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ACTIVE-DUTY FAMILY RESPONDENTS IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, AND CONNECTICUT

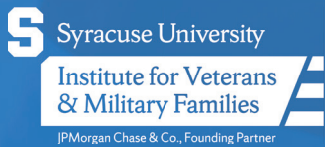
Blue Star Families' annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey provides a comprehensive understanding of what it means to serve as a military family.

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

- 79% are white, non-Hispanic
- 86% are female
- 78% are active-duty spouses
- 58% are enlisted ranks
- 39% are affiliated with the Army, 17% Coast Guard, 14% Navy, 10% Air Force, and 8% Marine Corps
- The average age of respondents is 38
- 90% have children
- 38% are unpaid caregivers



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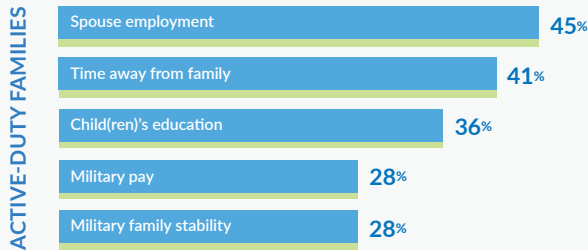


2020 NEW YORK TRI-STATE RESULTS

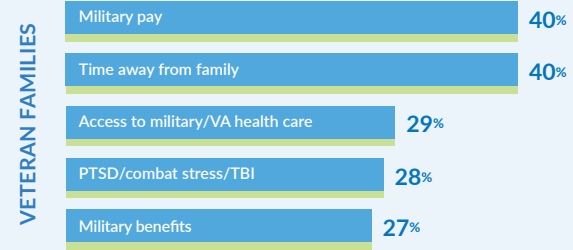


2020 MILITARY FAMILY LIFESTYLE SURVEY

Top Family Issues (n=129)



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*Veteran family sample demographics:

- 71% white
- 56% male
- 76% Veteran
- 24% spouse of a Veteran
- Average age: 53

*Veteran respondents were not included in the statistics calculated within this infographic.

FINANCIAL READINESS



Top contributors to current financial stress (n=65)



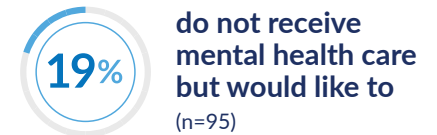
BELONGING



35% feel supported by their local civilian community (n=114)

33% feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community (n=115)

MENTAL HEALTH



Top reasons for not receiving care (n=20)

- Difficult to schedule appointment
- Difficult to find child care
- Available treatment not sensitive to needs

TIME AWAY



62% find OPTEMPO stressful for healthy work/family life (n=116)

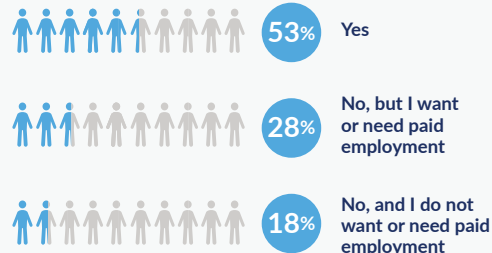
33% experienced 6+ months of separation in the last 18 months (n=109)

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

45% do not know anyone in their local civilian community well enough to ask for a favor (n=100)

SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT*

Are you currently employed? (n=75)



51% have no friends in their local civilian community with whom they feel at ease (n=93)

HOUSING

62% of those who live off base pay more than \$200 in out-of-pocket housing costs per month (n=50)

Top factors for choosing current housing (n=104)

- Distance to base/installation
- Safety of my family
- Desirable school district
- Pets allowed



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

MILITARY CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Method of delivery for oldest child (n=78)



Hybrid



Online/Virtual



In-Person



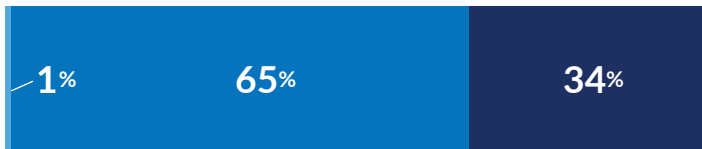
Other

66% believe COVID-19 has made their child(ren)'s education worse (n=89)

EMPLOYMENT

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

Active-duty spouses (n=71)

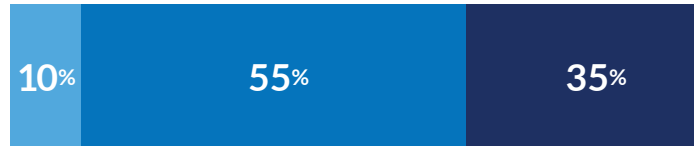


■ Better ■ No change ■ Worse

FINANCES

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

All respondents (n=99)



■ Better ■ No change ■ Worse

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH



believe COVID-19 has made their mental health worse (n=99)



believe COVID-19 has made their child(ren)'s mental health worse (n=87)



believe COVID-19 has made their personal health worse (n=99)

OVERALL TAKEAWAYS

The majority of respondents report experiencing financial stress.

Three in five military family respondents in the New York Tri-State Area pay over \$200 each month in out-of-pocket housing costs.

Two-thirds of respondents believe their child(ren)'s education worsened due to COVID-19.

Only a third (35%) of military family respondents agree they feel supported by their local community.



Questions about the annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey and how you can offer support? Contact survey@bluestarfam.org

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