



2024 Status of Forces Survey of Active Duty Members

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Additional Information

10 United States Code (USC), Sections 136, 2358, and 1782, and National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2016, Section 661, authorize the DoD to conduct this survey. Information collected in this survey will be used to investigate a variety of topics, including deployment experience, retention, and financial health. This information will assist in the formulation of policies which may be needed to improve programs and services for military members and their families. Reports will be provided to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, each Military Department, and to Congress. The reports will not contain identifiable information about participants. Some findings may be published by the Office of People Analytics (OPA) in professional journals or presented at scientific conferences. Aggregate results from this survey will also be available in reports that are posted on the web: <https://www.opa.mil>.

If you experience any technical difficulties while taking this survey, please contact the Survey Processing Center at AD-SURVEY@mail.mil or call 1-800-881-5307. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact the project manager at AD-SURVEY@mail.mil.

Once you start answering the survey, if you desire to withdraw your answers, please notify the Survey Processing Center prior to {Posted Close Date}. Please include in the e-mail or phone message your name and Ticket Number. Unless withdrawn, partially completed survey data may be used after that date.

Click *Continue* if you agree to take the survey.

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