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## RESPONDENTS INCLUDING MILITARY, VETERAN, NATIONAL GUARD, AND RESERVE FAMILIES

Blue Star Families' annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey provides a comprehensive understanding of what it means to serve as a military family. For that reason, it is a blueprint for strengthening America, identifying how we can continue to enhance military family life.

This infographic represents a geographic cross-section of the results of active-duty (58%), veteran (33%), National Guard (8%) and Reserve (1%) family respondents. Unless otherwise stated, all statistics reflect the full sample who selected "self" or "spouse" when asked about their relationship to the service member. When referencing this data, please consider that the majority of respondents reported here are White / Non-Hispanic, military or veteran spouses, representing senior enlisted ranks and officers, and the majority (69%) are affiliated with the Navy. The average age of respondents here is 40, 72% are female, and 26% report they are unpaid caregivers.



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2019 MILITARY FAMILY LIFESTYLE SURVEY

# JACKSONVILLE RESULTS



ACTIVE-DUTY FAMILIES	TOP 5 ISSUES RANKED		TOP LIFESTYLE STRESSORS	
	1	Amount of time away from family	1	Financial issues/stress
	2	Military spouse employment	2	Deployment
	3	Military family stability	3	Relocation issues
	4	Military pay	4	Isolation from family/friends
	5	Lack of control over military career	5	Separation
	(n=148)		(n=158)	

VETERAN FAMILIES	TOP ISSUE RANKED
	Access to VA/military health care (Including continuity of care and mental health care) (n=78)

## BOLSTERING BELONGING

### LOCAL CULTURAL COMPETENCE



feel **local civilians support** military families  
26% have no opinion  
(n=246)



feel local civilians are **aware** that military and veteran families' **experiences** may **differ from their own**  
15% have no opinion (n=246)

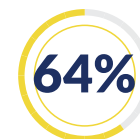


feel **local civilians appreciate sacrifices** **local** military families make  
19% have no opinion  
(n=246)



feel **local civilians understand sacrifices** **local** military families make  
11% have no opinion  
(n=245)

### SENSE OF BELONGING



feel **welcome** in their local civilian community  
27% have no opinion  
(n=249)



feel **military affiliation prevents forming close relationships** with local civilians  
19% have no opinion (n=250)



feel they **do not have a voice** in local civilian community  
35% have no opinion\*  
(n=247)



do not feel a **sense of belonging** to their local civilian community  
28% have no opinion\*  
(n=249)

n = total responses to each question  
\* Question asked differently in 2018

# SNAPSHOT OF MILITARY FAMILIES IN JACKSONVILLE



## MILITARY FAMILY STABILITY

### FAMILY FINANCIAL READINESS



experience stress due to current financial situation (n=215)

#### TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO CURRENT FINANCIAL STRESS (n=133)

1. Excessive credit card debt
2. Un/underemployment
3. Out-of-pocket childcare costs

### EMPLOYMENT



are “not at all likely” to identify military affiliation in interview  
19% say it depends on the employer<sup>2</sup> (n=162)



feel local employers are eager to hire military-connected employees  
24% have no opinion and 17% don't know (n=255)

## HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### COMMUNITY SERVICES



feel local civilian support agencies aren't effectively addressing needs of military families<sup>1</sup>  
31% have no opinion and 17% don't know (n=128)

### HOUSING



say all in local civilian community do not have access to safe and affordable housing (n=215)

MILITARY COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIRING THE MOST IMPROVEMENT<sup>1</sup> (n=136)



*base housing*

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<sup>1</sup> active-duty families only

<sup>2</sup> excludes active-duty service members