



New England Chapter (ME, VT, NH, MA, RI and CT¹) Established: July 2022 Delivered by CSX



Top Issues for New England Military-Connected Family Respondents

n=222)



35%

32%

32%

30%

Amount of time away from family

Impact of deployment on family

Access to military/VA health care systems

Understanding of military/Veteran issues among civilians

Military pay

Active-Duty Families

Resource Access

Top <u>military</u> resources used by active-duty family respondents

Top <u>civilian</u> resources used by active-duty family respondents

(n=31)

Social support resources 42%

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Health care 23%

Sports/recreation for children and/or family members 39%

Children's Mental Health

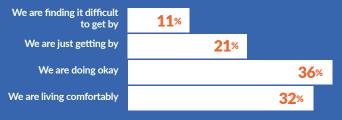
22%



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

Financial Security

Military-connected respondents' family financial situation (n=149)



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- ¹ Data points for CT respondents are also represented in the New York Tri-State chapter infographic due to chapter geographical boundaries.
- ² Cyber fraud is the crime committed via a computer with the intent to corrupt another individual's personal and financial information stored online. Identity theft is the fraudulent acquisition and use of a person's private identifying information, usually for financial gain.

Top contributors to financial stress among militaryconnected respondents with financial stress (n=115)



\$ 30



Housing costs

Student loans

Major home repairs

Cyber Fraud and Identity Theft²

In the 12 months preceding survey fielding



have been the victim of cyber fraud (n=147)



have been the victim of identity theft (n=149)



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Outdoor Activities



of military-connected respondents (n=149) participate in some kind of outdoor activity

Among those who participate in outdoor activities (n=125), the most common are:



Hiking, walking, and/or running



activities



Camping

Mental Health

of military-connected respondents (n=152) do not currently receive mental health care but would like to receive it

Recommending Military Service⁴

Military-connected respondents (n=223)



Unlikely to recommend (0-3)





GI Bill Use⁵

Has anyone in your family used GI Bill Benefits? (n=145)

34%

17%

12%

Yes, me Yes, my spouse Yes, my child(ren)

Caregiving



of military-connected respondents (n=146) **24**% consider themselves to be an unpaid caregiver³

Most commonly providing care for (n=35)

46%

Spouse/partner who is a Veteran **31**%

grandparent

26%

Child under 18 vears of age

20%

Adult child over age 18

Food Support Program Usage



of military-connected respondents (n=145) utilized a food support program during the 12 months preceding survey fielding

Programs utilized (n=40)

14% Local food pantry

National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)

5% Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

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Military Affiliation (n=266) Active-Duty Service Member (2%), Spouse (23%); National Guard Service Member (3%), Spouse (5%); Reserve Service Member (2%), Spouse(3%); Veteran/Retired Service Member (46%), Spouse (17%)

Racial/Ethnic Identity (n=260) American Indian/Alaska Native (4%), Asian (3%), Black/African American (4%), Hispanic or Latino/a/x or of Spanish origin (6%), Middle Eastern or North African (<1%), Some other race or ethnicity (4%), White (87%)

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

- ³ Unpaid caregiving is defined as all tasks related to the care for ongoing medical, mental health, or developmental conditions, or serious short-term ones.
- ⁶ 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 recommend.
- 5 Eligibility for the GI Bill is based on many factors including discharge status, time and length of service, time since separation from service, etc. GI Bill And Other Education Benefit Eligibility | Veterans Affairs (va.gov).

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