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.

**2013-2014 Olympia**

Neighboring Joint Base Lewis-McChord and with direct access from Interstate 5, Olympia is a thriving community including approximately 1,100 uniformed men and women (as well as their families.)

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68% of JBLM-employed residents in Olympia feel the support of their local community is good or very good.

**OLYMPIA 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.
Approximately 15% of the JBLM-employed Olympia residents plan to transition out of the military in the next 2 years.

Nearly 1 in of Olympia’s population is 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
3.4% (1,100) live in Olympia
3.6% live in greater King County

55% of Olympia’s military-connected residents own their homes
35% rent their homes

100% of those needing off-base childcare feel available services meet their needs.

Most JBLM-employed residents of Olympia like what they see and can do!

73% of JBLM-employed Olympia residents do their grocery shopping off-base. 91% of residents say nearby access to fresh and healthy foods is good or very good.

92% do their retail shopping off-base. 88% of Olympia residents say access to nearby quality commercial businesses and services is good or very good.

Good or Very Good in Olympia:
89% trails, parks, water access
58% walkable destinations
83% culture and entertainment facilities
87% of JBLM-employed residents feel Olympia is safe.