**ON-BASE HOUSING**

 There are approximately 3,924 family housing units in multiple communities aboard Fort Benning. Marines living in on-base housing aboard Fort Benning will not lose their BAH. Rather, they will still be paid their local-rated BAH, but will be charged a monthly lease by Fort Benning’s housing management partner. To apply for on-base housing visit The Villages of Benning. For additional information on base housing visit [The Villages of Benning](https://www.villagesofbenning.com/)

**OFF-BASE HOUSING**

There are a number of options for rentals and buying homes throughout the Columbus, GA and Phenix City, AL areas. Generally, the MARDET staff lives in areas north or east of I-185 exit 10. This includes Midland, Fortson, northern Columbus, and downtown Columbus.

 -Apartments: There are a number of apartment complexes throughout the Columbus area. Greystone Apartments is the most predominant with multiple apartment complexes in different parts of Columbus.

-Buying: Family-size homes are sold throughout the area. As stated above, Midland is a desirable location that is close to shopping and resources in Columbus. Fortson has a number of new homes being built, but is a farther drive to Columbus and Fort Benning. In or around Phenix City, AL offers affordable homes as well, but some parts are nicer than others.

**SCHOOLS**

If you are moving to Fort Benning, you can be assured the Department of Defense Education Activity does its part in strengthening Fort Benning through excellence in education. [Fort Benning Schools](https://www.dodea.edu/Americas/southeast/FortBenning/index.cfm) focus on building futures in a supportive community of learners, offering a quality education to dependents of military members from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Sponsors of students transferring to Fort Benning Schools are required to provide verification of active duty status, and proof of on-post residency before a child may be registered. Preschool, pre-kindergarten, and Kindergarten require a certified birth certificate before registration can be accepted. For additional questions, call (706) 545-7276.

Students that do not reside on post and high school students residing on and off the installation (Grades 9-12) attend local county schools:

* Muscogee County Schools (<https://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us/>)
* Chattahoochee County Schools (<https://www.chattco.org/>)
* Russell County Schools (<https://www.myrcsd.org/>)
* Lee County Schools (<https://www.lee.k12.al.us/>)