



Youth who have a close family member who is Active Duty, Reserve or National Guard face many unique challenges including family separation and relocation. This issue of Kentucky: By The Numbers is in conjunction with the **Kentucky Extension Military Collaborative**. With funding from the UK Engage initiative, the Extension Military Collaborative is designed to increase awareness of the University's military engagement across the Commonwealth through developing a multidisciplinary statewide collaborative.

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Active Duty Dependent Children¹

2021

Total number of children of Active Duty service members	1169
Ages 0-5 years old	553
Ages 6-12 years old	433
Ages 13-18 years old	183

Selected Reserve Dependent Children¹

2021

Total number of children of Selected Reserve service members	119
Ages 0-5 years old	48
Ages 6-12 years old	48
Ages 13-18 years old	23

Military Connected Students²

2023-2024
School Year

All Grades	data n/a
Preschool and Kindergarten	data n/a
Grades 1-6	data n/a
Grades 7-9	data n/a
Grades 10-12	data n/a

"A military connected youth is a child or adolescent with a close family member serving in any branch of the United States Armed Forces, and any status, Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard..." Data are voluntarily provided by a parent or guardian.

<https://www.education.ky.gov/educational/Pages/Support-Our-Military-Families-in-School-Transitions.aspx>

For data on individual schools, go to <https://reportcard.kyschools.us/>

Veteran Households³

2023

	Estimate	Margin of Error
Veteran households w/ children	458	+/- 158
Veteran households w/o children	1,728	+/- 239

Data Sources

1. "Measuring Communities: Mapping Progress for Military & Veteran Families" (<https://www.measuringcommunities.org>).
2. Kentucky Department of Education. School Report Card. (<https://reportcard.kyschools.us/>).
3. 2016-2023 American Community Survey custom calculation conducted for Measuring Communities (above).

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