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 Tacoma

Neighboring Joint Base Lewis-McChord and with direct access from Interstate 5, Tacoma is a thriving community including approximately uniformed 2,879 men and women (as well as their families.)

57% of JBLM-employed residents in Tacoma feel the support of their local community is good or very good.

Number of Vehicles Per Household:
- 56% (2 vehicles)
- 22% (1 vehicle)
- 21% (3 or more vehicles)

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 70 of Tacoma’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
8.9% (2,879) live in Tacoma
3.6% live in greater King County

60% of Tacoma’s military-connected residents own their homes
31% rent their homes

47% of those needing off-base childcare feel available services meet their needs.

74% of JBLM-employed Tacoma residents do their grocery shopping off-base. 67% of residents say nearby access to fresh and healthy foods is good or very good.

91% do their retail shopping off-base. 71% of Tacoma residents say access to nearby quality commercial businesses and services is good or very good.

Good or Very Good in Tacoma:
94% trails, parks, water access
78% walkable destinations
65% Schools
51% culture and entertainment facilities

69% of JBLM-employed residents feel Tacoma is safe.