



Location: Hurlburt Field is located on the Gulf of Mexico in the Florida Panhandle, 35 miles east of Pensacola, and resides in the city of Mary Esther, Florida. Eglin AFB is a quick 20 minute drive. This area is also known as the Emerald Coast and is a major tourist attraction for its breathtaking white beaches and their famous emerald green waters.

Cost of Living: The Okaloosa County, Florida is about U.S. average; recent job growth is positive; median household income (2016) is \$57,655; unemployment rate 3.1%. Florida State tax 0%, sales tax currently 6%.

Population:

- Active Duty Military 8,011
- Civilian Employees 1,681
- Family Members 8,703

Area Population: Okaloosa County 201,170, Santa Rosa County 170,497; Okaloosa County consists of Ft. Walton Beach, Destin, Crestview, Niceville, Shalimar, Mary Esther, Valparaiso, Laurel Hill, Cinco Bayou and Baker.

Child Development Centers: Hurlburt's CDC offers services for children six weeks through 5 years of age. The program offers various services that include full-day care, hourly care and part-day preschool. By filling out a DD Form 2606, you can place your child's name on the child care waiting list in advance of your arrival. Call CDC West at 850-884-5154.

Schools: There are no schools on base. Hurlburt Field is in Okaloosa County and the children living on base attending one of the following schools: Mary Esther or Florosa Elementary, Max Bruner Middle, and Fort Walton Beach High School.

Many families live in the south end of Santa Rosa County in Navarre, west of Hurlburt Field. The schools in that area are: Holley-Navarre Primary, Holley-Navarre Intermediate, Holley-Navarre Middle, West Navarre Primary, West Navarre Intermediate, Woodlawn Beach Middle, and Navarre High School.

The following information is required to enroll a student in a Florida school:

- Proof of age. A certified birth certificate for US citizens may be requested online at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/florida.htm>. If a birth certificate is not available refer to 1003.21, FS, for other acceptable documentation.
- Immunizations must be transferred to Form DH 680, Florida Certificate of Immunization, required for entry and attendance in Florida schools, childcare facilities, and family daycare homes. The Hurlburt Field Immunizations Clinic can transfer the records to the form.
- Evidence of a medical exam completed no less than 12 months prior to the child's school entry date. As long as the medical exam meets this 12-month requirement, parents may submit this

information on the School-Entry Health Exam Form (DH 3040) or provide a copy of the exam obtained from their current physician before moving to Florida.

- Official documentation that the parent(s) or guardian(s) is a legal resident(s) of the school district attendance area.

If you are interested in home schooling your child, contact the school district in the county in which you will be residing:

Okaloosa County <https://www.okaloosaschools.com/parents/home-schooling>

Santa Rosa County <https://sites.santarosa.k12.fl.us/aap/>

A number of private schools are available in the Hurlburt Field area <http://www.privateschools.com>
For information on tuition and other fees, contact the schools, or your School Liaison can provide more details.

Airman and Family Readiness Center: Visit the Airman and Family Readiness Center web page at <http://myhurlburt.com/pages/afrc.html> or call us at 850-884-5441.

Housing: [Corvias Military Living](#) is Hurlburt Field's privatized housing partner. They began operations in September 2013. Currently, there are 396 homes on base. There is a 5-year plan to demolish older model homes with new construction homes and that will be energy efficient 3 and 4-bedroom homes with modern appliances and fixtures and two-car garages. Additionally, they will build an 8,000 square foot community center with swimming pool, fitness center, and media room.

Employment: The unemployment rate in Florida is 3.1% as of Dec. 2017, Okaloosa County is 2.7% as of Sep. 2017. Unemployment compensation may be available for the spouse of a newly assigned military member or civilian employee. For more information contact CareerSource, 409 NE Racetrack Rd, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547, 850-833-9106, <http://www.careersourceokaloosawalton.com/>

To file a UI claim online: <https://connect.myflorida.com/Claimant/Core/Login.ASPX>

Medical Services: The 1st Special Operations Medical Group (1 SOMDG) provides clinic services to Hurlburt's population. The Eglin 96th Medical Group is nearby serving approximately 77,000. Eglin currently has four separate units including medical, surgical, obstetrical and psychiatric. There is a Ronald McDonald House on the campus of Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, for use by military members and their dependents who are referred to hospitals in the Pensacola area. There is a Fisher House located on Eglin Air Force Base. Eligible beneficiaries include active duty, reserve/guard, veterans, retirees and family members - as long as any of the above-mentioned individuals are receiving care at the Eglin Hospital or similar local medical facility.

Hurlburt Field does not have an Emergency Room! For 24-hour ambulance service on-base, always contact 911. Eglin AFB is the closest military base with emergency room, call 883-8227. Fort Walton

Beach Medical Center is the nearest civilian emergency room. For Navarre residents, the Gulf Breeze Hospital is located at the foot of the Pensacola Bridge.

Special Messages:

- NW Florida can have a very active HURRICANE SEASON, from June to November. Watch the Weather Channel (<https://floridadisaster.org>) and follow the I SOW CC Facebook page for up-to-date information regarding the base.
- Make it a practice to use sunscreen (especially children) on the white sand beaches. The color of the sand intensifies and reflects the heat rays. Use gradual exposure so that your body will become accustomed to sun bathing.
- Most of the venomous snakes found in North America can be found in NW Florida. Be alert for snakes and alligators when you walk in wooded or marshy areas.

Defense Service Network (DSN) Dialing Instructions

The DSN is the provider of long-distance communications service for the Department of Defense (DoD). Every installation has a special DSN number and the numbers vary by world-wide location. In order to place a call using DSN, the caller must be using a military phone on an installation. Cell phones cannot dial DSN numbers. When dialing a DSN number from a United States installation to another United States installation, you must dial 94 and then the DSN number. When dialing a DSN number to/from overseas locations, the DSN area code must be included (312/314).

Please view more online in-depth information about Hurlburt Field on www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil