2010 DADT Service Member Spouse Survey

Survey Item Frequencies

Q1. What is your marital status? MARK ONE.

	N	Percent	MOE
Married	43,465	97.8%	0.21
Separated	740	2.2%	0.21
Total	44,205	--	--
Missing	61	--	--

Q2. How many years have you been married?

	N	Percent	MOE
5 years or less	15,650	43.0%	0.58
6 to 10 years	10,193	24.0%	0.54
11 to 15 years	7,118	14.6%	0.43
16 to 20 years	5,685	10.0%	0.32
21 to 25 years	3,280	5.1%	0.22
More than 25 years	2,220	3.3%	0.16
Total	44,146	--	--
Missing	120	--	--

Q3. In which branch of the Armed Forces is your spouse currently serving?

	N	Percent	MOE
Army, Active Duty	5,458	27.6%	0.38
Army National Guard, Army Reserve	7,980	19.5%	0.29
Navy, Active Duty	4,346	15.2%	0.21
Navy Reserve	2,220	2.6%	0.10
Air Force, Active Duty	3,658	15.2%	0.29
Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve	6,972	8.0%	0.06
Marine Corps, Active Duty	4,040	8.4%	0.11
Marine Corps Reserve	2,285	0.9%	0.02
Coast Guard, Active Duty	2,477	2.2%	0.07
Coast Guard Reserve	720	0.4%	0.01
Total	40,156	--	--
Missing	4,110	--	--

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Q4. Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, in the military?

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes, previously but not now	4,703	11.8%	0.42
No	39,471	88.2%	0.42
Total	44,174	--	--
Missing	92	--	--

Q5. Is your spouse currently deployed?

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes	5,737	15.8%	0.49
No	38,415	84.2%	0.49
Total	44,152	--	--
Missing	114	--	--

Q6. How many times has your spouse been deployed since September 11, 2001?

	N	Percent	MOE
Never	11,207	21.5%	0.48
1 time	12,138	28.2%	0.56
2 times	9,387	23.5%	0.54
3 times	4,993	12.9%	0.43
4 or more times	5,688	13.9%	0.43
Total	43,413	--	--
Missing	853	--	--

Q7. Do you have any family members, friends or acquaintances, including coworkers, whom you believe to be gay or lesbian?

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes, one	5,236	12.1%	0.41
Yes, more than one	27,091	59.0%	0.63
No	11,726	28.9%	0.58
Total	44,053	--	--
Missing	213	--	--

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Q8. Has your spouse ever worked on a daily basis with an individual he or she believed to be a homosexual Service member?

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes	14,082	34.8%	0.61
No	12,019	26.4%	0.55
Don't know	17,916	38.8%	0.61
Total	44,017	--	--
Missing	249	--	--

Q9. How well did you know that individual? If more than one individual, please answer thinking about the Service member with whom your spouse worked most recently.

	N	Percent	MOE
Very well	1,331	9.9%	0.68
Well	1,938	14.8%	0.82
Somewhat well	3,241	23.7%	0.96
Not well at all	7,513	51.7%	1.12
Total	14,023	--	--
Missing	30,243	--	--

Q10. Compared with other Service members in the community, how much did that Service member participate in military social activities?

	N	Percent	MOE
More than most other Service members in the community	830	6.2%	0.55
Less than most other Service members in the community	1,346	9.2%	0.65
About the same as most other Service members	6,338	45.7%	1.12
Don't know	5,497	38.8%	1.08
Total	14,011	--	--
Missing	30,255	--	--

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Q11. ***If Don't Ask, Don't Tell is repealed, the military will want to prepare and assist spouses in understanding the new policy. How would you like the military to provide you with information on the new policy? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.***

