



MILITARY FAMILIES  
**ACTIVE DUTY CHILDREN: CHILD CARE & EDUCATION**  
**2021 SURVEY OF ACTIVE DUTY SPOUSES**

[www.militaryonesource.mil/data-research-and-statistics/survey-findings/2021-spouses-survey](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/data-research-and-statistics/survey-findings/2021-spouses-survey)

Across the Department of Defense, there are 950,953<sup>1</sup> children of active duty members.

**69%**

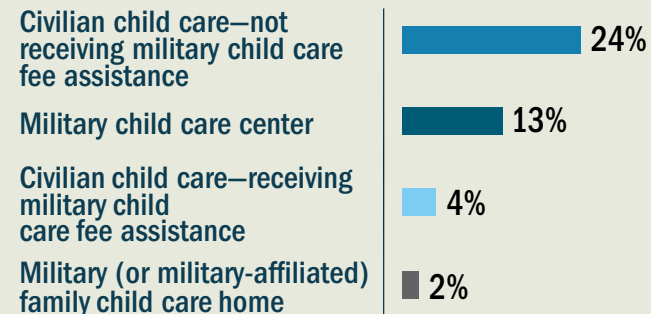
of active duty spouses have a child under 18 living at home.

Percentage of Spouses with Children by Child's Age



**Child Care Source**

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

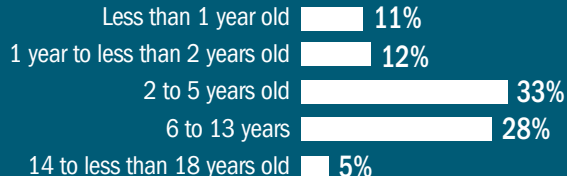


**Child Care Use**

**38%**

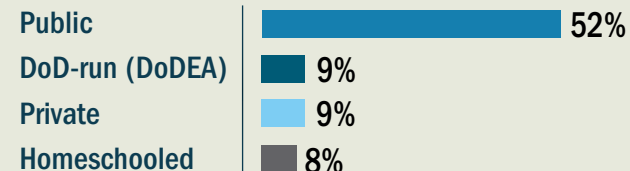
of spouses with at least one child under age 18 living at home use child care during the work day.

Percentage of Spouses with Children Using Routine Care by Child's Age



**Schools Children Attend**

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



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

**54%**

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...



**CHILD CARE RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES**

**MILITARY ONE SOURCE**

800-342-9647  
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<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.