

Shaw JLUS Survey Results



BACKGROUND

As part of the public outreach efforts of the Sumter-Shaw JLUS, a 31-question survey was created and distributed to the local public. The goal of the survey was to provide the JLUS steering committees and the project team with general demographic information about the local populace, a sense of the public's opinions about Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR, and a sense of the Air Force's relationship with the community. There were two main options for the public to provide information via the survey: they could complete the survey online, or they could download a paper copy of the survey from the project website and complete it by hand. Surveys completed online were collected automatically. Paper copies of the survey could be delivered in person to the office of the Sumter City-County Director of Planning, or mailed to the JLUS project team.

A total of 101 surveys were collected – 97 surveys were completed online and four paper copies were collected. The survey questions can be divided into six main categories:

- General Demographics;
- Connection and Familiarity with Shaw AFB;
- Communication Between Shaw AFB and the Community;
- Perception of Shaw AFB in the Community;
- Impacts of Shaw AFB in the Community; and,
- the Future of the F-35A at Shaw AFB.

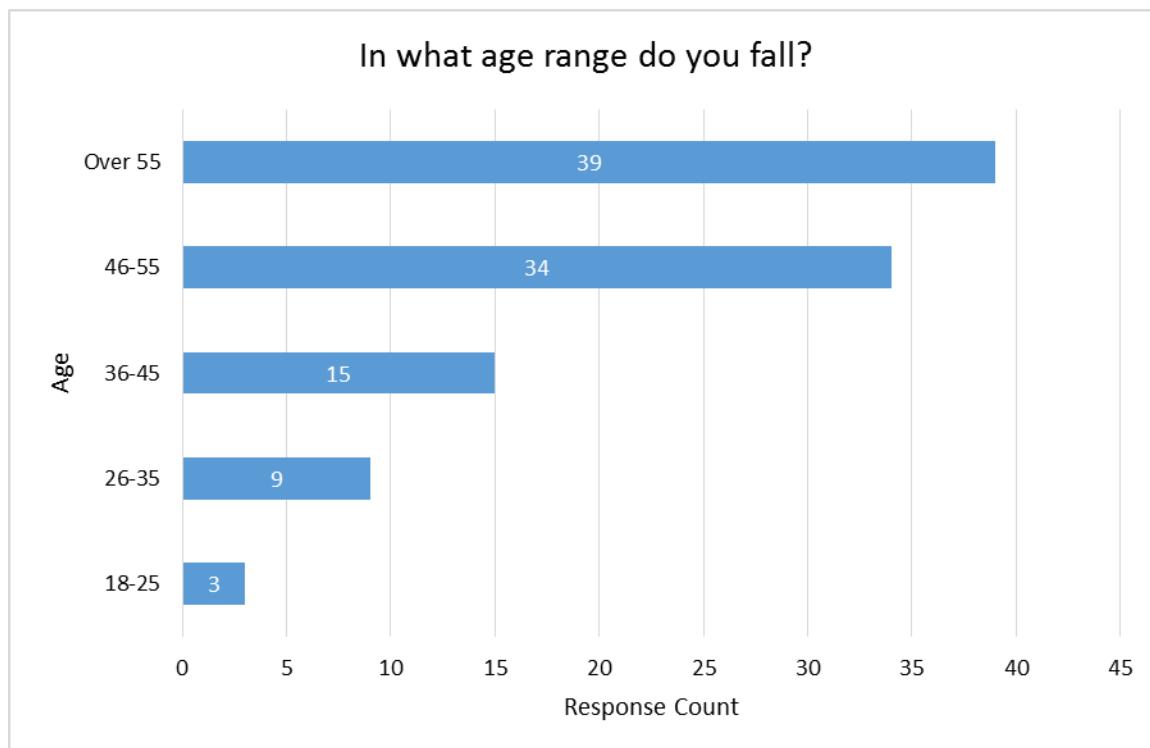
Additionally, survey participants were given the opportunity to provide general comments, questions, or other statements regarding the Sumter-Shaw JLUS at the end of the survey.

Observations of responses to questions in each category, as well as a general summary of the comments provided at the end of the survey, are shown below in "Key Observations." Charts and graphs are also included for select questions. The raw data for each question, including responses and comments provided, can be found in "Survey Results."