	N	Percent	MOE
No special activities or communications would be necessary	19,039	43.0%	0.63
Distribute printed information to spouses about repeal	16,000	37.4%	0.62
Provide information about the repeal on military Web sites	14,793	34.3%	0.61
Have interactive chats available on line to answer questions from Service member spouses	3,191	8.2%	0.37
Conduct information sessions on bases and installations about repeal	5,367	13.5%	0.45
Provide information through military chaplains trained to work with spouses and family members on repeal	5,891	14.5%	0.46
Provide information through other military counselors trained to work with spouses and family members on repeal	5,663	14.1%	0.46
Provide information through Family Readiness Group/Work-Life Program leaders trained to work with spouses and family members on repeal	8,308	21.2%	0.54
Offer courses to spouses on how to discuss repeal within their families	3,337	9.1%	0.39
Other	1,649	3.6%	0.23

Q12. ***Overall, how do you feel about your spouse's current military service?***

	N	Percent	MOE
Very positive	16,097	32.9%	0.58
Positive	15,151	32.5%	0.59
An equal mix of positive and negative feelings	11,401	30.6%	0.60
Negative	699	1.8%	0.17
Very negative	454	1.4%	0.17
Never thought about it	279	0.8%	0.12
Total	44,081	--	--
Missing	185	--	--

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Q13. Which one of the following statements best describes your spouse's current military career intentions?

	N	Percent	MOE
Definitely stay in until retirement	24,415	51.8%	0.59
Probably stay in until retirement	8,405	20.1%	0.51
Definitely stay in beyond present obligation, but not necessarily until retirement	1,322	3.8%	0.26
Probably stay in beyond present obligation, but not necessarily until retirement	2,048	5.7%	0.31
Definitely leave upon completion of present obligation	1,631	4.9%	0.29
Probably leave upon completion of present obligation	1,665	4.7%	0.29
Have met retirement eligibility but will continue to serve	2,888	4.5%	0.21
Don't know	1,646	4.4%	0.27
Total	44,020	--	--
Missing	246	--	--

Q14. Which of the following best describes your preference for your spouse's military career intentions?

	N	Percent	MOE
Remain in the military until retirement	30,684	67.0%	0.58
Remain in the military beyond present obligation, but not necessarily until retirement	3,698	10.0%	0.40
Leave upon completion of his or her present obligation	3,564	9.2%	0.38
I do not have a strong preference	6,063	13.8%	0.44
Total	44,009	--	--
Missing	257	--	--

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Q15. ***What are the most important factors you and your spouse consider when making decisions about his or her future in the military? PLEASE MARK UP TO 3 FACTORS.***

	N	Percent	MOE
Spouse's current pay and benefits	18,685	49.3%	0.69
Your job status	2,548	7.2%	0.37
Education benefits (for you, your spouse, and/or your children)	7,245	22.1%	0.59
Spouse's retirement benefits	17,158	38.9%	0.63
Spouse's years completed toward retirement	6,612	15.5%	0.47
Current economic situation and civilian job availability	8,652	26.8%	0.63
Family separations and stability	6,823	17.7%	0.52
Medical care	9,456	29.2%	0.64
Childcare options	244	0.9%	0.15
Deployment-related considerations	5,079	13.1%	0.46
Spouse's ability to serve and defend the country	4,496	10.6%	0.41
Spouse's job satisfaction	8,683	21.0%	0.55
Our satisfaction with military life	4,343	12.1%	0.45
Our children's well-being	6,451	18.8%	0.55
Living on-base	164	0.7%	0.13
The ability to live in a close knit military community	408	1.2%	0.17
Other	916	2.4%	0.22

Q16. ***How important a factor would a repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell be to you in making decisions about your spouse's future in the military?***

	N	Percent	MOE
Very important	5,906	13.4%	0.43
Important	5,356	12.0%	0.41
Neither important nor unimportant	11,783	27.7%	0.57
Unimportant	7,222	16.0%	0.46
Very unimportant	10,981	24.1%	0.54
Don't know	2,790	6.7%	0.32
Total	44,038	--	--
Missing	228	--	--

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Q17. Would a repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell affect your preference for your spouse's plans for his or her future in the military?

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes, I would want my spouse to stay longer	1,031	2.8%	0.23
Yes, I would want my spouse to leave earlier	5,507	11.8%	0.40
No, it would have no effect on my preference for my spouse's plans for military service in the future	32,439	73.8%	0.56
Don't know	5,068	11.6%	0.41
Total	44,045	--	--
Missing	221	--	--

Q18. Have you ever recommended to a family member or close friend that he or she pursue service in the military?

