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 Steilacoom**

Neighboring Joint Base Lewis-McChord and with direct access from Interstate 5, Steilacoom is a thriving community including approximately 647 uniformed men and women (as well as their families.)

94% of JBLM-employed residents in Steilacoom feel the support of their local community is good or very good.

**JBLM - Employed Families**

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

**Number of Vehicles Per Household**

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

**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 9 of Steilacoom’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
2.0% (647) live in Steilacoom
3.6% live in greater King County

60% of Steilacoom’s military-connected residents own their homes
29% rent their homes

Approximately 15% of the JBLM-employed Steilacoom 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.

44% of those needing off-base childcare feel available services meet their needs.

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

52% of JBLM-employed Steilacoom residents do their grocery shopping off-base. 83% of residents say nearby access to fresh and healthy foods is good or very good.

92% do their retail shopping off-base. 81% of Steilacoom residents say access to nearby quality commercial businesses and services is good or very good.

Good or Very Good in Steilacoom*:

85% trails, parks, water access
58% walkable destinations
56% Schools
71% culture and entertainment facilities*

94% of JBLM-employed residents feel Steilacoom is safe.

HIGHER EDUCATION
(Active Duty)

Most Popular Fields of Study to Pursue

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

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

ESTIMATED* TOTAL ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN STEILACOOM

$5,020,000 - $6,347,967

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

Distribution of Steilacoom Military Household Income

Income Range

- 25K - 34,999 1.6%
- 35K - 49,999 11%
- 50K - 74,999 8%
- 75K - 99,999 32%
- 100K - 149,999 19%
- 150K+ 3%

MINIMUM ESTIMATED TOTAL IS ASSUMED TO BE ACCURATE.