2017 ADF FAMILIES SURVEYA Snapshot of Results

4649 (14%) responded to the 2017 survey

An increase of more than 1000 on 2015 participation

5% were parents of ADF members

65% were civilian partners

30% were **others**, including **dual ADF couples** and **ADF members**



Civilian **PARTNERS** are proud to tell others that they are part of an ADF family.





Families and Postings



SINGLE PARENT ADF MEMBERS and DUAL ADF COUPLES

34%

feel the ADF considers family circumstances in postings.



Childcare Access

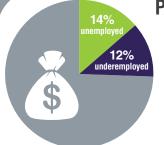
94%

were able to access the childcare services they needed.

58%

of those who couldn't access the childcare they needed say **AFFORDABILITY** is a barrier.

Partner Employment



14% of civilian PARTNERS say they are UNEMPLOYED

Compared to the national unemployment rate of around 6% (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

12% of civilian **PARTNERS** say they are **UNDEREMPLOYED** in that they are working part-time but would like to work more hours.

81% of civilian **PARTNERS** say that they had made **EMPLOYMENT SACRIFICES** because of their partner's ADF career.



Parents of ADF Members

37%

PARENTS OF ADF MEMBERS said they don't know how to contact their child while they're deployed.



The ADF Families Survey is a joint initiative of Defence Community Organisation and Defence Families of Australia. It aims to provide insights into the impact of ADF conditions of service on family members satisfaction with service life.

The full results of the 2017 survey will be available later in 2017.

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