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes	33,354	75.4%	0.55
No	10,794	24.6%	0.55
Total	44,148	--	--
Missing	118	--	--

Q19. Would a repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell affect your willingness to recommend military service to a family member or close friend?

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes, I would be more likely to recommend military service to a family member or close friend	1,924	4.8%	0.28
Yes, I would be less likely to recommend military service to a family member or close friend	8,521	17.9%	0.48
No, it would not affect my willingness to recommend military service to a family member or close friend	29,254	67.2%	0.59
Don't know	4,375	10.0%	0.38
Total	44,074	--	--
Missing	192	--	--

Q20. What is your preference on where to live?

	N	Percent	MOE
In on-base housing	7,175	21.6%	0.55
In military housing off-base	2,156	6.5%	0.34
In civilian housing	34,326	71.9%	0.59
Total	43,657	--	--
Missing	609	--	--

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Q21. Where do you currently live?

	N	Percent	MOE
In on-base housing	4,347	16.2%	0.52
In military housing off-base	1,200	4.1%	0.28
In civilian housing	38,522	79.7%	0.55
Total	44,069	--	--
Missing	197	--	--

Q22. Assuming you had a choice on where to live, what are the most important factors you would consider? PLEASE MARK UP TO 3 FACTORS.

	N	Percent	MOE
Cost of housing	21,527	56.8%	0.66
Housing condition	14,564	39.7%	0.67
Amount of space	7,415	21.8%	0.58
Quality of schools in the area	18,811	44.4%	0.66
Safety of the community	22,186	58.5%	0.66
Sense of the community in the neighborhood	2,841	5.9%	0.29
Presence of children in the neighborhood	1,515	3.7%	0.25
Commuting time to your job	6,329	14.6%	0.46
Proximity to spouse's job	8,233	21.6%	0.56
Neighbors that I know and trust	2,915	6.7%	0.32
The values of the community	4,278	9.1%	0.36
Presence of local businesses	1,113	2.8%	0.22
Easy access to the exchange, commissary, and MWR facilities	2,377	6.8%	0.35
Other	983	2.5%	0.21

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Q23. Assuming you had a choice on where to live, how important would a repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell be to you in considering where to live?

	N	Percent	MOE
Very important	5,660	13.2%	0.43
Important	3,831	8.6%	0.35
Neither important nor unimportant	12,062	27.7%	0.57
Unimportant	7,758	17.8%	0.49
Very unimportant	12,016	26.4%	0.56
Don't know	2,751	6.3%	0.31
Total	44,078	--	--
Missing	188	--	--

Q24. Assume Don't Ask, Don't Tell is repealed and you live in on-base housing. If a gay or lesbian Service member lived in your neighborhood with their partner, would you stay on-base or would you try to move out?

	N	Percent	MOE
I would stay on-base	20,185	49.5%	0.63
I would try to move out	7,004	15.8%	0.46
Don't know	4,727	10.9%	0.40
Does not apply, I would not live on-base	11,987	23.7%	0.51
Total	43,903	--	--
Missing	363	--	--

Q25. While living on-base, which of the following would you do?

	N	Percent	MOE
I would make a special effort to get to know the gay or lesbian Service member	876	2.6%	0.23
I would get to know them like any other neighbor	20,021	63.1%	0.72
I would generally avoid them when I could	4,230	13.2%	0.50
I would do nothing	3,767	12.8%	0.51
I would do something else	1,031	3.1%	0.26
Don't know	1,613	5.2%	0.33
Total	31,538	--	--
Missing	12,728	--	--

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Q26. ***In the last 12 months, about how many informal military social events, such as picnics, gatherings and holiday parties, have you attended?***

	N	Percent	MOE
All or nearly all of these events	4,753	10.9%	0.39
Many of these events	6,422	15.3%	0.46
Some of these events	11,042	25.8%	0.56
Very few of these events	11,391	26.1%	0.56
None of these events	10,119	21.9%	0.52
Total	43,727	--	--
Missing	539	--	--

