### Top Issues for New York Tri-State Military-Connected Family Respondents

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### Active-Duty Families

**Spouse Employment**

16% of New York Tri-State active-duty spouse respondents (n=66) are unemployed.

Of those who are employed (n=37):

- 65% are working full time
- 35% are working part time

**Child Care**

37% of those with a need for child care (n=49) are able to find child care that works for their situation.

### Resource Access

**Top military resources used (n=69)**

- Social support resources: 39%
- Mental health resources: 24%
- Health care: 38%

**Top civilian resources used (n=67)**

- Social support resources: 39%
- Mental health resources: 24%
- Health care: 22%

### Mental Health

19% of active-duty family respondents with at least one child enrolled in grades K-12 (n=71) report that their child(ren) did not currently receive mental health care, but they would like them to receive it.

### Military Children's Education

77% of active-duty family respondents with child(ren) ages 20 or younger (n=74) have at least one child enrolled in K-12 education.

52% of active-duty respondents with a child enrolled in K-12 education (n=46) agree that their oldest child’s school understands the unique challenges of military families.

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1. In the 12 months preceding survey fielding.
Financial Security

30% of military connected family respondents (n=216) describe their financial situation as “just getting by” or “finding it difficult to get by”

Top contributor to financial stress among those military-connected respondents who have financial stress (n=159):

Housing costs

42%

of active-duty family respondents (n=60) report they have monthly out-of-pocket housing costs not covered by their BAH

of those with out-of-pocket costs (n=33) pay $200 or more

Caregiving

26% of military connected-respondents (n=207) consider themselves to be an unpaid caregiver

Who is providing care for (n=53)

38% Child under 18 years of age
34% Spouse/partner who is a Veteran
30% Parent or grandparent
11% Adult child over 18 years of age
9% Spouse/partner who is a civilian

Food Support Program Usage

25% of New York Tri-State military-connected respondents (n=206) utilized a food support program during the 12 months preceding survey fielding

Most commonly used programs (n=52)

12% Local food pantry
8% Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)
5% Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Recommending Military Service

Military-connected respondents (n=323)

51% Likely to recommend (7-10)
27% Neutral (4-6)
22% Unlikely to recommend (0-3)

Military Affiliation (n=379) Active-Duty Service Member (6%), Spouse (28%); National Guard Service Member (3%), Spouse (5%); Reserve Service Member (1%), Spouse (2%); Veteran/Retired Service Member (42%), Spouse (13%)

Racial/Ethnic Identity (n=378) American Indian/Alaska Native (3%), Asian(5%), Black/African American (9%), Hispanic, Latino/a/x, or of Spanish origin (11%), Middle Eastern or Northern African (1%), Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (1%), Some other race or ethnicity (3%), White (78%)

Military-connected respondents includes active-duty, National Guard, Reserve, and Veteran family respondents

1 Unpaid caregiving is defined as all tasks related to the care for ongoing medical, mental health, or developmental conditions, or serious short-term ones.
2 Question Text: How likely are you to recommend to a young family member (child, niece, nephew, etc.) join the military? Range: 0 = very unlikely to recommend, — 10 = very likely to recommend.