

2025 Veteran Families Survey - Key Findings

Understanding the experiences of Australian veteran families

The survey asked veteran family members* to answer questions reflecting on the past 12 months. Key results include the below.

Employment

A third | 34%

say their household has one or more adults who have experienced **unemployment** and/or **underemployment**



Healthcare

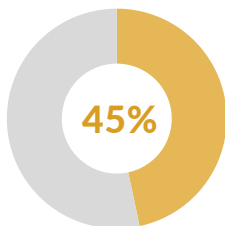
A third | 33%

say they or their family have experienced **difficulties** accessing **disability** or **specialist healthcare services**



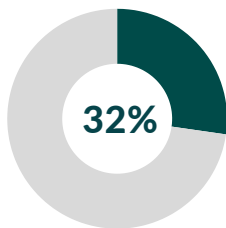
Just under half

say they or their family have experienced **difficulties** accessing **general healthcare services**



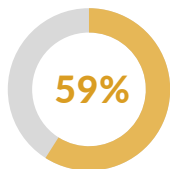
A third

say they or their family have experienced **difficulties** accessing **mental healthcare services**



Three-fifths

considering their experiences, would still recommend a career in the ADF, while a quarter (23%) would not



Mental Health



**More than half
52%**

say they or their family have experienced **mental health challenges**

Only a third | 36%

agree that **mental health services** in Australia are **tailored to the needs of veteran families**



Children

Nearly three-quarters | 70%



say **children** in their household have experienced one or more **personal challenges** in the past 12 months

**More than half
52%**

are **concerned** about their/their family's current **financial situation**



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** Veteran family members include war widows with 72 war widows responding to the survey.*