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 Puyallup**

Neighboring Joint Base Lewis-McChord and with direct access from Interstate 5, Puyallup is a thriving community including approximately 970 uniformed men and women (as well as their families.)

67% of JBLM-employed residents in Puyallup 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
Nearly 1 in 39 of Puyallup’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
3.0% (970) live in Puyallup
3.6% live in greater King County

60% of Puyallup’s military-connected residents own their homes
33% rent their homes

43% of those needing off-base childcare feel available services meet their needs.

Approximately 15% of the JBLM-employed Puyallup 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.

78% of JBLM-employed Puyallup residents do their grocery shopping off-base. 67% of residents say nearby access to fresh and healthy foods is good or very good.

92% do their retail shopping off-base. 71% of Puyallup residents say access to nearby quality commercial businesses and services is good or very good.

76% of JBLM-employed residents feel Puyallup is safe.

Good or Very Good in Puyallup*:

84% trails, parks, water access
58% walkable destinations
56% Schools
71% culture and entertainment facilities

*Greater Pierce Co. Statistics

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN PUYALLUP

$5,740,000 - $7,504,929

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