





# 5 TIPS AND TRICKS

FOR USING PAIN POINTS POLL DATA

#### TIP #1:

Use the most recent statistic published on Blue Star Families' website. **BLUESTARFAM.ORG/PAIN-PTS**Start with the most recent comprehensive roll-up and work your way back!

## TIP #2:

Include an embedded link to the original source material/comprehensive roll-up and/or cite it as follows:

- COVID-19 Military Support Initiative (2020). "Pain Points Poll: Week ##", POLLING PERIOD, [Weekly Overview]. Retrieved from LINK TO SOURCE DOCUMENT.
- In-text attribution should be given to the COVID-19 Military Support Initiative (2020).

### TIP #3:

Always include the respondent group to which the statistic refers and a reference to the polling period.

• According to [poll, study, survey] on [date], XX% of [referent group] reported [answer option].

#### TIP #4:

Keep written copy as close to the finding/response option phrasing as possible.

## TIP #5:

If you aren't sure about how you are using or interpreting the data, reach out for clarification! (POC: Jennifer Akin, jakin@ bluestarfam.org)





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# **EXAMPLES**



"25% of military families are making two house payments"



"According to a CMSI Pain Points Poll conducted April 15-21, 25% of military family respondents with current PCS orders report they are or will in the next 60 days be making two house payments due to PCS uncertainty."