

## Fort Eustis JLUS Survey Results

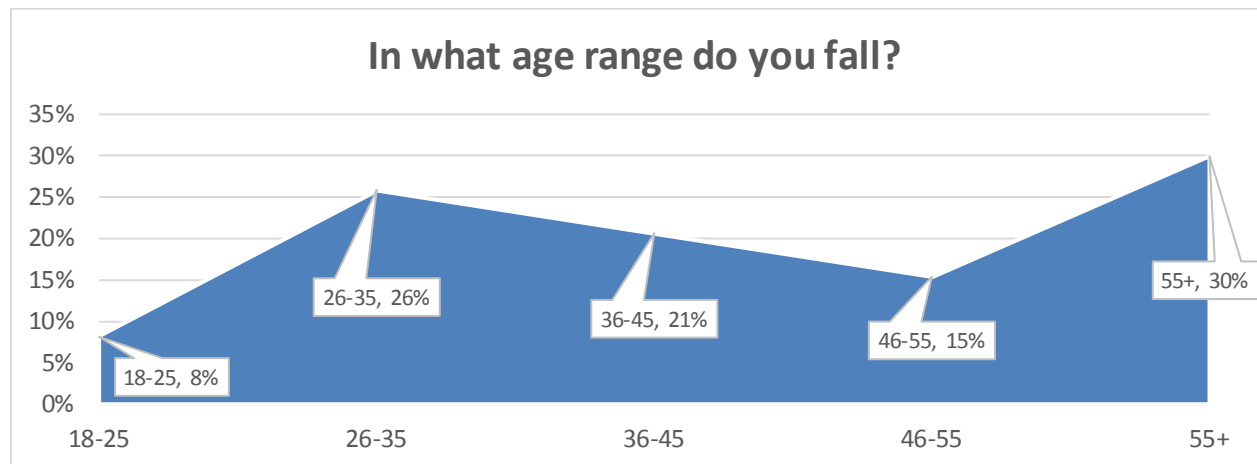
As part of the public outreach effort for the Fort Eustis JLUS, an eleven-question survey was distributed to the Hampton Roads community. The intent of the survey was to provide information to the Policy Committee, Technical Working Group, and project team regarding the general demographics and a sense of the public's perceptions and interactions with Fort Eustis.

The survey was made available for a four-month period (April 2017 – August 2017) using the project website and through attendance at community events. A total of 348 surveys were completed. The survey questions can be divided into the following categories:

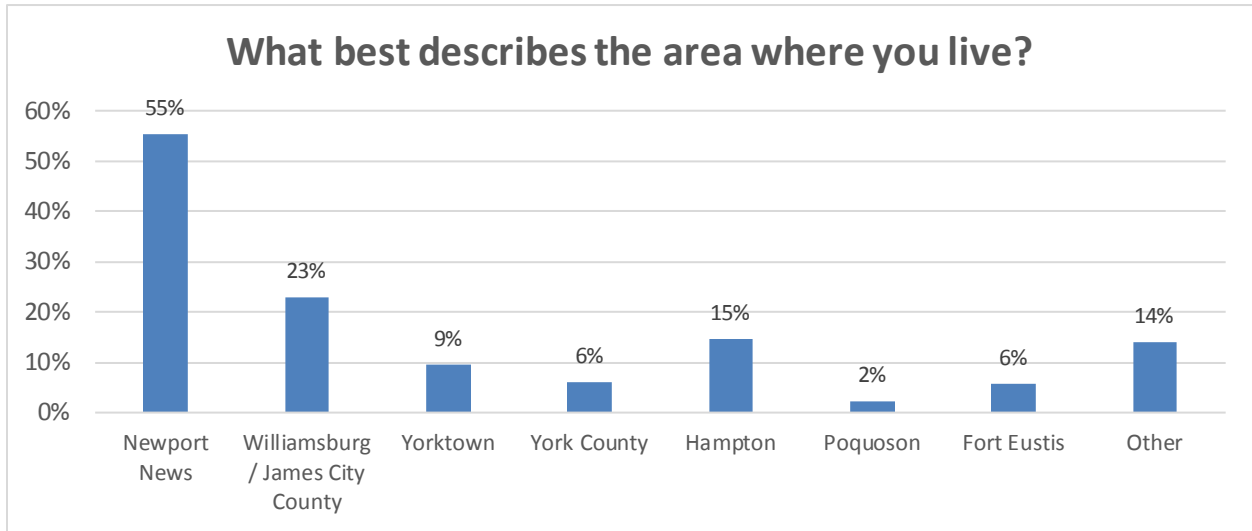
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### General Demographics

