of the best places to retire in Texas with beaches for those who can't bear the bone-chilling winters in other parts of the country.

For those who *do* love an enchanted snowy spot to live in, however, there are many [beautiful winter wonderland destinations in Texas](#).

- **Population:** [10,713](#)
- **Average cost of living:** [\\$33,616 per year](#)
- **Things to do:** [Rockport Beach](#), [Goose Island State Park](#), [Tule Creek Hike And Bike Trail](#), [Rockport Center for the Arts](#)

#### Note

Retirement communities in the area include Rockport Retirement Village and [Gulfe Pointe Village Retirement](#).

## 8 San Angelo, Texas



*The Concho River in San Angelo, Texas, USA*

Located in west-central Texas, San Angelo provides beautiful water views along Lake Nasworthy and O.C. Fisher Lake.

But its crown jewel is undoubtedly the Concho River, which retirees can enjoy with a walk along the Concho Riverwalk.

- **Population:** [99,112](#)
- **Average cost of living:** [\\$33,934 a year](#)
- **Things to do:** [Concho Riverwalk](#), [San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts](#), [International Waterlily Collection](#), [San Angelo State Park](#), [Angelo Civic Theatre](#), [San Angelo Country Club](#)

#### Note

San Angelo is teeming with retirement communities, such as the [Baptist Retirement Community](#), [Rio Concho Manor](#), [Village East Retirement Community](#), and [Christian Village Senior Apartments](#).



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## Georgetown, Texas



*Georgetown, Texas in the winter*

Georgetown is the Texas heartland's most underrated destination. But it's certainly popular among retirees.

Located only about 30 miles north of Austin, the city features a distinct old-world charm, which can certainly be seen throughout its historic town square.

- **Population:** 86,507
- **Average cost of living:** \$39,705 per year
- **Things to do:** Blue Hole Park, Georgetown Palace Theatre, Georgetown Art Center

#### Note

Georgetown is also brimming with retirement communities, including The Delaney at Georgetown Village, The Wesleyan Independent Living, The Oscar at Georgetown, The Oaks Gracious Retirement Living, and Heritage Oaks Active Adult Community.

## 6 Canyon Lake, Texas



*The shore of Canyon Lake, Texas just outside of New Braunfels in the Hill Country taken from the Overlook Park*

There are so many [things to see and do in Canyon Lake](#), from lush parks and golf courses to the city's namesake, Canyon Lake — making it one of the best places to retire in Texas for those who love the outdoors.

There are also lots of unique attractions here, too, from nature centers to golf clubs and superb parks.

- **Population:** [30,641](#)
- **Average cost of living:** [\\$36,706 per year](#)
- **Things to do:** [Canyon Lake Marina](#), [Comal Park](#), [James C. Curry Nature Center](#), [Canyon Park](#), [Lakeside Golf Club](#)



*Aerial view of Lake Travis and the Colorado River west of Austin, Texas*

Hudson Bend is definitely one of [the most unique places in Texas](#) to retire to. The small town is located about 21 miles outside of Austin and lies perched along Lake Travis and the Colorado River.

Thanks to its scenic location, there are plenty of attractions to keep retirees entertained while living in Hudson Bend, including Mansfield Dam Park.

- **Population:** [3,035](#)
- **Average cost of living:** [\\$37,880 per year](#)
- **Things to do:** [Mansfield Dam Park](#), Lake Travis, Colorado River

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*Sabine Lake at Pleasure Island, Port Arthur, Texas*

This bustling beach town lies about [90 miles east of Houston](#) on Sabine Lake, which is one of [the most beautiful lakes in Texas](#).

It offers retirees much to do, including exploring its many surrounding lush natural areas.

- **Population:** [55,579](#)
- **Average cost of living:** [\\$31,308 per year](#)
- **Things to do:** [Walter Umphrey Park](#), Sabine Lake

#### Note

Retirement communities in the area include [Legacy Senior Housing](#), [OW Collins - Affordable Community](#), and [Crystal Creek Park](#).

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## Baytown, Texas



*Aerial view of Fred Hartman Suspension Bridge in Baytown, Texas*

Nestled at the mouth of the San Jacinto River on Galveston Bay, Baytown is the epitome of beauty and is among the most beautiful Texas towns to retire to with beaches nearby.



Baytown Parks and Recreation also offers a variety of [activities for seniors](#), including self-defense classes, dances, and games like bingo.

- **Population:** [84,324](#)
- **Average cost of living:** [\\$34,673 per year](#)
- **Things to do:** [Baytown Nature Center](#), [W.L. Jenkins Park](#), [Baytown Little Theater](#)

#### Note

Baytown also offers a variety of senior communities like the [Villas at Alexander Bay](#), [Birdsong Place Villas](#), and [Wyndham Park Apartments](#). The [Baytown Senior Citizen's Center](#) also offers a variety of activities, including yoga, aerobics, bingo, card games, and more.

## 2 Granbury, Texas

Kairos14, CC BY-SA3.0, The historic town square in Granbury, Texas



Thanks to its [Historic Granbury Square](#), this Texas Town is home to one of the best downtown areas in the state, at least for those who enjoy a peek back in history.

With plenty of historic sites and even the Granbury City Beach Park, Granbury is a fantastic option for people looking for beautiful beach towns in Texas for retirement.

- **Population:** [12,391](#)
- **Average cost of living:** [\\$35,505 per year](#)
- **Things to do:** [Historic Granbury Square](#), [Granbury City Beach Park](#), [Granbury Opera House](#), [Granbury Doll House](#), [Brazos Drive In](#), [Shanley Park](#)

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# Garland, Texas



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*Aerial view of Lake Ray Hubbard, Garland, Texas, USA*

Home to over 240,000 residents, Garland is quite a bustling city, which is great for retirees seeking a vibrant urban environment combined with a waterfront location.

As it's a big city, that only means that there's lots for retirees to do, including enjoying views of the shimmering Lake Ray Hubbard and its lovely lake beaches.

- **Population:** [240,854](#)
- **Average cost of living:** [\\$32,808 per year](#)
- **Things to do:** [Firewheel Town Center](#), [Granville Arts Center](#), [Duck Creek Greenbelt](#), [Firewheel Golf Park](#)

#### Note

Garland is teeming with senior communities, including [Las Brisas Residents Club](#), [HomeTowne at Garland](#), and [Palladium Garland Senior Living](#).

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