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.

**PIERCE COUNTY HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION**

**JBLM - Employed Families**

- Single: 8%
- Single w/ children: 15%
- Married: 18%
- Married w/ children: 59%

**Number of Vehicles Per Household**

- 56% (2) - 2 cars
- 22% (1) - 1 car
- 21% (3) - 3 cars

*Active Duty Travel Trends*

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

**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.
Nearly 1 in 41 of greater Pierce County’s population is Active Duty

77% Army | 20% Air Force

60% of Pierce County’s military-connected residents own their homes
40% rent their homes

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HIGHER EDUCATION

81% at least one person in family will pursue higher education

Most Popular Fields of Study to Pursue

Health 17% Business 16% Other 12% Tech IT 8% Law/Police 8%

Good or Very Good in greater Pierce County:

83% Nearby access to fresh and healthy foods
81% Nearby access to quality commercial businesses and services
85% trails, parks, water access
58% walkable destinations
56% Schools
71% culture and entertainment facilities

84% of JBLM-employed residents feel greater Pierce Co. is safe.