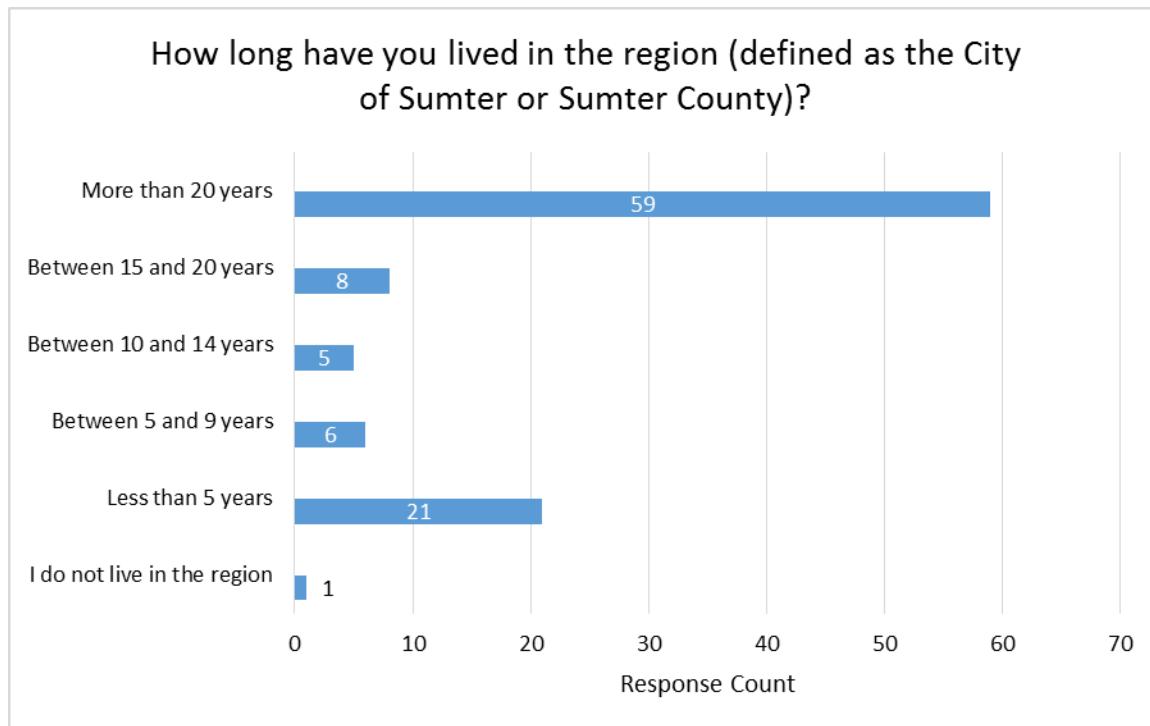
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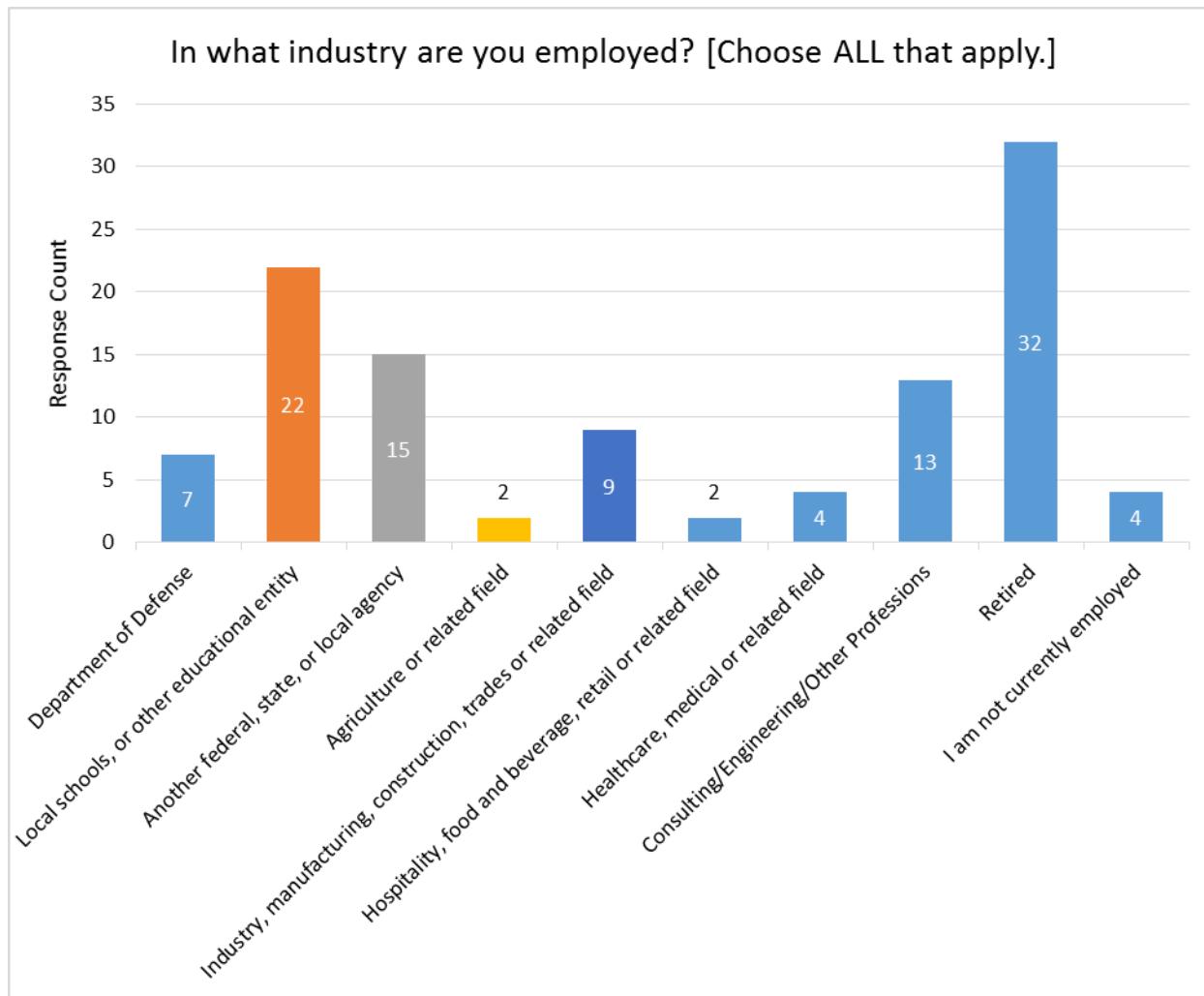
General Demographics

