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	BACKGROUND INFORMATION		1 year to less than 2 years old
1.	What is your marital status? Married Separated Divorced Widowed		2 to 5 years old 6 to 13 years old
2.	Is <u>your spouse</u> currently serving on active duty (not a member of the National Guard or Reserve)? Yes No	8. [Ask if Q6 = "Yes" AND (Q7 > 0 OR Q7 c > 0 OR Q7 d >	[Ask if Q6 = "Yes" AND (Q7 a > 0 OR Q7 b > 0 OR Q7 c > 0 OR Q7 d > 0 OR Q7 e > 0)] Do you have child(ren) who routinely use
3.	How many years have you been married? To indicate less than 1 year, enter "0". Years		child care arrangements so you and/or your spouse can work? Yes No
4.	Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino Yes, Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino	9.	[Ask if Q6 = "Yes" AND Q7 = "Yes" AND Q7 [Matching item] >0 AND Q8 = "Yes"] How many of your child(ren) in each age group routinely use child care arrangements?
5.	What is your race? Mark one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be. White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native Asian (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, or Vietnamese) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (e.g., Samoan, Guamanian, or Chamorro)		Mark one answer in each row. To indicate none, select "0". To indicate more than nine, select "9". Less than 1 year old 1 year to less than 2 years old 2 to 5 years old
	YOUR FAMILY		6 to 13 years old
6.	Do you or your spouse have any children under the age of 18 living at home either part-time or full-time? Yes No		14 to less than 18 years old

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7. [Ask if Q6 = "Yes"] How many children

Less than 1 year old

under the age of 18 do you or your spouse have, living at home either part-time or full-time, in each age group? Please select the number of children you have in each age group. To indicate none, select "0". To indicate more than nine, select "9".

10.	[Ask if Q6 = "Yes" AND Q8 = "No"] What is
	the main reason you do not use child care?
	Mark one.
	No need for child care services
	I have made other suitable child care arrangements (e.g., neighbors, grandparents)
	Child care services are too expensive
	I want to have my child(ren) closer to home
	The hours of operation do not meet my needs
	I have concerns about the quality of care
	I have problems arranging for consistent transportation
	The wait list is too long
	Other

The following items will help us understand a bit about your child care arrangements for children in the household.

11. [Ask if Q6 = "Yes" AND Q8 = "Yes"] During the work day, do you routinely use the following sources of child care? *Mark* "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
	,	Yes	
a.	Military child care center	\times	
b.	Military (or military-affiliated) family child care home	X	
C.	Civilian child care—receiving military child care fee assistance	X	
d.	Civilian child care—not receiving military child care fee assistance	X	

12. [Ask if Q6 = "Yes" AND Q8 = "Yes" AND (Q11 a = "No" AND Q11 b = "No")] Which of the following are reasons why you do not use military child care? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

		No
	Yes	
a.	Availability of child care	
b.	Quality of child care	
C.	Affordability of child care	\boxtimes
d.	Inconvenient location	\boxtimes
e.	Operating hours	

13. [Ask if Q6 = "Yes"] Did any child(ren) residing with you attend the following types of schools last year? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
		Yes	
a.	Public traditional school	X	\boxtimes
b.	Public charter school	\times	
C.	Department of Defense-run school (DoDEA Americas, DoDEA Europe or DoDEA Pacific)		
d.	Home school		
e.	Private school	\times	
f.	Other	\times	\boxtimes

14. [Ask if Q6 = "Yes" AND Q13 [Matching item] = "Yes'] How satisfied are you with your child's education?

Very dissatisf				fied	
Dissatisfied					
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied					
	Satisf	ied			
	Very satisfied				
a.	Public traditional school	\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes
b.	Public charter school	\times	\boxtimes	\times	
C.	Department of Defense-run school (DoDEA Americas,				
	DoDEA Europe or DoDEA Pacific)	\times		\times	
d.	Home school	\times	\boxtimes	\times	
e.	Private school	\times	\boxtimes	\times	
f.	Other school	\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes

Consider the child(ren) in your household. Think of the child (younger than 18 years of age) whose <u>birth month</u> is closest to your <u>birth month</u>. Please respond to the following questions for that <u>one child</u>.

