



U.S. Department of Defense

## MILITARY FAMILIES

# IMPACT OF DEPLOYMENTS: RESERVE COMPONENT CHILDREN

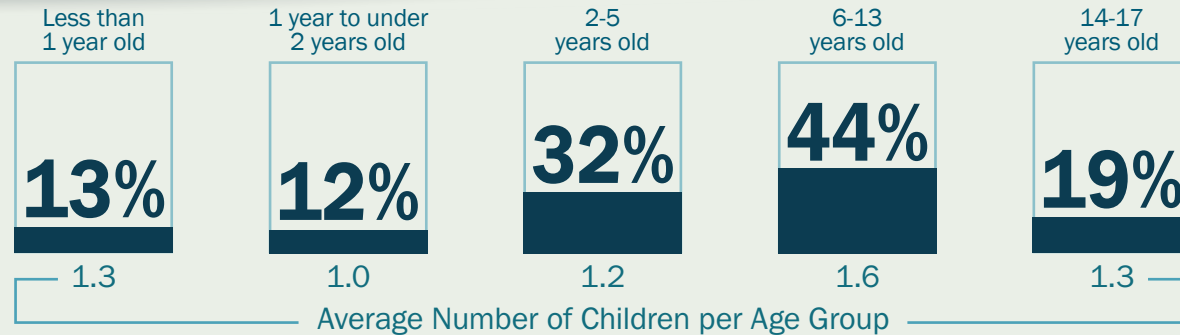
### Results from the 2023 Survey of Reserve Component Spouses

There are 639,052\* children of Reserve component members. The 2023 Survey of Reserve Component Spouses provides insights into how parental deployments impact children.

**74%** of all Reserve spouses have child(ren) under 18

**71%** of Reserve spouses whose husband/wife recently deployed<sup>1</sup> had one or more children living at home

## Percentage of All Reserve Spouses With Child(ren) Aged...



Spouses were allowed to mark more than one option to indicate children in more than one age group, therefore, the sum of options does not equal 100%.

## Child Care as an Additional Expense During Recent Deployment<sup>1</sup>



**62%** of spouses with child(ren) whose husband/wife recently deployed indicated child care as a new or increased expense during deployment

**68%** Less than 6 years old

**65%** 6 to 13 years old

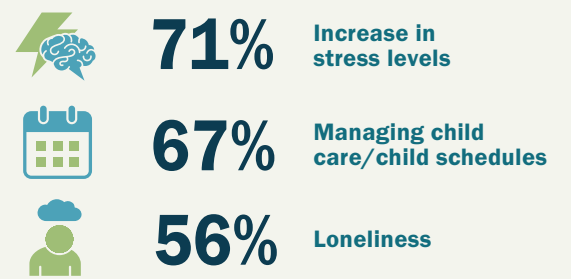
**44%** 14 to 17 years old

Percentage of spouses with children in the following age groups who indicated child care as a new or increased expense during recent deployment

## Employment Status of Reserve Spouses with Children



## Top Issues During Recent Deployment<sup>1</sup> Among Reserve Spouses with Children<sup>2</sup>



**82%** Children were able to participate in normally scheduled activities during Reserve parent's recent deployment<sup>1</sup>

**RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES**  
Military spouses can receive support at no cost, including family life counseling, at:

**MILITARY ONESOURCE**  
800-342-9647 [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

\*This data point taken from the 2022 Demographics Profile of the Military Community and includes children age 22 and under. 578,710 were children age 18 and under. See the report here: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/data-research-and-statistics/military-community-demographics/2022-demographics-profile/>  
<sup>1</sup>A "recent deployment" is defined as having occurred within the past 24 months, as reported by the Reserve spouse.  
<sup>2</sup>Includes applicable spouses who indicated that these were problems to a large/very large extent.  
Data presented are reported by Reserve component spouses about their children on the 2023 Survey of Reserve Component Spouses

