

2017 Military Family Support Programming

Survey Results

Respondents report **positive interactions with the civilian community**, and when they need additional support, they turn to community resources.



Military and veteran families are more than **2X** as likely to recommend military service to someone they care about.



77% of respondents would recommend military service

37% of the average civilian population would recommend military service

Respondents appreciate the health care they have more than most other benefits, but they would like to see some changes.

24% when asked what's working, cited health care

29% when asked what needs improvement, cited health care



49% cite finances as the biggest barrier to furthering their education

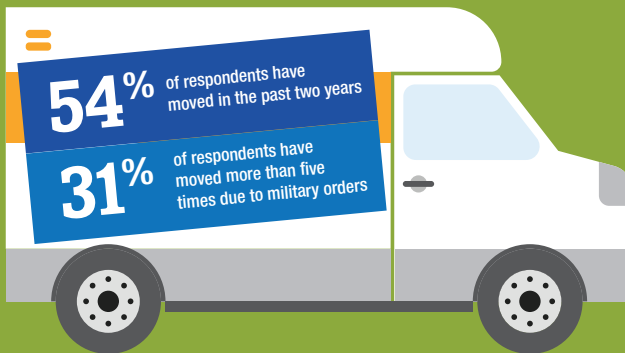
Military and veteran families have a hard time getting ahead financially.

60% of military families don't have enough in savings to cover three months of living expenses

15% of respondents have experienced food insecurity



Military orders force families to move frequently causing a great deal of financial stress.



Retirement eligibility is a key reason for leaving military service. The Blended Retirement System could lead service members to separate earlier.



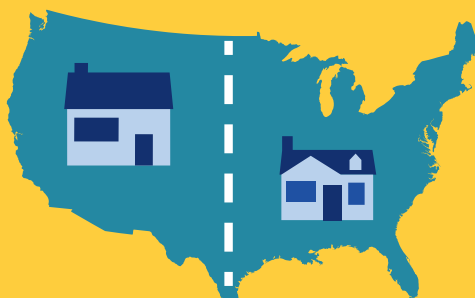
vs. **B.R.S.**

Families are having a hard time leaving military life.

Many feel left behind, misunderstood by civilians, and miss the support of the military community.



43% of respondents have at some point chosen to live apart, the most common reasons are children's education and spouse's career



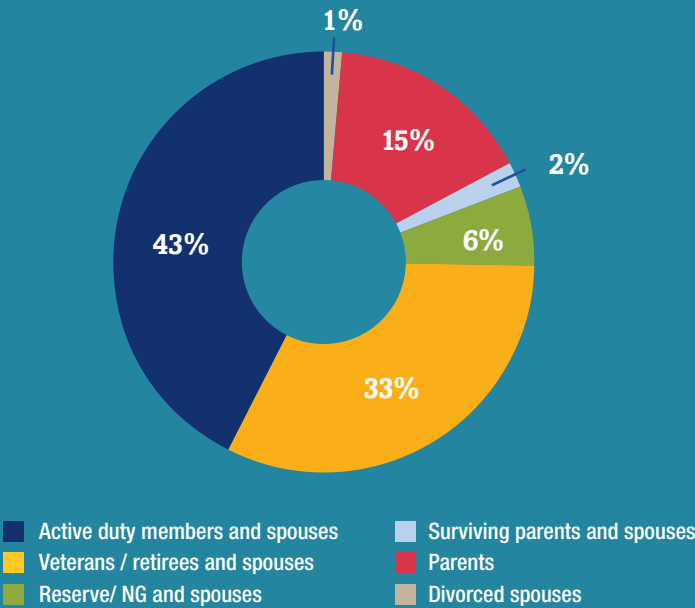
Twice as many respondents support transgender individuals serving in the military as those who don't.



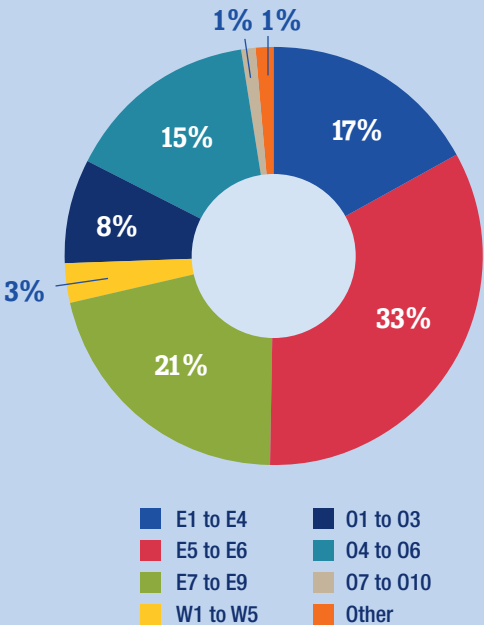
What is your nearest military installation or unit?



How are you connected to military family life?



What rank are you or your service member?



With which branch of the military are you affiliated with?