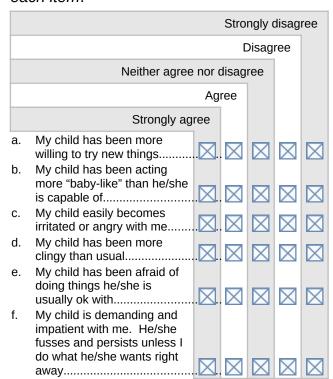
15. [Ask if Q6 = "Yes"] What is the age of this child?

		Years		
16.	[Ask if Q6	= "Yes" AND	15 < 18]	Is this

Male?
Female?

child...

17. [Ask if Q6 = "Yes" AND 15 < 18] Indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about this child during the <u>last four weeks</u>. *Mark one answer for each item*.



18. [Ask if Q6 = "Yes" AND 15 < 18] In the <u>past</u> 12 months, has this child experienced an increase in any of the following? *Mark one* answer for each item.

		Not applicable		ble
			No	
		Yes		
a.	Academic problems		\times	
b.	Behavior problems at home	⊠.	\times	\boxtimes
c.	Behavior problems at school	⊠.	\times	\boxtimes
d.	Pride in having a military parent	🖂	\times	\boxtimes
e.	Anger about my spouse's military requirements		X	
f.	Closeness to family members		\times	
g.	Acceptance of responsibility		\times	\boxtimes

SERVICE, EDUCATION, AND EMPLOYMENT

- 19. Have you previously served in an active duty Service (e.g., Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force) or National Guard/Reserve? *Mark one*.
 - X No
 - Yes, I served in an active duty Service or National Guard/Reserve, but did NOT retire
 - Yes, I served in an active duty Service or National Guard/Reserve and retired
- 20. Are you currently serving in the military?
 - Yes, on active duty (not a member of the National Guard/Reserve)
 - Yes, as a member of the National Guard or Reserve in a full-time active duty program (AGR/FTS/AR)
 - Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)
 - X No
- 21. [Ask if Q20 = "No" or Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" or Q20 = .]

 Last week, did you do any work for pay or profit? Mark "Yes" even if you worked only one hour, or helped without pay in a family business or farm for 15 hours or more.
 - X Yes
 - No
- 22. [Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .)
 AND Q21 = "No"] <u>Last week</u>, were you temporarily absent from a job or business?
 - Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc.
 - No No
- 23. [Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .)
 AND Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "No"] Have you been looking for work during the <u>last</u> four weeks?
 - X Yes

No

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24.	[Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .) AND Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "No" AND Q23 = "Yes"] Last week, could you have started a job if one had been offered? Yes No					
25.	[Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .) AND Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "No" AND Q23 = "Yes"] How many weeks have you been looking for work? If you have been looking for work for less than one week, enter "0". If you have been looking for work for more than one year, enter "52". Weeks					
26.	[Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .) AND Q21 = "No" AND Q21= "No" AND Q23 = "No"] Which of these would you consider to be the main reason you have not been looking for work? Mark the one answer you feel is the MAIN reason.					

AND Q21 = "No" AND Q21= "No" AND Q23
= "No"] Which of these would you consider to be the main reason you have not been looking for work? Mark the one answer you feel is the MAIN reason.

I did not want to be employed at this time
I am retired
I cannot find any work that matches my skills.
I am preparing for/recovering from a PCS move.
I stay home to homeschool my children.
I am/was caring for children not in school or daycare
I lack the necessary schooling, training, or skills.
I do/did not have transportation to work
Child care is too costly.
I do not have child care available to me.
I am attending school or other training.
I am not physically prepared to work (e.g., pregnant, sick, disabled).
I am unable to work while my spouse is deployed.

There are no jobs in my career field where I currently

I am a caregiver to a family member.

live.

Other

[Ask if Q26 = "Other"] Please specify your other main reason for not working for pay or profit. Please do not include any personally identifiable information (e.g., names, addresses). 27. [Ask if (O20 = "No" OR O20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .) AND (Q21 = "Yes" OR (Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc."))] Are you employed by government, by a private company, a nonprofit organization, or are you selfemployed or working in a family business? Mark one. Government Private company Non-profit organization including tax exempt and charitable organizations Self-employed Working in a family business 28. [Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .) AND (Q21 = "Yes" OR (Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc."))] On average, how many hours a week do you spend working for pay (including hours worked for a family business or farm)? Hours

29. [Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .)
AND (Q21 = "Yes" OR (Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc.")) AND (Q28 < 35 and Q28 > 1)] What is your main reason for working part-time (i.e., fewer than 35 hours a week) instead of full-time? *Mark one*.