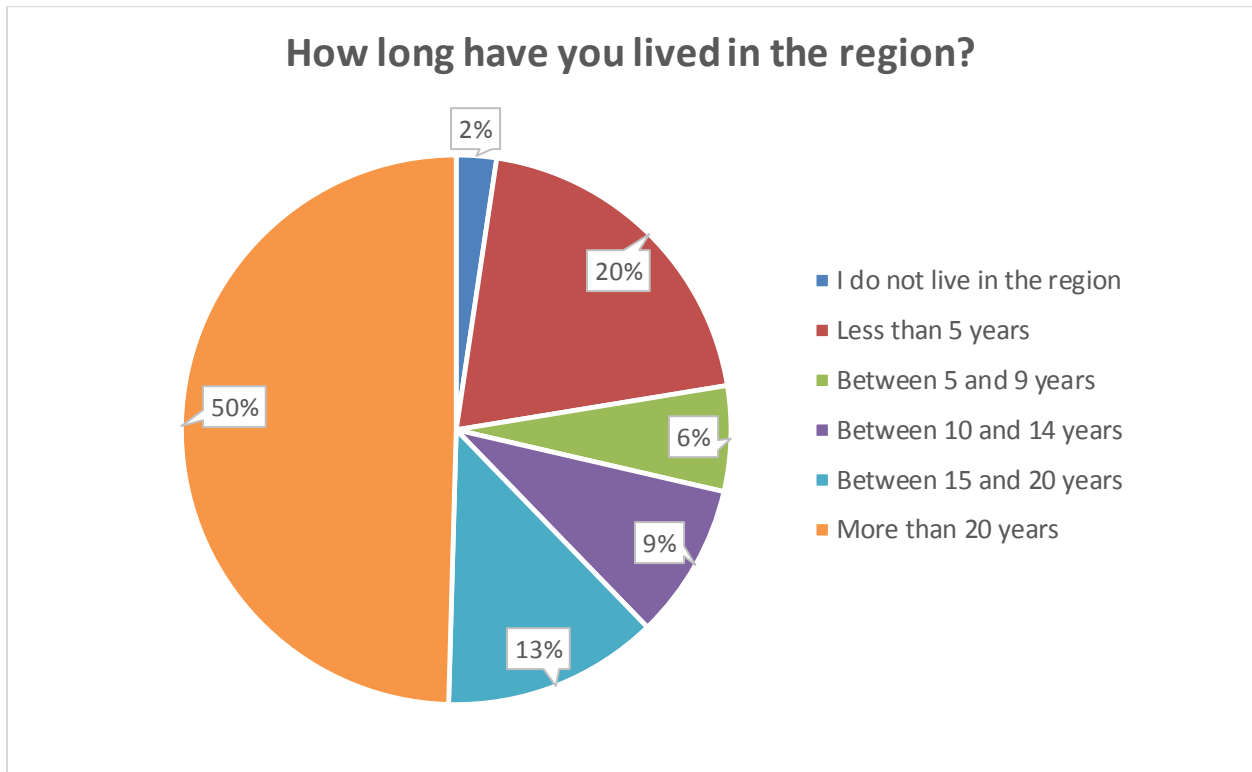
The respondents varied in age from 18 to 55+. The majority of the respondents were between 26 and 45 years old (47%). Following close behind were residents aged 55 and up (30%). The majority of the survey respondents were from Newport News (55%) and Williamsburg / James City County (23%). Most of the respondents live within the region and have for more than 20 years (50%).



