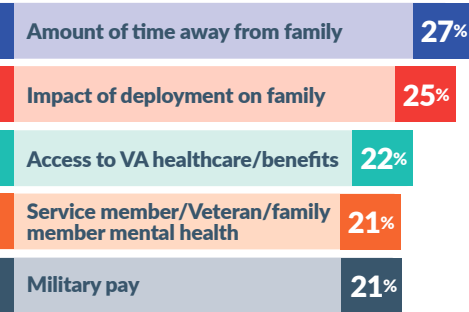
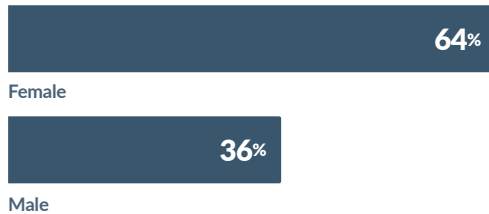


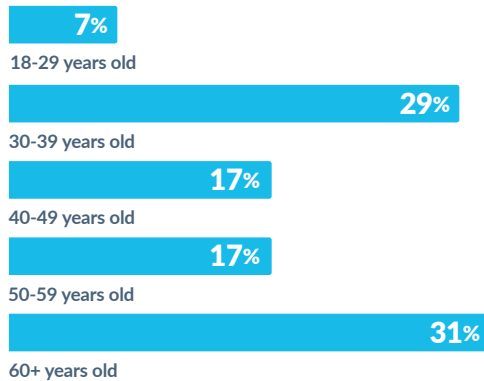
## Top 5 issues affecting military-connected families<sup>1</sup> (n=166)



### Respondent Gender (n=182)



### Age of Respondents (n=182)



### Caregiving

**31%** of respondents consider themselves to be an unpaid caregiver (n=151)

**18%**

of all respondents report that caregiver respite/support programs in their community are inadequate (n=125)

# 182 respondents



This infographic represents a geographic cross-section of 2021 Military Family Lifestyle Survey (MFLS) data, which includes active-duty families, Veteran families, National Guard families, and spouses of Reserve service members.

When referencing this data, please consider the following sample demographics:

- 41% are Veteran/retired service members
- 21% are spouses of Veteran/retired service members
- 21% are active-duty spouses
- 9% are active-duty service members
- 6% are National Guard spouses
- 2% are Reserve spouses

### Branch affiliation of respondents is:

- 42% Air Force
- 17% Army
- 13% National Guard
- 12% Navy
- 8% Marine Corps
- 6% Reserve
- 3% Coast Guard

### Respondents identify as:

- 87% white
- 9% Black/African American
- 6% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 5% Other
- 2% Hispanic or Latino/a/x or of Spanish origin
- 1% Asian

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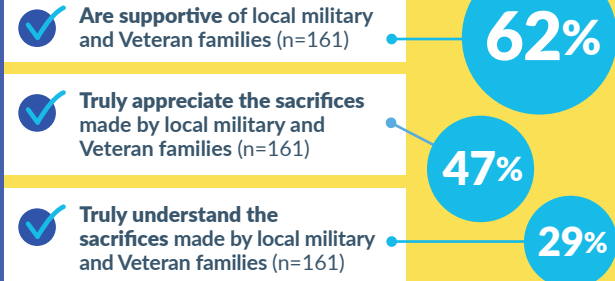
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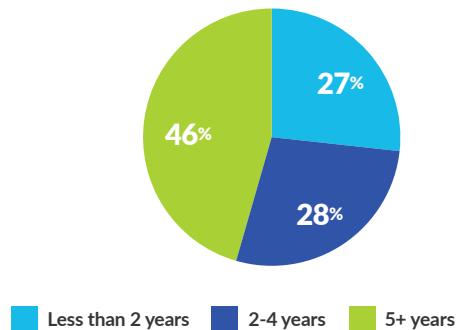
## Military-connected families and their civilian communities

**39%** of military-connected family respondents feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community (n=161)

Military-connected family respondents agree that civilians in their local community:

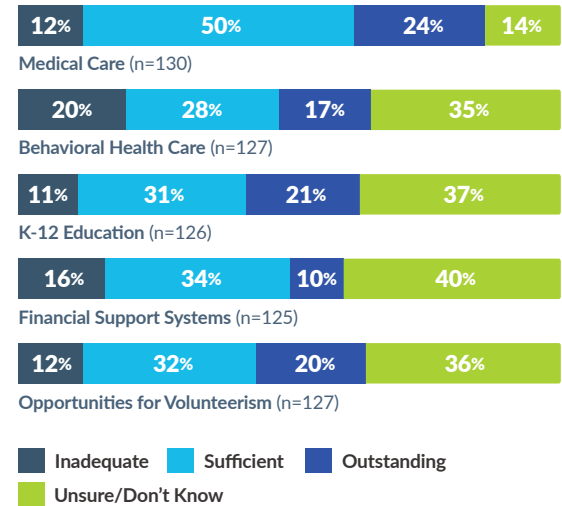


### Length of time in community where respondents currently reside (n=134)



### Quality of community resources available to military-connected families

Not fulfilled by installation



**24%**

report that community support (e.g., programming for military members, Veterans, and their families; available and accessible child care) is inadequate (n=127)

# Snapshot of the military lifestyle



## TAKEAWAYS

>> Roughly a third of Ohio respondents feel a sense of belonging to their local community.

>> 1 in 4 Ohio respondents feel that community support for military-connected families is inadequate.

>> A third of Ohio respondents identify as unpaid caregivers.

>> Most Ohio respondents perceive discrimination in the military to occur at levels similar to that in the overall U.S. society.

## \$ Financial Readiness

43%

report their family's current personal financial condition causes them some or a great deal of stress. (n=128)

### Top Contributors to Financial Stress (n=48)

Getting behind on bills	Spouse un/under-employment
Out-of-pocket medical costs	Student loans

### Perceptions of Discrimination in the Military\*

Compared to the general U.S. society, there is...

- about the same amount of racial discrimination (47%, n=114)
- about the same amount of gender discrimination (43%, n=111)
- about the same amount of sexual orientation discrimination (50%, n=108)
- about the same amount of religious discrimination (45%, n=110)

\*Respondent sample includes Veteran respondents, many of whom are over the age of 60 and may have been separated from the military for over 20 years.

Questions about the annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey and how you can offer support? [survey@bluestarfam.org](mailto:survey@bluestarfam.org)

Questions about Blue Star Families' Dayton & Southwestern Ohio Chapter? [dayton@bluestarfam.org](mailto:dayton@bluestarfam.org)

## Active-Duty Families (n=54)



### Military Children's Education

86%

of active-duty family respondents with children have one or more children currently enrolled in K-12 education (n=35)

### Type of school of oldest child in K-12 (n=29)



Public school



Homeschool



Private school

### OPTEMPO

68% of active-duty family respondents characterize OPTEMPO as stressful or very stressful for healthy work/family life (n=50)



### Child Care

32%

of families with a need for child care can find child care that meets their needs (n=25)

### Top Resources Regularly Needed (n=45)



Communication from unit/command



Opportunity to exercise



Access to medical care



Spouse group for unit/command