2019 MILITARY FAMILY LIFESTYLE SURVEY

BLUE STAR FAMILIES

CRAIG NEWMARK NEW YORK TRI-STATE CHAPTER RESULTS

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RESPONDENTS INCLUDING MILITARY, VETERAN, NATIONAL GUARD, AND RESERVE FAMILIES

Blue Star Families' annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey provides a comprehensive understanding of what it means to serve as a military family. For that reason, it is a blueprint for strengthening America, identifying how we can continue to enhance military family life.

This infographic represents a geographic cross-section of the results of active-duty (51%), veteran (30%), National Guard (6%), and Reserve (13%) family respondents. **Unless otherwise stated, all statistics reflect the full sample who selected "self" or "spouse."** When referencing this data, please consider that the majority of respondents reported here are White / non-Hispanic, military spouses, representing senior enlisted ranks, 31% are active-duty Army, 21% are Airforce, 9% are Navy, 8% are Marine Corps, and 7% are Coast Guard. The average age of respondents here is 40, 70% are female, and 29% report they are unpaid caregivers.

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ACTIVE-DUTY FAMILIES

TOP 5 ISSUES RANKED

1. Dependent children's education
2. Military spouse employment
3. Amount of time away from family
4. Military family stability
5. Military pay

(n=101)

TOP LIFESTYLE STRESSORS

1. Deployment
2. Isolation from family/friends
3. Relocation issues
4. Financial issues/stress
5. Issues related to children

(n=134)

VETERAN FAMILIES

TOP ISSUE RANKED

Access to VA/military health care

(Including continuity of care and mental health care)

(n=67)

BOLSTERING BELONGING

LOCAL CULTURAL COMPETENCE

56% feel **local civilians support** military families
26% have no opinion (n=246)

40% feel local civilians are **aware** that military and veteran families' **experiences** may **differ from their own**
15% have no opinion (n=246)

41% local civilians **appreciate sacrifices local** military families make
19% have no opinion (n=246)

23% feel **local civilians understand sacrifices local** military families make
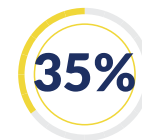*11% have no opinion* (n=245)

SENSE OF BELONGING

54% feel **welcome** in their local civilian community
32% have no opinion (n=239)

19% feel **military affiliation prevents forming close relationships** with local civilians
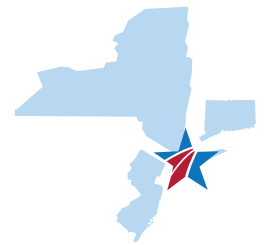*25% have no opinion* (n=237)

35% feel they **do not have a voice** in local civilian community
*33% have no opinion** (n=236)

27% do not feel a **sense of belonging** to their local civilian community
*31% have no opinion** (n=240)

n = total responses to each question
* Question asked differently in 2018

SNAPSHOT OF MILITARY FAMILIES
IN THE **NEW YORK TRI-STATE REGION**

HOUSING

MILITARY COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIRING THE MOST IMPROVEMENT[1] (n=116)

45%

base housing

50%

say all in local civilian community do not have access to safe and affordable housing (n=197)

MILITARY CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

TOP TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS[1]

understanding impact of frequent moves on child (n=62)

EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL READINESS

16%

are **"not at all likely"** to identify military affiliation in interview *16% say it depends on the employer*[2] (n=116)

67%

experience stress due to current financial situation (n=204)

TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO CURRENT FINANCIAL STRESS (n=136)

1. Un/underemployment
2. Excessive credit card debt
3. Out-of-pocket housing costs

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1 active-duty families only
2 excludes ctive-duty service members