707 military-connected respondents in Florida including active-duty, National Guard, Reserve, and Veteran service members and spouses.

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Military Family Lifestyle Survey

Jacksonville Chapter
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Top Issues for <u>Currently Serving</u>[1] Family Respondents (n=325)

49%	45%	42%	40%	31%
BAH/off-base housing concerns	Military pay	Military spouse employment	Amount of time away from family	Relocation/PCS Issues
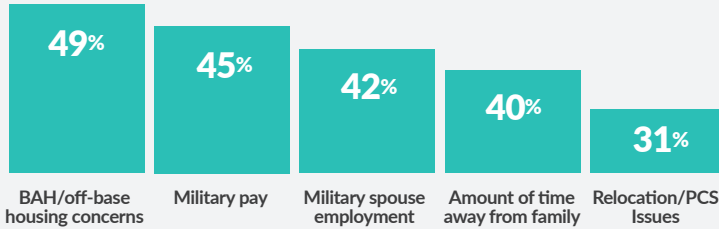
Top Issues for <u>Veteran</u> Respondents (n=216)

43%	32%	31%	30%	30%
Access to military/VA health care system(s)	Veteran employment	Military pay	Amount of time away from family as a result of military service	Understanding of Veteran issues among civilians
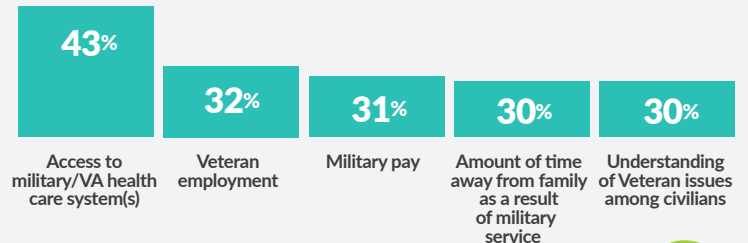
Active-Duty Families

Spouse Employment

20% of Florida active-duty spouse respondents (n=155) are unemployed

Of those who are employed (n=78)

54% are working full time

46% are working part time

Mental Health

17% of active-duty family respondents with at least one child enrolled in grades K-12 (n=130) report that their child(ren) did not currently receive mental health care but they would like them to

23% of active-duty family respondents (n=194) do not currently receive mental health care but would like to receive it

Veteran Respondents

Health Care

45% of Florida Veteran respondents (n=166) use the VA to meet all of their healthcare needs

Mental Health

8% of Florida Veteran respondents (n=157) do not currently receive mental health care but would like to receive it
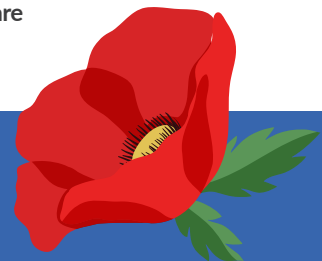
Financial Security

27% of Florida Veteran respondents (n=156) describe their financial situation as "just getting by" or "finding it difficult to get by"

Food Support Programs

7% of Florida Veteran respondents (n=151) participated in a local food pantry/community food distribution in the 12 months preceding survey fielding

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Financial Security

29% of Florida active-duty family respondents (n=196) describe their financial situation as "just getting by" or "finding it difficult to get by"

Top contributor to financial stress among those active-duty family respondents who have financial stress (n=164):

Housing costs 60%

80% of active-duty family respondents (n=167) report they have monthly out-of-pocket housing costs not covered by their BAH

83% of those with out-of-pocket costs (n=134) pay $200 or more

National Guard and Reserve Family Respondents — in their own words: "Can you tell us why you would recommend or not recommend service to a young family member?"

" The benefits of being in the service are great.

But as I've gotten old and my life has changed, I've

been really questioning if the benefits are worth it.

I think I would solidly recommend one enlistment.

But to make a career of it, I don't know. "

Air Force Reserve Spouse

Caregiving

25% of military-connected respondents (n=411) consider themselves to be an unpaid caregiver

Most commonly providing care for: (n=27)

40% Child under 18 years of age

28% Spouse/partner who is a Veteran

24% Parent or grandparent

Food Support Program

17%

of Florida active-duty family respondents (n=174) utilized a food support program during the 12 months preceding survey fielding

Most commonly utilized programs (n=29)**:**

9% Local food pantry/community food distribution

2% Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Recommending Military Service[2]
Military-connected respondents (n=640)

24% Unlikely to recommend (0-3)

24% Neutral (4-6)

52% Likely to recommend (7-10)

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