Could only find part-time work

Want to spend time with children

Child care problems

Other family/personal obligations

Health/medical limitations

Do not have required license or credential in my occupational field

I do not want to work full-time

I am self-employed

 \mathbf{X} I am a caregiver to a family member

I am attending school or training

Other

30. [Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .) AND (Q21 = "Yes" OR (Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc."))] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. *Mark one answer for each item.*

Strongly disagre						ree	
	Disagree						
	Neither agree	nor	disag	ree			
		Ag	ree				
	Strongly ag	ree					
a.	I am paid less than those with similar credentials		\boxtimes		\times		
b.	Given my credentials, I should have a higher position at work		\boxtimes		\boxtimes		
c.	I need to find a job that allows me to work more hours		\boxtimes		\boxtimes		
d.	I work in temporary positions, but I would prefer not to		\boxtimes		X		
e.	I had to take a job outside of my field		\times		X		
f.	My pay is not enough to live on		X	\boxtimes	X		

31. [Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .)
AND (Q21 = "Yes" OR (Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc."))] Are you currently employed within the area of your education or training?

Yes No

32. [Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .)
AND (Q21 = "Yes" OR (Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc."))] Does your employer offer the following... *Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item*.

			No
		Yes	
a.	Flexible scheduling?	\times	
b.	Remote work/Telework?		

33. [Ask if (Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .)
AND (Q21 = "Yes" OR (Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc.")) and Q32 b = "Yes"]

Please select the response that best describes your current work location.

Fully remote (limited or no on-site requirement)

Hybrid (combination of remote and on-site work)

Fully on-site

34. What is the highest degree or level of school that you have completed? *Mark the one answer that describes the highest grade or degree that you have completed.*

12 years or less of school (no diploma)

High school graduate—high school diploma or equivalent (e.g., GED)

Some college credit, no degree

Vocational or technical diploma

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Advanced degree (e.g., MA/MS/PhD/MD/JD)

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In what career field is your current or most recent employment? <i>Mark one.</i> Not applicable, I have never been employed	36. What barriers have you faced in entering your most recent or current career field? Mark all that apply.
Administrative services (e.g., administrative assistant, secretary)	Pay does not cover cost of child care Lack vocational training
Child care and child development (e.g., attend to children at schools, businesses, private households, and childcare institutions)	Lack required education/degree Lack required certification
Communications and marketing (e.g., writer/editor, call center, film/TV, social media, web development)	Lack transferability of certifications/licensure Lack experience
Community and social services (e.g., mental health counselor, social worker, probation officers and correctional treatment specialists, school bus monitor)	Lack available/flexible child care Frequent moves Lack of jobs in my field in my current location
Education (e.g., teacher, teacher's assistant)	Medical or health limitations
Financial services (e.g., claim adjuster, credit analyst, accountant, financial counselor, banker, insurance	Caregiver (non-child) requirements Lack of part-time options
agent)	Lack of flexible hours/flexible schedule
Health care practitioners and technical occupations (e.g., nurse, dental hygienist, pharmacist, medical records specialist, dentist, doctor, paramedic, optician, veterinarian)	Not applicable/None
Health care support (e.g., home health aide, nursing assistant, occupational or physical therapy aid)	37. Regardless of your current employment status, does your occupation or career field
Information technology (e.g., network analyst, database administrator)	require Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.
Legal (e.g., lawyer, paralegal, legal assistant, mediator, magistrate)	No
Protective services (e.g., correctional officer, firefighter, police officer, animal control worker, security guard)	a. A certification provided by an organization that sets standards for your occupation?
Recreation and hospitality (e.g., restaurant, hotel business/management, personal trainer, ticket agent)	b. A state issued license?
Retail and customer service (e.g., cashier, sales person, customer service representative, manager)	
Skilled trades (e.g., electrician, cosmetology, plumber, construction, welder)	
Software development (e.g., coding)	
Transportation and material moving occupations (e.g., aircraft service attendant; parking attendant; bus, taxi or truck driver)	
Other occupations which require a state license	
Other occupations which do NOT require a state license	
[Ask if Q35 = "Other occupations which	
require a state license" or "Other	
occupations which do NOT require a state license" In what other career field is your	
current or most recent employment?	
carrent of most recent employment:	

