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 findings are being used to strengthen local communities’ ties with the South Sound military presence and to bolster the levels of service provided.

### Thurston County

**2013-2014 unincorporated**

**Thurston County**

**JBLM - Employed Families**

- Married w/ children: 16%
- Single: 15%
- Married: 55%
- Single w/ children: 24%

**Number of Vehicles Per Household**

- 22%: 2
- 56%: 3
- 21%: 4
- 1%: 5

**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.

**78%** of JBLM-employed residents in Thurston County feel the support of their local community is good or very good.

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**2013 Needs & Preferences Survey**

SSMCP.org

**JBLM Active Duty / Employee Resident Profile**

**Thurston County**

(Unincorporated)
Nearly 1 in 31 of Thurston County’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
13.9% (4,496) live in unincorporated Thurston County
3.6% live in greater King County

48% of Thurston County’s military-connected residents own their homes
38% rent their homes

54% of those needing off-base childcare feel available services meet their needs.

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

93% do their retail shopping off-base. 88% of Thurston County residents say access to nearby quality commercial businesses and services is good or very good.

Most JBLM-employed Thurston County residents like what they see and can do!

Approximately 15% of the JBLM-employed Thurston County 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.

Good or Very Good in Thurston County*:
89% trails, parks, water access
58% walkable destinations
65% Schools
83% culture and entertainment facilities

57% of JBLM-employed residents feel Thurston County is safe.

*Greater Thurston Co. statistics