

#### MILITARY FAMILIES

## ACTIVE DUTY CHILDREN: CHILD CARE & EDUCATION 2021 SURVEY OF ACTIVE DUTY SPOUSES

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Across the Department of Defense, there are 950,953¹ children of active duty members.

69%

of active duty spouses have a child under 18 living at home. Percentage of Spouses with Children by Child's Age

Less than 1 year old 13%

1 year to less than 2 years old

2 to 5 years old 32%

6 to 13 years 37%

14 to less than 18 years old 14%



#### **Child Care Use**



of spouses with at least one child under age 18 living at home use child care during the work day. Percentage of Spouses with Children Using Routine Care by Child's Age

Less than 1 year old 11%

1 year to less than 2 years old 12%

2 to 5 years old 33% 6 to 13 years 28%

14 to less than 18 years old 5%



### **COVID-19 Impact on Child Care Routines**

54% <sup>\*</sup>

experienced a disruption in child care because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

As a result of child care options being closed or unavailable, a spouse or another adult...

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supervised children while working (41%)

left a job (19%)

took unpaid leave (28%)

did not look for a job (22%)

used vacation or sick days (35%)

cut their hours (32%)

lost a job because of time away for their children (4%)

<sup>1</sup>Source: 2021 Demographics Profile of the Military Community

Note: Data presented are reported by active duty spouses about their children under 18 years of age on the 2021 Survey of Active Duty Spouses. For some questions, spouses were allowed to mark more than one option, and therefore, the sum of options does not equal 100%. For example, spouses with multiple children may have indicated children in multiple age groups. Where percentages do not sum to 100%, only the affirmative response is shown. For example, not all spouses with children living at home under the age of 18 have a child attending a school listed.

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#### **Child Care Source**

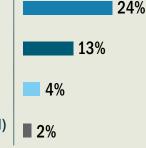
### Of Active Duty Spouses With at Least One Child Under 18 Living at Home

Civilian child care—not receiving military child care fee assistance

Military child care center

Civilian child care—receiving military child care fee assistance

Military (or military-affiliated) family child care home



52%

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#### **Schools Children Attend**

Of Active Duty Spouses With at Least One Child Under 18 Living at Home

Public
DoD-run (DoDEA)

9

**Private** 

9%

Homeschooled



## CHILD CARE RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

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