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# **ACTIVE-DUTY FAMILY RESPONDENTS**

Blue Star Families' annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey provides a comprehensive understanding of what it means to serve as a military family.

This infographic represents a geographic cross-section of the 2020 survey results that only includes active-duty families. When referencing this data, please consider the following sample demographics:

- 69% are white, non-Hispanic
- 87% are female
- 81% are active-duty spouses
- 59% are enlisted ranks
- 48% are affiliated with the Navy, 18% Air Force, 14% Army, 10% Coast Guard, and 6% Marine Corps
- The average age of respondents is 36
- 84% have children
- 34% are unpaid caregivers





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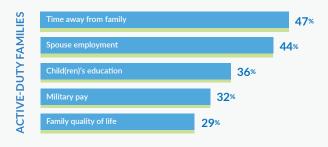
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# **2020 FLORIDA RESULTS**



2020 **MILITARY** 

## Top Lifestyle Issues (n=392)



### Top Lifestyle Stressors (n=389)



#### **FINANCIAL READINESS**



experience stress due to current financial situation (n=315)

**Top contributors to current financial stress** (n=211)



Spouse Un/Under-**Employment** 

**CHILDREN** 



Out-of-Pocket **Housing Costs**  **Student Loans** 

#### **TIME AWAY**



find OPTEMPO stressful for healthy work/family life (n=368)

38%

experienced 6+ months of separation in the last **18 months** (n=334)

### **SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT\***

Are you currently employed? (n=243)



No. but I want



No, and I do not want or need paid

employment

## **K-12 EDUCATION**



cannot always find child care that works for their current situation (n=182)



have a child with special needs (n=297)



believe their oldest child 65% is thriving in his/her school (n=210)



agree that their oldest child feels a strong sense of belonging to his/her school (n=199)

#### **MENTAL HEALTH**



do not receive mental health care but would **like to** (n=274)

#### Top reasons for not receiving care (n=50)

- Difficult to schedule appointment
- Difficult to find child care

#### **LOCAL CONNECTIONS**



have **two or more** friends in their local community (n=308)



know two or more people in their local community well enough to ask for a favor (n=320)

n = total responses to each question OPTEMPO = operational tempo \*Active-duty spouses who are not also active-duty service members



# 2020 COVID-19 IMPACTS IN FLORIDA

# MILITARY CHILDREN'S EDUCATION\*\* Method of delivery for oldest child (n=217) 5% **10**% In-Person Online/Virtual Hybrid Other believe COVID-19 has made their child(ren)'s education worse (n=234)

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

To what degrees did COVID-19 impact your employment situation?

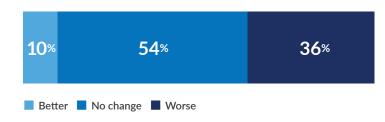
Active-duty spouses (n=217)



#### **FINANCES**

To what degree did COVID-19 impact your personal financial situation?

Active-duty families (n=287)











**OVFRALL TAKEAWAYS** 

The majority of Florida respondents (most of whom are enlisted) report experiencing financial stress.

Two-thirds of Florida military families struggle to find child care that works for them.

Roughly a third (35%) of Florida military spouse respondents report COVID-19 worsened their employment situation.



Questions about the annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey and how you can offer support? Contact survey@bluestarfam.org Questions about Blue Star Families' Florida chapters? Contact jacksonville@bluestarfam.org and tampa@bluestarfam.org

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