The South Sound Military & Communities Partnership (SSMCP), in collaboration with Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), distributed a survey to over 40,000 active duty personnel and civilian employees at the installation in October 2013. The 2013-2014 study updated the original Needs & Preferences Survey conducted in 2011-2012. The findings are being used to strengthen local communities’ ties with the South Sound military presence and to bolster the levels of service provided to service members.

**King County Household Composition**

The findings show the distribution of JBLM-employed families as follows:
- **Single**: 8%
- **Single with children**: 15%
- **Married**: 18%
- **Married with children**: 59%

**Number of Vehicles Per Household**

- **56%**: 2 cars
- **22%**: 1 car
- **21%**: 3 cars

**Active Duty Travel Trends**

95% of the JBLM workforce (active duty and civilians) commute using a privately or personally owned vehicle.

**59%** of JBLM-employed residents in King County feel the support of their local community is good or very good.

**SSMCP Mission:**

Foster effective communication, understanding, and mutual benefit by establishing the most effective point of coordination for resolution of those issues which transcend the specific interest of the military and civilian communities of the South Sound Region.

**SSMCP Vision:**

SSMCP is an innovative and flexible partnership uniquely positioned to provide regional leadership.
Distribution of King County Military Household Income

**Income Range**
- 25K - 34,999: 6.3%
- 35K - 49,999: 7.1%
- 50K - 74,999: 25%
- 75K - 99,999: 19.6%
- 100K - 149,999: 22%
- 150K+: 7.7%

**ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN KING COUNTY**

*Margin of error exists in results due to survey wording. Minimum estimated total is assumed to be accurate.*

$7,655,000 - $10,344,910

This does not include the economic impact from civilian contractors based in King County!

**HOUSING**

Nearly 1 in 1702 of King County’s population is JBLM Active Duty

77% Army | 20% Air Force

Of the JBLM service members living off-base . . .
- 60.9% live in greater Pierce County
- 32.5% live in greater Thurston County

3.6% (1,164) live in King County

41% of King County’s military-connected residents own their homes
29% rent their homes

67% of those needing off-base childcare feel available services meet their needs.

86% of JBLM-employed King County residents do their grocery shopping off-base.

94% do their retail shopping off-base.

79% of JBLM-employed residents feel King County is safe.

Approximately 15% of the JBLM-employed King County residents plan to transition out of the military in the next 2 years.

45% will stay in Puget Sound, 54% of those to seek jobs and 21% for school.

King County has the highest number of civilian contractors working with the Department of Defense in WA State.

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