Most respondents are over the age of 36 (88%), including 39% of respondents who are over the age of 55. No respondents are under the age of 18. Most respondents (97%) live in either Sumter County (53%) or the City of Sumter (44%), while only three respondents live elsewhere. The majority of respondents have lived in the region, defined as within Sumter County or the City of Sumter, for more than 20 years (59%). However, a large percentage of respondents have lived in the region for less than 5 years (21%). Most respondents are homeowners that live in the region (85.9%), and the plurality of respondents identify as retired (32%). Local schools, or other educational entities, employ a large amount of respondents (22%) along with other federal, state, or local agencies (15%).



*There were 0 responses for "Under 18."

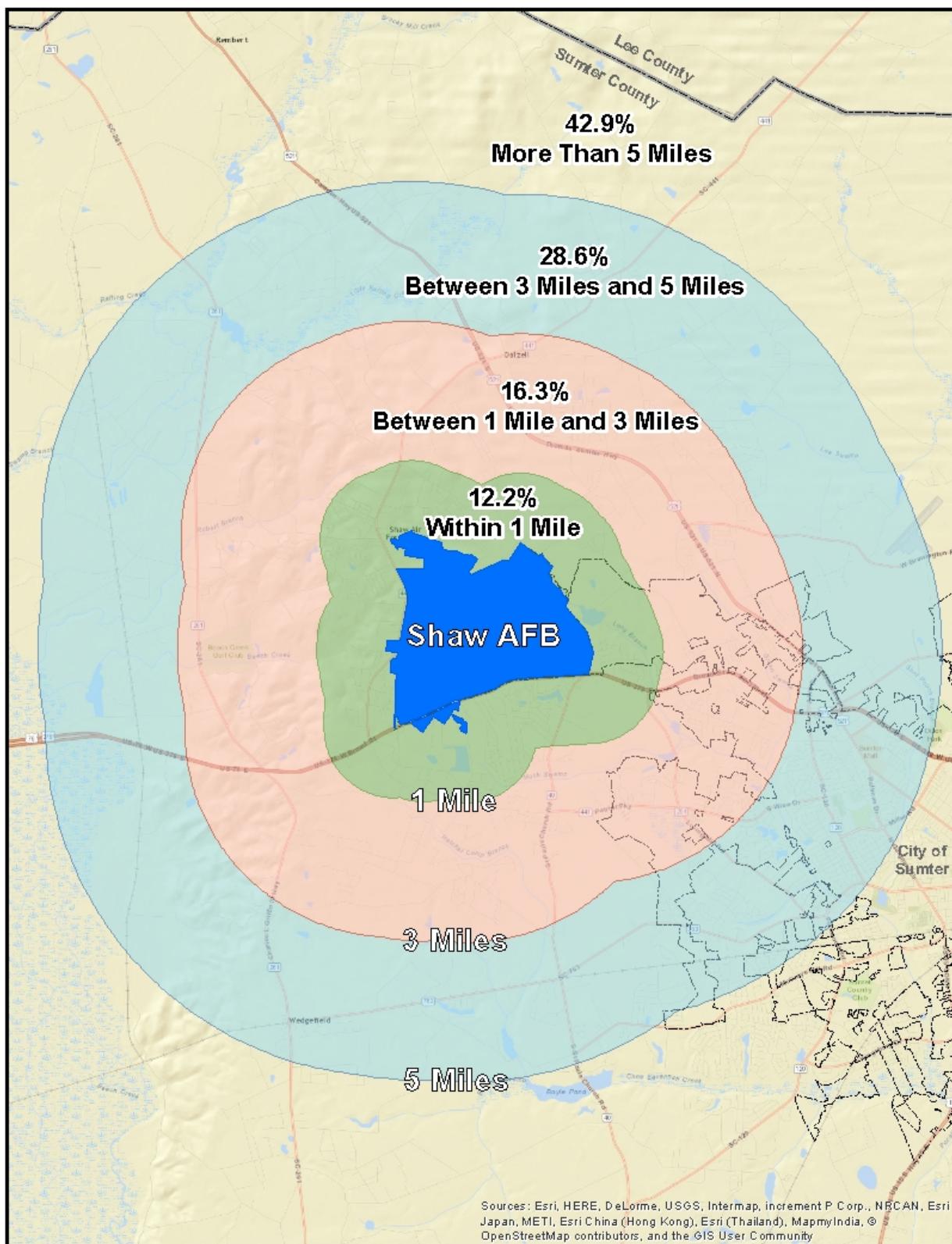




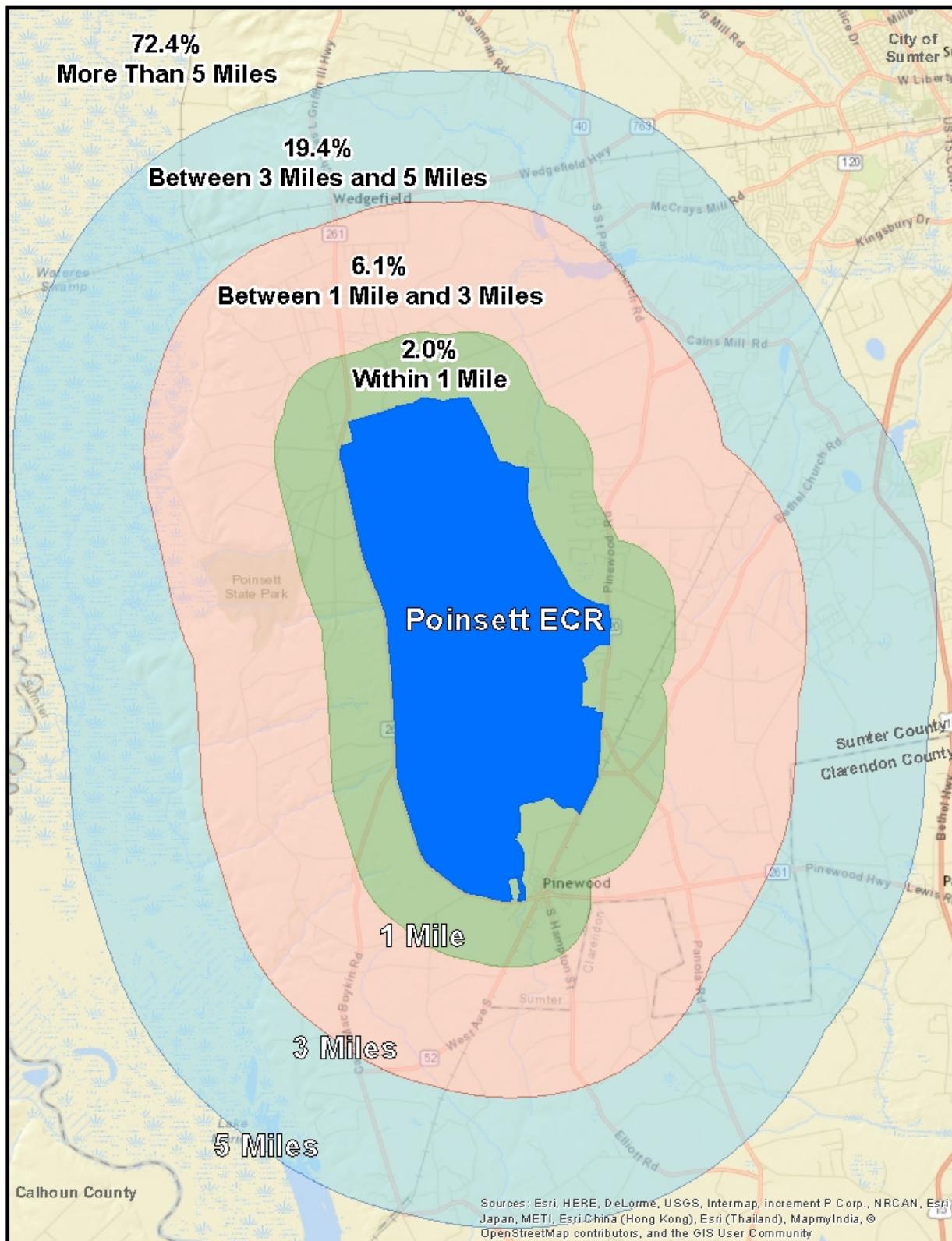
Connection and Familiarity with Shaw AFB