30.	What kind of professional license/ certification/credential does your career field require? Mark one. Accounting Architecture Cosmetology Counseling (e.g., professional counselor, marriage and family therapist) Dentistry/Dental hygiene Dietition Law (e.g., attorney) Massage therapy Nursing Occupational therapy Pharmacy/Pharmacy technician Physical therapy Physician Physician Assistant Professional engineer Psychology Skilled trade (e.g., master electrician, plumber, heating, air conditioning, ventilation and refrigeration) Social work Teaching (elementary and secondary) Other [Ask if Q37 a = "Yes" OR Q37 b = "Yes" AND Q22 = "Other"] Please share the 'other' professional license/certification/ credential your career field requires.
39.	Are you working toward or did you receive a new credential(s) or certification, in the last 12 months? <i>Mark all that apply.</i> High school graduate—high school diploma or equivalent (e.g., GED) Vocational or technical diploma Associate's degree Bachelor's degree Master's, doctoral, or professional school degree Professional license Professional certificate None/Not applicable

40. Have you used a Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA) Scholarship? *Mark one*.

 \nearrow Yes, in the past 12 months

Yes, but not in the past 12 months

No, and I was not aware of this resource

No, but I am aware of this resource

41. [Ask if Q40 = "No, but I am aware of this resource"] What is the main reason you did not use a MyCAA Scholarship? *Mark one.*

I am not eligible because of my husband/wife's rank.

I will not be eligible long enough to use MyCAA (e.g., my spouse will soon be promoted or leave the military).

I need education, training, or testing not covered by MyCAA.

I have limited time for additional education/training because of family/personal obligations.

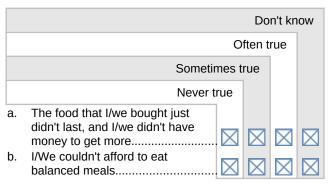
I am not interested in additional education/training.

I do not feel that additional education/training are important for my career.

FOOD SECURITY

These next questions are about the food eaten in your household in the last 12 months, since %%currentmonth%% of last year, and whether you were able to afford the food you need

42. The following are statements that people have made about their food situation. How often were each of the following statements true for you and your household in the past 12 months—that is, since the last % %currentmonth%%? Mark one answer for each item.



43.	In the past 12 months, since last % %currentmonth%%, did you or other adults in your household ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there was not enough money for food? Yes No Don't know
44.	[Ask if Q43 = "Yes"] In the past 12 months, how often did you or other adults in your household cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there was not enough money for food? Almost every month Some months but not every month Only 1 or 2 months Don't know
45.	In the past 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there was not enough money for food? Yes No Don't know
46.	In the past 12 months, were you ever hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money for food? Yes No Don't know
47.	Do you have any additional feedback related to access to quality food for you and your family? Please do not include any personally identifiable information (e.g., names, addresses).

COMMISSARIES

48. <u>In the past 12 months</u>, have you and/or your family used a commissary?

Yes

No, although a commissary was available

No, a commissary was <u>not</u> available

49. [Ask if Q48 = "Yes"] In the past 12 months, how often, on average, do you and/or your family shop at a commissary?

Z Daily

More than once a week

Weekly

2-3 times a month

Once a month

Less than once a month

50. [Ask if Q48 = "Yes"] Think about the quality of your experiences with military commissaries in the past 12 months. How would you and/or your family rate the following: *Mark one answer for each item*.

					Р	oor
				F	-air	
			Go	ood		
	Ve	ery go	ood			
	Excell	ent				
a.	Convenience of store locations		\times	\boxtimes	\times	
b.	Convenience of store hours		\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes
C.	Prices for products, given the quality		X		X	
d.	Variety and selection of merchandise		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
e.	Availability of merchandise		\times		\times	\boxtimes
f.	Courtesy and helpfulness of staff		X		X	
g.	Layout and cleanliness of the store		X		X	
h.	Speed of the checkout process		\times		X	
i.	Ability to provide brand name products		\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\times	
j.	Frequency of sales and promotions	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	\times	

