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MILITARY FAMILIES

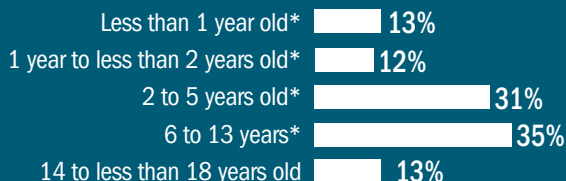
ACTIVE DUTY CHILDREN: CHILD CARE & EDUCATION 2024 SURVEY OF ACTIVE DUTY SPOUSES

Across the Department of Defense, there are 888,892¹ children of active duty members.

67%

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

Percentage of Spouses with Children by Child's Age



*63% of spouses have a child 13 or younger living at home



Child Care Use

44%

of spouses with at least one child 13 years old or younger living at home use child care during the work day.

Percentage of Spouses with Children 13 Years Old or Younger Using Routine Care by Child's Age



**Child
Care
Source**



Source of Child Care Used by Active Duty Spouses With Children 13 Years Old or Younger Who Routinely Use Child Care So They or Their Husband/Wife Can Work

Civilian child care—not receiving military child care fee assistance (**53%**)

Civilian child care—receiving military child care fee assistance (**12%**)

Military child care center (**37%**)

Military (or military-affiliated) family child care home (**6%**)



Reasons for Not Using Child Care

56%

of active duty spouses with at least one child under age 13 living at home do not use child care so they or their husband/wife can work.

Top Reasons for Not Using Child Care:

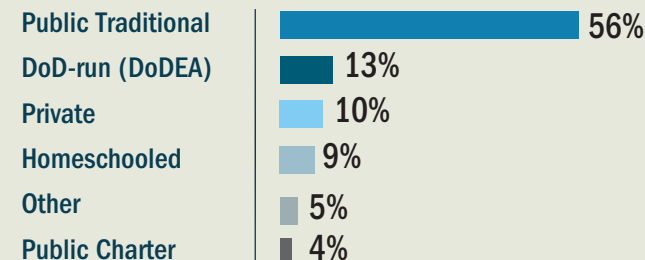


School Attendance

56%

of active duty spouses have a child between the ages of 2 and 17 living at home.

Schools Children Attend:



**CHILD CARE RESOURCES
FOR FAMILIES**

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800-342-9647
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¹Source: 2023 Demographics Profile of the Military Community

Note: Data presented are reported by active duty spouses about their children on the 2024 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 ages 2-17 have a child attending a school listed.