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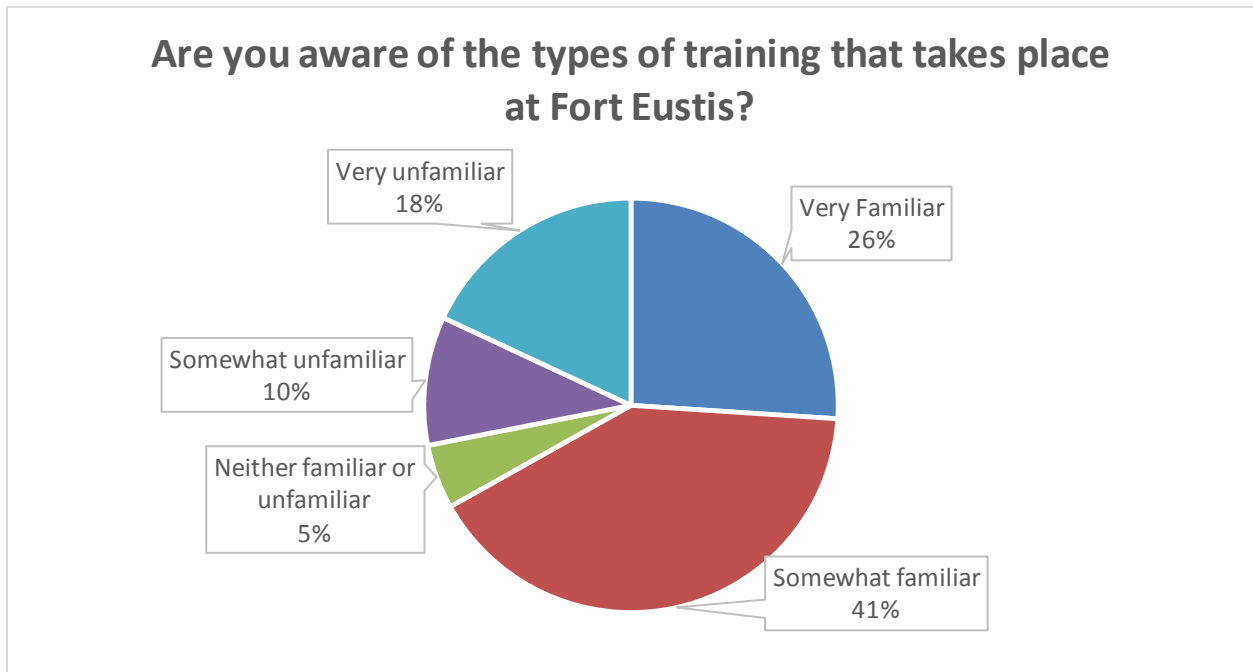
“Other” responses include California (1), Chesapeake (4), Fort Monroe (1), Gloucester (5), Rushmere (1), Isle of Wight (1), Lee Hall (2), Matthews (1), Norfolk (6), NOVA (1), Port Warwick (1), Raleigh-Durham (1), Richmond (1), Sandstone (1), South Hill VA (1), Suffolk (2), Virginia Beach (3)



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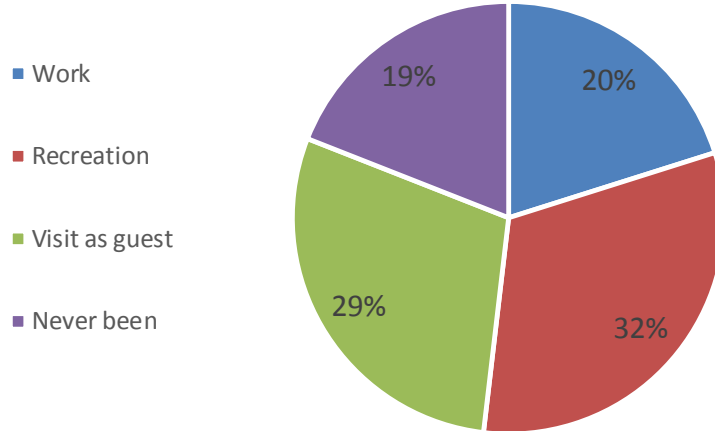
## Familiarity with Fort Eustis

Overall respondents appeared to be familiar with the types of training that takes place and have had a reason to visit the Fort. In total over 65% of the respondents were “very familiar” or “somewhat familiar” with the types of training that takes place at Fort Eustis. Less than 30% of the respondents were “somewhat unfamiliar” or “very unfamiliar” with the training operations. Respondents have visited Fort Eustis for a variety of reasons but primarily for recreation (32%) or as a guest (29%). Approximately 19% have never been on Post. This leaves the impression that the community is fairly knowledgeable of the role that Fort Eustis plays in the military community, but there are some gaps where additional education may be necessary.