51. [Ask if Q48 = "Yes"] Thinking about your

57. Do you think your spouse should stay on or

family's nutritional needs, how satisfied are leave active duty? you with how well commissary products and I strongly favor staying offerings meet those needs? I somewhat favor staying Very satisfied I have no opinion one way or the other Satisfied I somewhat favor leaving Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied I strongly favor leaving Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS) 58. During your spouse's active duty career, RESIDENCE/WHERE YOU LIVE have you ever experienced a PCS move? 52. Do you and your spouse currently reside Yes together in the same home (except for No during deployments)? 59. [Ask if Q58 = "Yes"] In what month and year Yes was your last PCS move? No Month 53. Which of the following best describes where you currently live? Year Military housing, on base Military housing, off base Civilian housing 60. [Ask if Q58 = "Yes"] For your most recent PCS move, to what extent were the 54. [Ask if Q52 = "No"] Which of the following following a problem for you? Mark one best describes where your spouse currently answer for each item. lives? Military housing, on base Does not apply Military housing, off base Not a problem Civilian housing Small extent 55. [Ask if Q53 = "Military housing, off base" OR Moderate extent Q53 = "Civilian housing"] How close do you Large extent live to a military base/installation? Less than 30 minutes Very large extent 30 minutes to less than 1 hour Loss or decrease of 1 to 2 hours your income..... Finding employment... More than 2 hours Changing schools for your education..... Obtaining licenses/ LIFE IN THE MILITARY certifications necessary \times for employment..... 56. Overall, how satisfied are you with the Availability of special military way of life? medical and/or educational services for Very satisfied yourself..... Satisfied Coordinating move with Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied moving company..... Dissatisfied Timeliness of receiving household goods...... Very dissatisfied Waiting for permanent housing to become

available.....

	Does not apply						
	Not a problem						
		Sma	all ext	ent			
	Mode	erate ext	ent				
	Large	extent					
	Very large exter	nt					
i. j.	Settling claims for damaged or missing household goods		.			\boxtimes	
k.	residency, temporary lodging costs, transportation costs)			\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
	information, services, or support			\times	\boxtimes	X	

61. [Ask if Q58 = "Yes" AND Q6 = "Yes"] For your most recent PCS move, to what extent were the following a problem for your child(ren)? Mark one answer for each item.

Does not apply							
Not a problem							
	Small extent						
	Moderate extent						
	Larg	je ext	ent				
	Very large ext	ent					
a.	My child(ren) changing schools		\boxtimes		\boxtimes		\times
b.	Availability of child care.		\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	\times
C.	Availability of special medical and/or educational services for my child						\boxtimes
d.	Missed deadlines for participating in extracurricular activities/sports						
e.	Missed deadlines for placement lotteries in magnet schools/charter schools/special						
	programs						

62. [Ask if Q58 = "Yes"] How long did it take you						
to find employment after your last PCS						
move? Mark one.						

mo	ve? Mark one.
\times	Less than 1 month
\times	1 month to less than 4 months
\times	4 months to less than 7 months
\times	7 months to less than 10 months
\times	10 months or more
\times	Sought but could not find employment after last PCS move
\times	Did not seek employment after last PCS move

63. [Ask if Q58 = "Yes"] After your <u>last PCS</u> move, did you have to acquire a new professional or occupational license or credential in order to work at the new duty location?

\times	Yes
\times	No
\times	Does not apply

64. [Ask if Q58 = "Yes" and Q63 = "Yes"] How long did it take you to acquire a new professional or occupational license or credential in order to work at the new duty location? *Mark one*.

\times	Less than 1 month
X	1 month to less than 4 months
\times	4 months to less than 7 months
\times	7 months to less than 10 months
X	10 months or more

65. [Ask if Q63 = "Yes"] Have you utilized the portability provisions of an occupational licensure compact to help secure transfer of your professional credentials?

\times	Yes, I utilized a state compact to transfer my credentials
\times	I am not aware of a compact for my profession
\times	I am aware a compact to help transfer my professional credentials but have not used it
	professional credentials but have not used it

66. [Ask if Q58 = "Yes"] During your spouse's active duty career, how many times have you chosen to remain in place/not PCS with your spouse? *To indicate "never," enter "0"*.

	Time

DEPLOYMENT

67. During your spouse's active duty career, has he/she been deployed for more than 30 consecutive days?

Yes, in the past 36 months

 \nearrow Yes, but not in the past 36 months

No.

68. [Ask if Q67 = "Yes, in the past 36 months" OR Q67 = "Yes, but not in the past 36 months"] During your spouse's most recent deployment, to what extent were each of the following a problem for you? *Mark one answer for each item*.

