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.

**2013-2014 greater Thurston County**

**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.

**87%** of JBLM-employed residents in Thurston County feel the support of their local community is good or very good.
Distribution of Greater Thurston County Military Household Income

**Income Range**
- 25K - 34,999: 5%
- 35K - 49,999: 13%
- 50K - 74,999: 29%
- 75K - 99,999: 25%
- 100K - 149,999: 22%
- 150K+: 7%

**ESTIMATED* TOTAL ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN GREATER THURSTON COUNTY**

$67,185,000 - $92,449,118

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

**Nearly 1 in 25 of Thurston County's population is Active Duty**
77% Army | 20% Air Force

**HOUSING**

**Of the JBLM service members living off-base...**
- 60.9% live in greater Pierce County
- 60.9% live in greater Thurston County
- 32.5% live in greater Thurston County
- 3.6% live in greater King County

Approximately **15%** of the JBLM-employed Thurston 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.

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

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<td>10,512</td>
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*Greater Thurston Co. statistics

Good or **Very Good** in Thurston County*:
- 91% Nearby access to fresh and healthy foods
- 88% Nearby quality commercial businesses and services
- 89% trails, parks, water access
- 58% walkable destinations
- 65% Schools
- 83% culture and entertainment facilities

91% of JBLM-employed residents feel Thurston County is **safe**.

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

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

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