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ACTIVE-DUTY FAMILY RESPONDENTS IN TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

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 2020 survey data that **only includes active-duty families**. When referencing this data, please consider the following sample demographics:

- 73% are white, non-Hispanic
- 86% are female
- 78% are active-duty spouses
- 66% are enlisted ranks
- 83% are affiliated with the Army, 9% Navy, 1% Air Force, 1% Marine Corps, and 1% Coast Guard
- The average age of respondents is 36
- 92% have children



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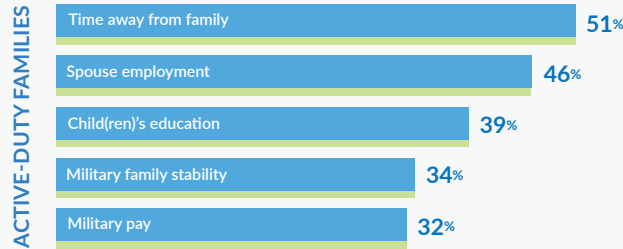


2020 TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY RESULTS

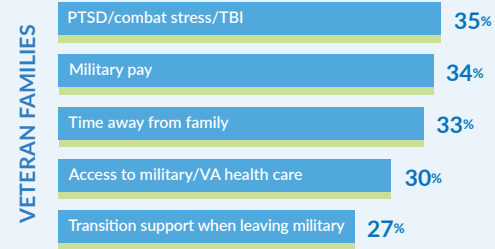


2020 MILITARY FAMILY LIFESTYLE SURVEY

Top Family Issues (n=142)



Top Family Issues* (n=91)



*Veteran family sample demographics:
 78% white
 51% male
 63% veteran
 37% spouse of a veteran
 Average age: 54

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

FINANCIAL READINESS



Top contributors to current financial stress (n=71)



BELONGING



55% feel welcome in their local civilian community (n=128)

25% feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community (n=127)

CAREGIVING

44% have provided unpaid care in the past year (n=123)

52% do not have someone who could be a backup caregiver if needed (n=63)

55% my/my service member's day-to-day job obligations make it difficult for me to provide care (n=65)

68% my/my service member's deployments make it difficult for me to provide care (n=53)

CHILDREN

65% cannot always find child care that works for their current situation (n=72)

25% have a child with special needs (n=112)



LOCAL CONNECTIONS

40% have no friends in their local community with whom they feel at ease (n=100)

39% do not know anyone in their local community well enough to ask for a favor (n=110)

SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT**

Are you currently employed? (n=83)

51% Yes

31% No, but I want or need paid employment

17% No, and I do not want or need paid employment

MENTAL HEALTH

40% emotional concerns cause me to accomplish less than I would like in my work or other regular daily activities (n=96)

20% do not receive mental health care but would like to (n=95)

n = total responses to each question **Active-duty spouses

MILITARY CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Method of delivery for oldest child (n=85)



In-Person



Online/Virtual



Hybrid



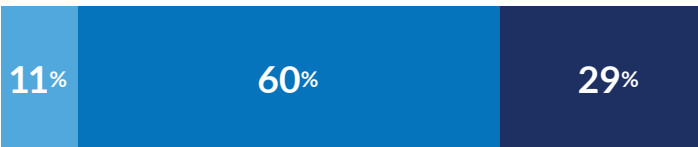
Other

47% believe COVID-19 has made their child(ren)'s education worse (n=81)

EMPLOYMENT

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

Active-duty spouses (n=70)

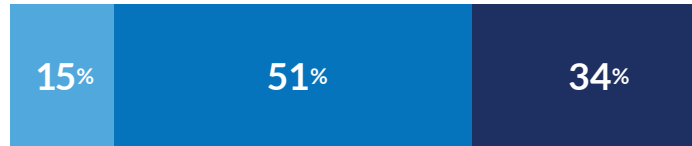


■ Better ■ No change ■ Worse

FINANCES

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

Active-duty families (n=94)



■ Better ■ No change ■ Worse

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH



believe COVID-19 has made their mental health worse (n=94)



believe COVID-19 has made their child(ren)'s mental health worse (n=82)



believe COVID-19 has made their personal health worse (n=94)

OVERALL TAKEAWAYS

The majority of Tennessee/Kentucky respondents (most of whom are enlisted) report experiencing financial stress.

Two out of every three (66%) Tennessee/Kentucky military families struggle to find child care that works for them.

The majority (55%) of Tennessee/Kentucky families feel welcome in their community.

Nearly one third (29%) of Tennessee/Kentucky military spouse respondents report that COVID-19 worsened their employment.



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

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