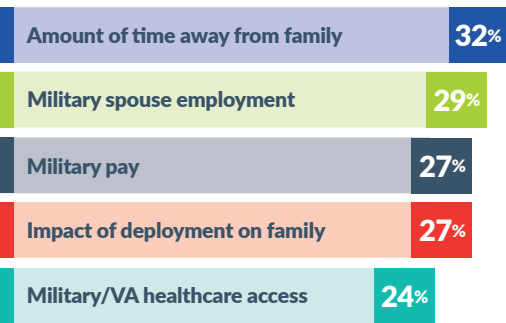
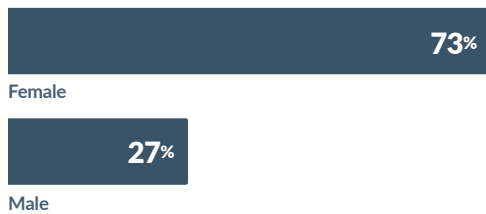


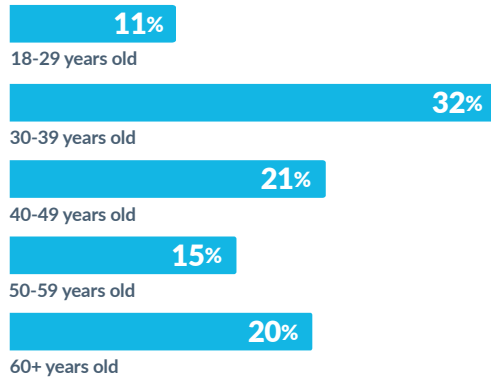
Top 5 issues affecting military-connected families¹ (n=201)



Gender of Respondents (n=225)



Age of Respondents (n=225)



Caregiving

22% of respondents consider themselves to be an unpaid caregiver (n =175)

21% of all respondents report that caregiver respite/support programs in their community are inadequate (n=142)

225 respondents

TENNESSEE & KENTUCKY



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

- 44% are active-duty spouses
- 24% are Veteran/retired service members
- 18% are Veteran/retired spouses
- 7% are active-duty service members
- 2% are National Guard spouses
- 2% are Reserve spouses
- 1% are National Guard service members
- 1% are Reserve service members

Branch affiliation of respondents is:

- 68% Army
- 14% Navy
- 8% National Guard
- 6% Air Force
- 4% Marine Corps
- <1% Coast Guard
- <1% Multiple service members in different branches
- <1% Other

Respondents identify as:

- 80% White
- 13% Hispanic or Latino/a/x or of Spanish origin
- 8% Black/African American
- 4% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 2% Asian
- 1% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 1% Other

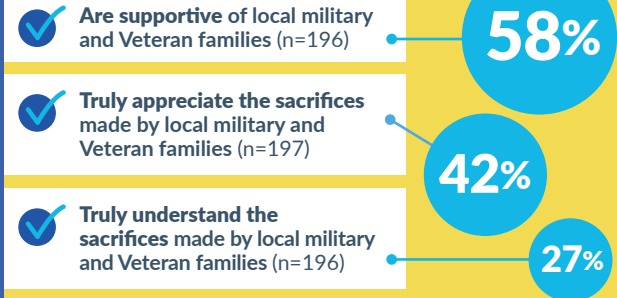
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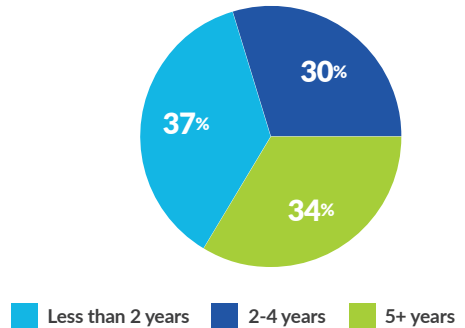
Military-connected families and their civilian communities

38% of military-connected family respondents feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community (n=197)

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



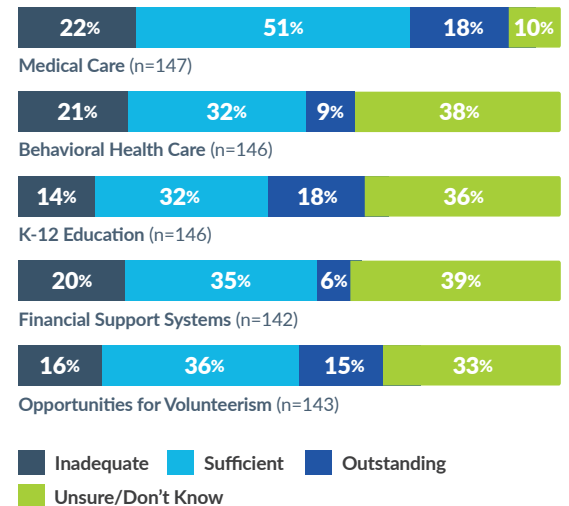
Length of time in community where respondents currently reside (n=104)



*Total may not equal 100 due to rounding

Quality of community resources available to respondents

Not fulfilled by installation



28% report that community support (e.g., programming for military members, Veterans, and their families; available and accessible child care) is inadequate (n=143)

Snapshot of the military lifestyle



TAKEAWAYS

- >> 1 in 4 Tennessee/Kentucky respondents find community support programming for military-connected individuals to be inadequate.
- >> Half of Tennessee/Kentucky respondents report experiencing stress due to their financial situation.

- >> 1 in 5 Tennessee/Kentucky respondents identify as unpaid caregivers.
- >> OPTEMPO is a source of stress for two-thirds of active-duty family respondents.

\$ Financial Readiness

50%

report their family's current personal financial condition causes them some or a great deal of stress. (n=147)

Top Contributors to Financial Stress (n=68)

Spouse un/under-employment	Student loans
Getting behind on bills	Major home repairs

Perceptions of Discrimination in the Military*

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

- less racial discrimination (47%, n=129)
- more gender discrimination (42%, n=127)
- about the same amount of sexual orientation discrimination (44%, n=124)
- about the same amount of religious discrimination (46%, n=127)

*Respondent sample includes Veteran respondents, some of whom are over the age of 60.

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

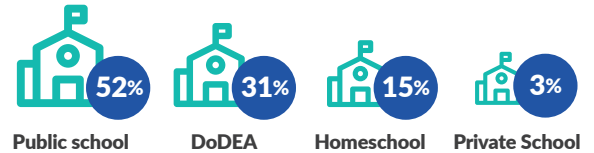
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Active-Duty Families (n=115)

Military Children's Education

71% of active-duty family respondents with children have one or more children currently enrolled in K-12 education (n=87)

Type of school of oldest child in K-12 (n=62)



OPTEMPO

65% of active-duty family respondents characterize OPTEMPO as stressful or very stressful for healthy work/family life (n=110)

Child Care

29% of families with a need for child care are able to find child care that meets their needs (n=55)

Spouse Employment* (n=72)



*Active-duty spouses who are not also active-duty service members

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