Q27. ***Assume Don't Ask, Don't Tell is repealed. Would the attendance of a gay or lesbian Service member with his or her partner affect how often you attend these types of military social events?***

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes, I would attend these types of military social events more often	559	1.4%	0.15
Yes, I would attend these types of military social events less often	8,203	18.1%	0.49
No, it would not affect my attendance at these types of military social events	31,315	72.0%	0.57
Don't know	3,877	8.5%	0.35
Total	43,954	--	--
Missing	312	--	--

Q28. ***During your spouse's most recent deployment since September 11, 2001, how many deployment-support gatherings did you attend?***

	N	Percent	MOE
All or nearly all of these gatherings	3,925	9.4%	0.36
Many of these gatherings	3,572	9.0%	0.37
Some of these gatherings	5,515	13.3%	0.43
Very few of these gatherings	6,283	15.8%	0.47
None of these gatherings	14,119	32.7%	0.60
Does not apply, my spouse has not been deployed since September 11, 2001	10,401	19.8%	0.47
Total	43,815	--	--
Missing	451	--	--

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Q29. ***Assume Don't Ask, Don't Tell is repealed and your spouse is deployed. Would the presence of a partner of a gay or lesbian Service member affect how often you attend deployment-support activities?***

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes, I would attend deployment-support activities more often	506	1.3%	0.15
Yes, I would attend deployment-support activities less often	6,168	13.4%	0.43
No, it would not affect my attendance at deployment-support activities	33,063	76.2%	0.54
Don't know	4,208	9.1%	0.36
Total	43,945	--	--
Missing	321	--	--

Q30. ***If you had concerns about the impact of the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, to whom would you likely turn? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.***

	N	Percent	MOE
Would not need to talk to someone	13,370	31.4%	0.60
My spouse	30,130	68.5%	0.60
A family member	11,209	26.8%	0.57
A friend outside of your family	8,358	19.9%	0.51
A neighbor	2,399	5.9%	0.31
Key Spouse/Senior Spouse	1,373	3.3%	0.24
Airmen and Family Readiness Center	1,073	2.6%	0.20
Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC)	2,246	6.0%	0.32
Other military spouses	8,130	19.2%	0.50
Family Readiness Group	3,495	9.3%	0.38
Work-Life Program	402	0.9%	0.12
Ombudsman/Ombuds Offices	1,043	2.3%	0.18
Support services on the base or installation	2,368	6.1%	0.32
Support services in the civilian community	972	2.2%	0.19
A military chaplain	4,959	12.0%	0.42
Community religious leaders	5,328	11.4%	0.40
Someone else	1,572	3.5%	0.24

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Q31. How would you rate your overall family readiness to handle the challenges of military life?

	N	Percent	MOE
Very ready	11,891	26.0%	0.55
Ready	15,838	35.4%	0.60
About an equal mix of feeling ready and unready	11,488	26.8%	0.56
Unready	1,451	3.3%	0.23
Very unready	880	2.4%	0.20
Not sure	2,482	6.1%	0.31
Total	44,030	--	--
Missing	236	--	--

Q32. Assume Don't Ask, Don't Tell is repealed. Would repeal affect your family readiness?

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes, it would improve my family readiness	401	1.0%	0.14
Yes, it would reduce my family readiness	3,809	8.2%	0.34
No, it would have no effect on my family readiness	34,179	77.2%	0.53
Don't know	5,654	13.5%	0.44
Total	44,043	--	--
Missing	223	--	--

Q33. What family readiness programs would you turn to for assistance in sustaining family readiness? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

	N	Percent	MOE
Military OneSource	18,270	48.1%	0.65
Health Facilities	9,532	23.0%	0.55
Deployment Support Programs	16,479	40.1%	0.64
On-base Chapels	6,095	15.9%	0.49
Family Support Programs	21,930	54.6%	0.65
Work-Life/Employee Assistance Programs	5,833	14.2%	0.46
Other	4,697	10.8%	0.40

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Q34. How important are military family programs in supporting your overall family readiness?

