

**RFI 1e: Provide statistics on the total number and percentage of dual military couples, broken down by co-located, not co-located, for each Service from FY19 to FY23.**

**RF1e response from Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) and The Office of People Analytics (OPA), within the Defense Personnel Analytics Center (DPAC)**

Response: DMDC collects data to meet requirement RFI 1e: Dual military (or joint service) couples can be tracked in certain situations but co-location of these couples is not directly tracked and can only be inferred

The Office of People Analytics (OPA), within the Defense Personnel Analytics Center (DPAC), conducts a DoD-wide, military spouse survey every other year, The Survey of Active Duty Spouses (ADSS), to provide DoD with representative data on active spouse's experiences with military life. DoD utilizes a stratified random sample of active duty spouses, to ensure the results are representative and generalizable to all active duty spouses.<sup>i</sup>

Per the 2021 ADSS, 14% of active duty spouses were in dual-Service families. The 2021 ADSS included a new measure to assess co-location status.<sup>ii</sup> Across DoD, 7% of all active duty spouses reported they did not reside together in the same home at the time of the 2021 ADSS. For dual-service families, 10% did not live together in the same home at the time of the survey—3 percentage points higher than the DoD average. Marine Corps spouses had the highest percentage of dual-Service military spouses report they did not reside together in the same home as their active duty husband or wife (14%), two times higher than the total DoD (7%).<sup>iii</sup>

| Results From the 2021 Survey of Active Duty Spouses  |  |        |                         |
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| Housing of Active Duty Spouses in the Armed Forces (Dual-Service) by Service <sup>1</sup>  |  |        |                         |
| Armed Forces (Dual-Service) Spouses  | Do you and your spouse currently reside together in the same home (except for during deployments)? |        |                         |
|  | Yes (%)  | No (%) | Max Margin of Error (±) |
| <b>Total</b>   | 90   | 10     | 3                       |
| <b>Army</b>  | 86   | 14     | 6                       |
| <b>Navy</b>  | 90   | 10     | 5                       |
| <b>Marine Corps</b>  | 88   | 12     | 7                       |
| <b>Air Force</b>   | 93   | 7      | 3                       |
| Notes  |  |        |                         |
| Source: 2021 Survey of Active Duty Spouses<br>Percent responding are active duty spouses who answered the question (Q47).  |  |        |                         |
| <sup>1</sup> Service is determined by spouse's Member affiliation. Active duty spouses who indicated current active duty military service have an employment status of Armed Forces and are considered dual-Service since both they and their spouse are currently serving on active duty. |  |        |                         |

<sup>i</sup> Surveys of the military spouse population that do not utilize scientific sampling and weighting are limited to representing only those who responded to the survey.

<sup>ii</sup> Current co-location status was a new measure in 2021, therefore comparisons over time are unavailable until after the 2024 ADSS is completed. Historically, the ADSS captured the number of times a spouse chose to remain in place and not PCS with their Member husband/wife.

<sup>iii</sup> The ADSS includes spouses who are married and separated.<sup>iii</sup>