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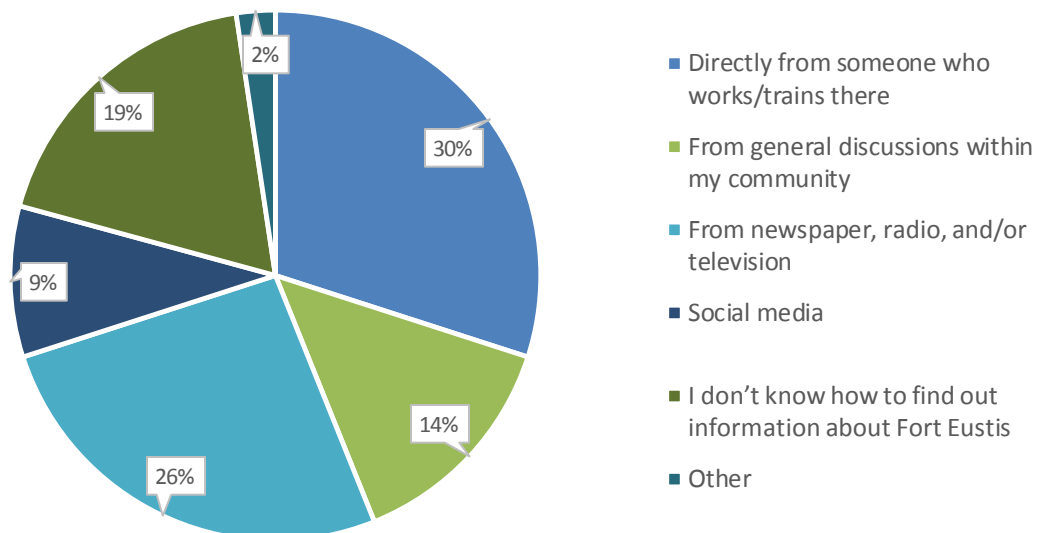
## Have you visited Fort Eustis for any of the following activities? (Select all that apply)?



### Communication with Fort Eustis

Information regarding Fort Eustis is distributed primarily through people who work or train there, approximately 30%. Other sources include newspaper, radio, and or television (26%). It is worthy to note that 18% of the respondents were not sure how to find out information about fort Eustis.

