

Top Issues for Missouri Military-Connected Family Respondents

(n=137)



Active-Duty Families

Spouse Employment



of active-duty spouse respondents (n=36) are unemployed

Of those who are employed² (n=22)









are both self-employed & working as a paid employee for someone else

are only working as a paid employee for someone else

86%

Children's Mental Health

Resource Access

Top military resources used by active-duty family respondents (n=35)

Health care 37% Social support resources 26%

Top civilian resources used by active-duty family respondents (n=33)

Health care 15%
Sports/recreation for children and/or family members 15%

Child Care



of active-duty family respondents (n=40) with at least one child have some level of need for child care

>> Only 28% of those with a need for child care (n=29) are able to find care that works for their situation

Veterans

of active-duty family respondents with at least one child enrolled in grades K-12 (n=27) reported that their child(ren) did not currently receive mental health care. but they would like them to receive it





of those with a serviceconnected disability (n=39) have a 100% rating

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38%

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¹ Military-connected respondents includes active-duty, National Guard, Reserve, and Veteran family respondents. ² Working either part time (<35 hours per week) or full -time (35+ hours per week)



of Veteran respondents (n=37) utilize the VA to meet all of their health care needs

59% of Veteran respondents (n=22) "agree" or "strongly agree" that their doctor/provider they see the most often is knowledgeable of health needs faced by the military/Veteran populations



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Caregiving

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Financial Security

Military-connected respondents' family financial situation (n=95)



Top contributors to financial stress among military-connected respondents with financial stress (n=78)



Student loans





Excessive credit card debt

Mental Health

19%

of military-connected respondents (n=97) do not currently receive mental health care but would like to receive it

Recommending Military Service³

Military-connected respondents (n=139)





Neutral (4-6)



18% of military-connected respondents (n=92) consider themselves to be an unpaid caregiver⁴
Provided care for (n=17)
35% 24% 18% 18%

Spouse/partner who is a Veteran

Parent or Adult child grandparent over age 18

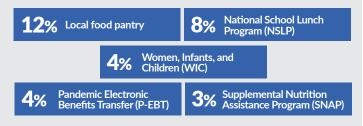
Spouse/partner who is a civilian

Food Support Program Usage

22%

of Missouri military-connected respondents (n=93) utilized a food support program during the 12 months preceding survey fielding

Programs utilized (n=20)



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Military Affiliation (n=159): Active-Duty Service Member (11%), Spouse (32%); National Guard Service Member (1%), Spouse (3%); Reserve Service Member (3%), Spouse (1%); Veteran/Retired Service Member (37%), Spouse (13%)

Racial/Ethnic Identity (n=159): American Indian/Alaska Native (8%), Asian (6%), Black/African American (14%), Hispanic or Latino/a/x or of Spanish origin (6%), Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (2%), Some other race or ethnicity (1%), White (77%)

³ Question Text: How likely are you to recommend that a young family member (child, niece, nephew, etc) join the military?" Range: 0 = very unlikely to recommend, to 10 = very likely to

* Unpaid caregiving is defined as all tasks related to the care for ongoing medical, mental health, or developmental conditions, or serious short-term ones.

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