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 Tumwater

Neighboring Joint Base Lewis-McChord and with direct access from Interstate 5, Tumwater is a thriving community including approximately 582 uniformed men and women (as well as their families.)

66% of JBLM-employed residents in Tumwater feel the support of their local community is good or very good

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

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**Distribution of Tumwater Military Household Income**

**Income Range**

- 25K - 34,999: 3.4%
- 35K - 49,999: 17.2%
- 50K - 74,999: 29.3%
- 75K - 99,999: 20.7%
- 100K - 149,999: 15.5%
- 150K+: 6.9%

**Nearly 1 in 32** of Tumwater’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
- 1.8% (582) live in Tumwater
- 3.6% live in greater King County

Approximately 15% of the JBLM-employed Tumwater 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.

**ESTIMATED* TOTAL ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN TUMWATER**

$3,650,000 - $4,994,950

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

33% of Tumwater’s military-connected residents own their homes

57% rent their homes

50% of those needing off-base childcare feel available services meet their needs.

**HIGHER EDUCATION (Active Duty)**

- 81% at least one person in family will pursue higher education
- Health: 17%
- Business: 16%
- Other: 12%
- Tech/VIT: 8%
- Law/Firefighter: 8%

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

79% of JBLM-employed Tumwater residents do their grocery shopping off-base. 91% of residents say nearby access to fresh and healthy foods is good or very good.

91% do their retail shopping off-base. 88% of Tumwater residents say access to nearby quality commercial businesses and services is good or very good.

Good or Very Good in Tumwater:

- 89% trails, parks, water access
- 58% walkable destinations
- 65% Schools
- 83% culture and entertainment facilities

79% of JBLM-employed residents feel Tumwater is safe.