## Where do you receive most of your information about Fort Eustis?



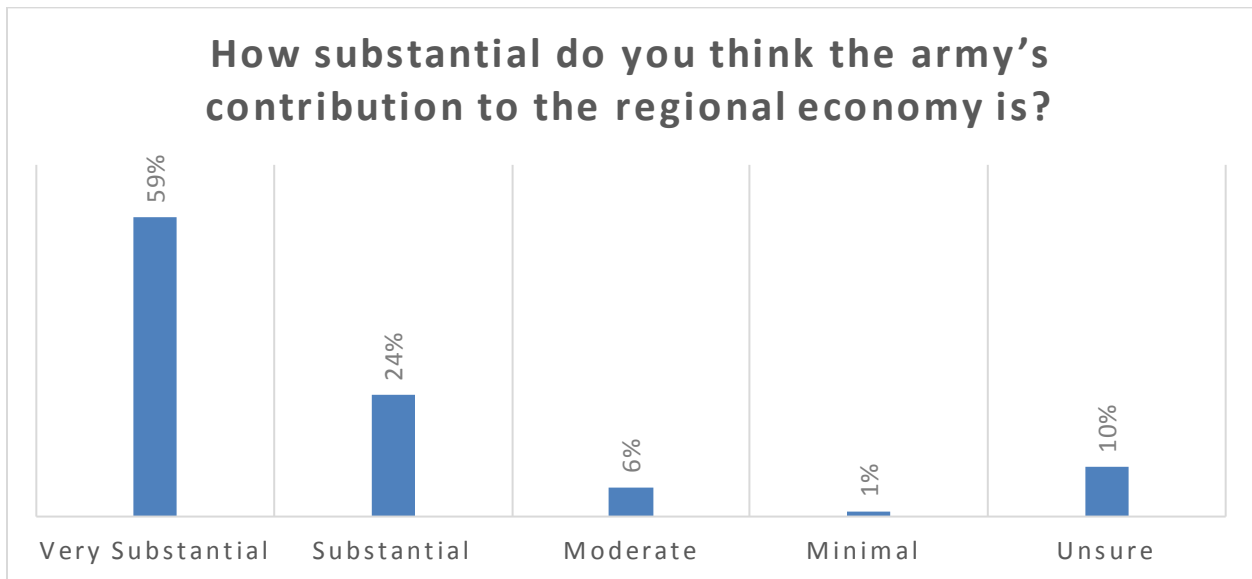
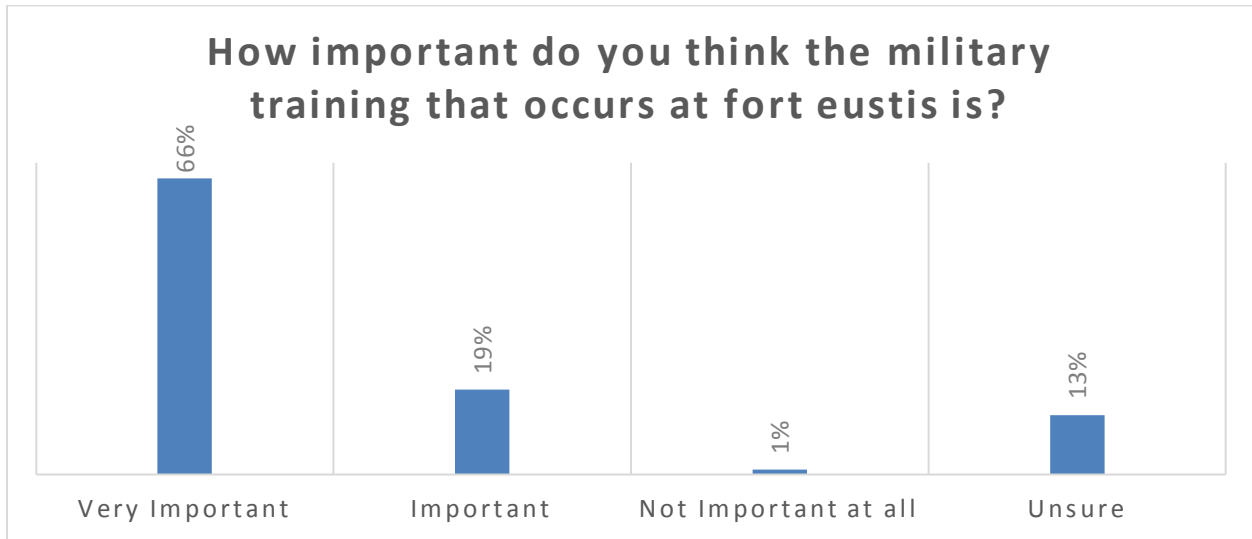
“Other” responses include Retired military (2), Navy Newspaper (1), Working at Fort Eustis (2), and Growing up Military (1)



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## Perception of Fort Eustis in the Community

The community recognizes the importance of Fort Eustis – evident by the more than 85% of respondents that found military training at Fort Eustis to be “very important” or “important.” Additionally, 83% found the Army’s contribution to the regional economy to be “very substantial” or “substantial.” Only 1% of respondents didn’t believe military training at Fort Eustis was important or that the Army didn’t make a substantial contribution to the regional economy.