	N	Percent	MOE
Very important	9,392	23.3%	0.54
Important	14,762	34.4%	0.60
Neither important nor unimportant	13,526	29.7%	0.58
Unimportant	4,176	8.2%	0.34
Very unimportant	2,126	4.3%	0.25
Total	43,982	--	--
Missing	284	--	--

Q35. Assume Don't Ask, Don't Tell is repealed. If the partner of a gay or lesbian Service member participated in a family support program, would it affect your participation?

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes, I would participate in that family support program more often	433	1.1%	0.14
Yes, I would participate in that family support program less often	7,019	15.2%	0.45
No, it would not affect my participation in that family support program	32,541	75.1%	0.54
Don't know	4,066	8.6%	0.34
Total	44,059	--	--
Missing	207	--	--

Q37. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

	N	Percent	MOE
12 years or less of school, but no high school diploma, certificate, or GED	676	2.1%	0.19
High school diploma or GED	4,563	13.3%	0.45
Some college credit, but no degree	11,571	31.2%	0.60
Associate’s degree (e.g., AA, AS)	6,462	16.1%	0.47
Bachelor’s degree (e.g., BA, AB, BS)	13,551	25.8%	0.52
Master’s, professional, or doctorate degree (e.g., MA, MS, MD, JD, DVM, DDS, PhD)	7,242	11.6%	0.35
Total	44,065	--	--
Missing	201	--	--

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Q38. What age were you on your last birthday?

	N	Percent	MOE
Up to 20 years old	629	2.4%	0.21
21 to 25 years old	5,265	16.9%	0.48
26 to 30 years old	8,078	22.2%	0.54
31 to 35 years old	8,031	19.1%	0.50
36 to 40 years old	7,905	16.0%	0.43
41 years old or more	14,048	23.4%	0.44
Total	43,956	--	--
Missing	310	--	--

Q39. Are you male or female?

	N	Percent	MOE
Male	2,741	6.7%	0.26
Female	41,367	93.3%	0.26
Total	44,108	--	--
Missing	158	--	--

Q40. Do you or your spouse have any children living at home either part-time or full-time?

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes	33,655	76.4%	0.53
No	10,441	23.6%	0.53
Total	44,096	--	--
Missing	170	--	--

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Q41a. ***How many children do you or your spouse have, living at home either part-time or full-time, in each age group? 5 years old or younger?***

	N	Percent	MOE
None	15,384	40.5%	0.66
One	11,344	37.2%	0.70
Two or three	6,742	22.0%	0.62
Four or more	105	0.3%	0.09
Total	33,575	--	--
Missing	10,691	--	--

Q41b. ***How many children do you or your spouse have, living at home either part-time or full-time, in each age group? 6-12 years old?***

	N	Percent	MOE
None	17,605	53.0%	0.71
One	9,867	29.4%	0.66
Two or three	5,938	17.1%	0.54
Four or more	171	0.5%	0.11
Total	33,581	--	--
Missing	10,685	--	--

Q41c. ***How many children do you or your spouse have, living at home either part-time or full-time, in each age group? 13-17 years old?***

	N	Percent	MOE
None	23,418	72.8%	0.60
One	7,329	20.0%	0.55
Two or three	2,763	7.0%	0.35
Four or more	53	0.2%	0.06
Total	33,563	--	--
Missing	10,703	--	--

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Q41d. ***How many children do you or your spouse have, living at home either part-time or full-time, in each age group? 18 years old or older?***

	N	Percent	MOE
None	28,012	86.3%	0.44
One	4,073	10.1%	0.39
Two or three	1,422	3.4%	0.23
Four or more	44	0.2%	0.06
Total	33,551	--	--
Missing	10,715	--	--

Q42. ***Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?***

	N	Percent	MOE
Yes	4,637	12.9%	0.45
No	39,113	87.1%	0.45
Total	43,750	--	--
Missing	516	--	--

Q43. ***What is your race? PLEASE SELECT ONE OR MORE.***

	N	Percent	MOE
White	36,912	81.9%	0.55
Black or African-American	3,279	12.1%	0.49
Asian	2,292	6.0%	0.31
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	626	1.8%	0.18
American Indian or Alaska Native	884	2.6%	0.23

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