Very large extent						
Large extent						
Moderate extent						
	Sma	all ext	ent			
	Not a	all				
a.	My job and/or educational demands	\boxtimes	\boxtimes		\times	
b.	Managing expenses and bills.		\times		\times	\boxtimes
C.	Home/car repairs/ maintenance or yard work		\boxtimes		X	
d.	Safety of my family in our community		\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes
e.	Health problems in the family, including emotional problems		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
f.	Technical difficulties communicating with my spouse		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
g.	Marital problems, difficulty maintaining emotional connection with spouse		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
h.	Loneliness, dealing with issues/decisions alone		\boxtimes		X	
i.	Parenting alone, managing child care/child schedules, school/education, etc		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
j.	No time for recreation, fitness, or entertainment activities		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
k.	A lack of and/or problems with military offered support for myself/my family		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	\boxtimes
I.	Other	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes

69. [Ask if Q67 = "Yes, in the past 36 months" OR Q67 = "Yes, but not in the past 36 months"] Was your spouse's most recent deployment to a combat zone (e.g., an area where he/she drew imminent danger pay or hostile fire pay)? *Mark one*.

X No

Yes, deployed to Iraq/Afghanistan

Yes, deployed to a combat zone other than Iraq/ Afghanistan

70. [Ask if Q67 = "Yes, in the past 36 months" OR Q67 = "Yes, but not in the past 36 months"] Has your spouse returned home from a deployment? *Mark one*.

Yes, but my spouse has since redeployed

Yes, and my spouse has not redeployed

No.

71. [Ask if (Q67 = "Yes, in the past 36 months" OR Q67 = "Yes, but not in the past 36 months") AND (Q70 = "Yes, but my spouse has since redeployed" OR Q70 = "Yes, and my spouse has not redeployed")] After your spouse most recently returned home from a deployment, to what extent did your spouse seem to... Mark one answer for each item.

	Very large extent						
	Large extent						
	Mo	derat	e ext	ent			
	Sma	all ext	ent				
	Not at	t all					
a.	Be more emotionally distant (e.g., less talkative, less affectionate, less interested in social life)?			\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
b.	Show negative personality changes (e.g., more critical, indifferent to family/life)?		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
C.	changes (e.g., more attentive, more agreeable)?						
d.	Appreciate life more?	X	X	X	X	X	
e. f.	Get angry faster? Appreciate family and friends more?						
g.	Have mental health concerns (e.g., anxiety, being "on guard")?		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
h.	Drink more alcohol?		\times		X		
i.	Have more confidence?		\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	

	Very large extent					
			Larg	je ext	ent	
	Mo	derat	e ext	ent		
	Sma	all ext	ent			
	Not a	t all				
j. k.	Take more risks with his/her safety? Have difficulty adjusting		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
	(e.g., to family responsibilities, to civilian life)?		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
l.	Have trouble sleeping?	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
m.	Have difficulty with day-to- day activities (e.g., driving, eating, hygiene)?		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
n.	Be different in another way?	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

72.	Overall, how would you rate the current level
	of stress in your personal life?

X	Much	less	than	usual

Less than usual

About the same as usual

More than usual

Much more than usual

73. Over the <u>last two weeks</u>, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? *Mark one answer for each item*.

	Nearly every da					
	More than half	the da	ays			
	Several d	ays				
	Not at all					
a.	Little interest or pleasure in doing things		X			
b.	Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless		X			
C.	Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge		X			
d.	Not being able to stop or control worrying		X			

74. Taking things altogether, how satisfied are you with your marriage right now?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

75. Have you seen a counselor... *Mark* "Yes" or "No" for each item.

			No
		Yes	
a.	During your spouse's active duty career?	\times	\boxtimes
b.	In the past six months?	🛛	

76. [Ask if Q75 a = "Yes" OR Q75 b = "Yes"]

Which of these would you consider to be the main issue you discussed with your counselor? *Mark the one answer you feel is the MAIN issue.*

\times	Coping with stress
X	Financial issues
	Family issues

X Family issues
X Marital issues

Couple's communication issues

Rarent/child issues

Deployment and reunion

Crisis situations

Grief and loss

Mental health concerns for self/family member (e.g., PTSD, depression, anxiety)

Medical issues for self/family member

Jealousy/concerns around infidelity

Dealing with the military way of life (e.g., managing separations, demands of the military)

Other concerns

77. [Ask if Q75 a = "Yes" OR Q75 b = "Yes"] If you accessed counseling through the following sources, how useful was it? *Mark one answer for each item*.