Respondents were given the opportunity to write in the benefits of having Fort Eustis as their neighbor. Respondents found many benefits with the highest ranking including economic impact (21%), safety and



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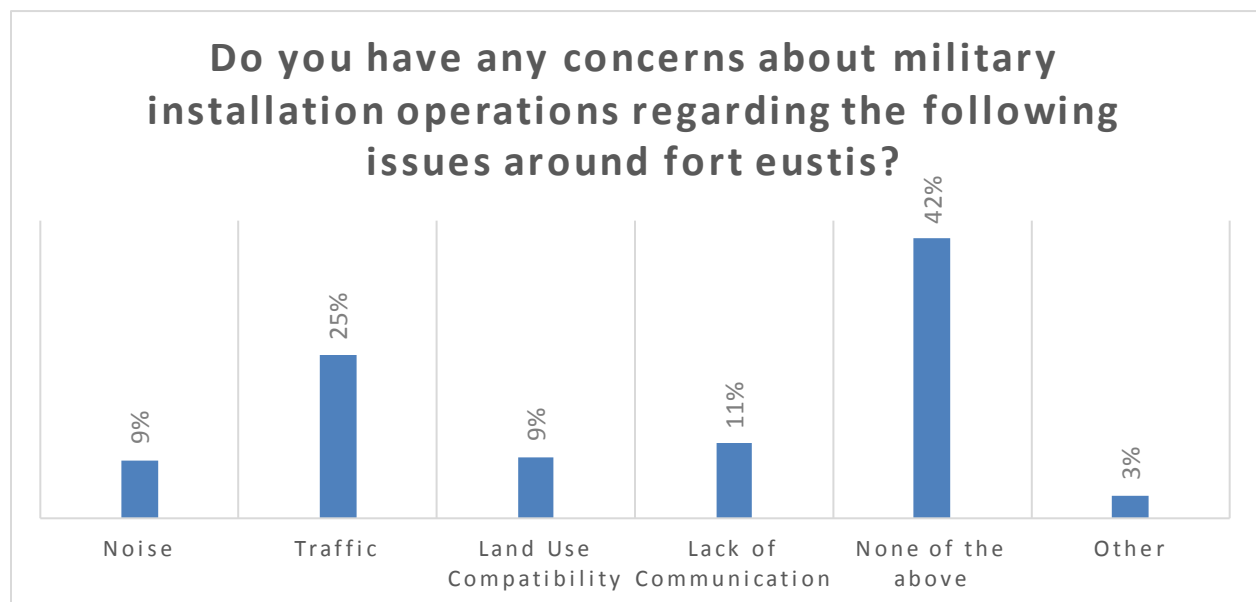
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security (19%), and jobs (17%). Other benefits included military/Army pride, on base amenities, recreation activities, the community and many more.

Benefits of Fort Eustis as Neighbor	# of Responses
Economic Impact	69
Safety and Security	63
Jobs	57
Military / Army Pride	32
On Base Amenities (i.e. exchange, commissary, childcare)	28
Recreation Activities (i.e. pool, gym, theater)	19
The Community (people, housing and schools)	19
Military and Veterans Benefits (retired and active duty)	14
Diversity	12
Training Opportunities	7
Preservation of Land	7
Culture and History	6

### Impacts of Fort Eustis in the Community

The last subject area of the survey was the impacts of Fort Eustis on the community. Respondents were asked to identify if any of the following were a concern to them. The options included noise, traffic, land use compatibility, lack of communication, none of the above, or other. 42% of the respondents didn't have a concern with military operations. Of the concerns listed, the ones of most significance were traffic (25%) and lack of communication (11%).



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At the end of the survey, respondents were given the opportunity to provide information regarding the critical issues or concerns that should be reviewed for the study. Of the 348 respondents, 113 provided a response. The graph below divides the comments into subject categories. They include:

- Allow Fishing
- Closure of Fort Eustis
- Community and Military Integration
- Compatible Land Uses
- Economic and Job Growth
- Environmental impacts
- Expansion of Fort Eustis
- More Communication and Military Awareness
- Noise
- None
- Redevelopment of Buildings and Land at Fort Eustis
- Safety
- Transportation