Did not access counseling from this source						
		No	ot use	eful		
	Somewhat u	use	eful			
	Very usefu	ı				
a.	Military OneSource	<		\times	\boxtimes	
b.	Military Family Life Counselors (MFLC)	<		\times		
c.	TRICARE	\langle		\times		
d.	Your spouse's installation	\langle	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	
e.	Military chaplain/civilian religious or spiritual leader	<		X		
f.	Another military source	<	\boxtimes	\times	\boxtimes	
g.	Another non-military source	<		X		

[Ask if Q75 a = "Yes" OR Q75 b = "Yes"
AND Q77 f = "Marked" OR Q77 g =
"Marked"] What other source(s) did you
access counseling through? Do not provide
any personally identifiable information.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

78. In 2022, what was your total household income before taxes?

Less than \$25,000 \$25,000–\$34,999 \$35,000–\$49,999

\$50,000-\$74,999

\$75,000-\$99,999 \$100,000-\$149,999

\$150,000-\$199,999

\$200,000 and above

79. Which of the following <u>best</u> describes your (and/or your spouse's) financial condition? *Mark one*.

Very comfortable and secure

Able to make ends meet without much difficulty

Occasionally have some difficulty making ends meet

Tough to make ends meet but keeping our heads above water

In over your head

80. Compared to 12 months ago, is your financial situation better, worse, or has it stayed the same?

Much better

Somewhat better

Stayed the same

Somewhat worse

Much worse

81. [Ask if ((Q20 = "No" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a traditional National Guard/Reserve member (e.g., drilling unit, IMA, IRR)" OR Q20 = .)

AND (Q21 = "Yes" OR (Q21 = "No" AND Q22 = "Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc."))) OR (Q20 = "Yes, on active duty (not a member of the National Guard/Reserve)" OR Q20 = "Yes, as a member of the National Guard or Reserve in a full-time active duty program (AGR/FTS/AR)")] How much does your income contribute toward your total household income?

Less than 50%

50%

More than 50%

82. Are you <u>currently</u> receiving support from any of the following nutrition assistance resources? *Mark all that apply*.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/ Food Stamps)

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program

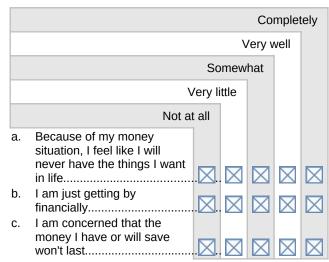
National School Breakfast Program (children receive free or reduced breakfast at school)

National School Lunch Program (children receive free or reduced lunch at school)

Some other assistance resource

No, I am not using any nutrition assistance resource

83. How well does each statement describe you or your situation? *Mark one answer for each item.*



84. How often does each statement apply to you? Mark one answer for each item.

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Alv						ays
				Of	ten	
		So	metin	nes		
		Raı	rely			
	Ne	ver				
a.	I have money left over at the end of the month		\boxtimes		\times	
h.	My finances control my life	X	\times	X	\times	X

FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The following questions help us make sure that the Department of Defense is providing the necessary voting assistance resources to spouses.

85. Were you registered to vote in the United States for the November 8, 2022 election?



86. Did you request an absentee ballot for the November 8, 2022 election?



No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election official

No, I never received an absentee ballot, but I expected to receive one

No, I did not need an absentee ballot

87. [Ask if Q86 = "Yes"] Did you receive an absentee ballot for the November 8, 2022 election?



88. [Ask if Q86 = "No, but I automatically received an absentee ballot from a local election official" OR Q86 = "Yes"] Did you return your absentee ballot for the November 8, 2022 election?

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X	Yes
X	No

COMMENTS

89. Please share what the military could do to improve support for you and your family. Do not provide any personally identifiable information.

90. Please describe the top issue(s) impacting the quality of life for you and your family. Do not provide any personally identifiable information.

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91. [Ask if Q1 = "Widowed" OR Q1 = "Divorced" OR O2 = "No"] Based on your answers to previous questions, you are ineligible to take this survey. If you feel you have encountered this message in error, click the back arrow button and check your answers.

If you have any additional comments or concerns, please enter them below.

To submit your answers click *Submit*.

For further help, please call our Survey Processing Center toll-free at 1-800-881-5307 or e-mail ADS-Survey@mail.mil.

Do not provide any personally identifiable information.