While very few respondents are currently on active duty (2%) and nearly half do not have a direct personal connection to the armed forces (46%), most respondents know someone who works or trains at Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR (65%). Most respondents live in close proximity of Shaw AFB, within 5 miles (57.1%), but do not live near Poinsett ECR (72.4% of respondents live more than 5 miles from Poinsett ECR). Respondents are also aware of the types of training that takes place at Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR; 86.9% are at least somewhat familiar with the types of military training conducted at Shaw AFB, while 76.5% are at least somewhat familiar with the types of military training conducted at Poinsett ECR. And although only 27.6% of respondents live within 5 miles of Poinsett ECR, 36.4% have visited Poinsett ECR for reasons including recreational activities and to watch air-to-ground weapons training.

Respondents' Proximity to Shaw AFB



Respondents' Proximity to Poinsett ECR

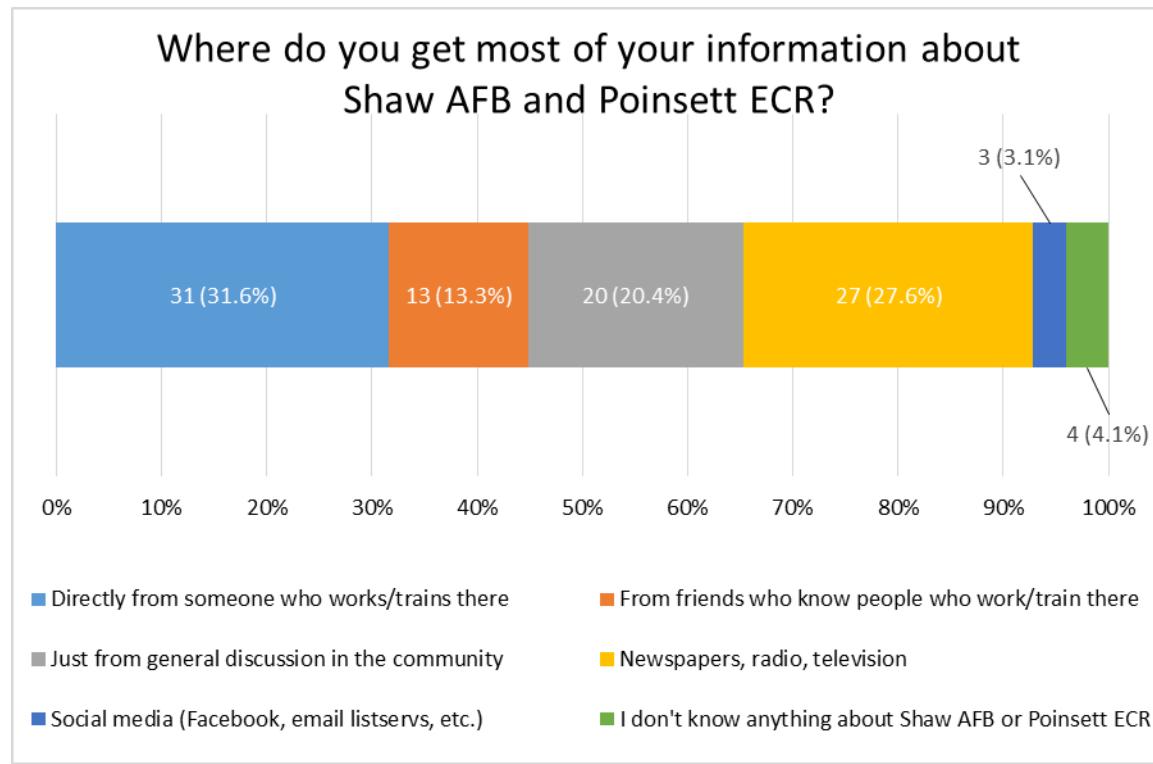




Communication between Shaw AFB and the Community

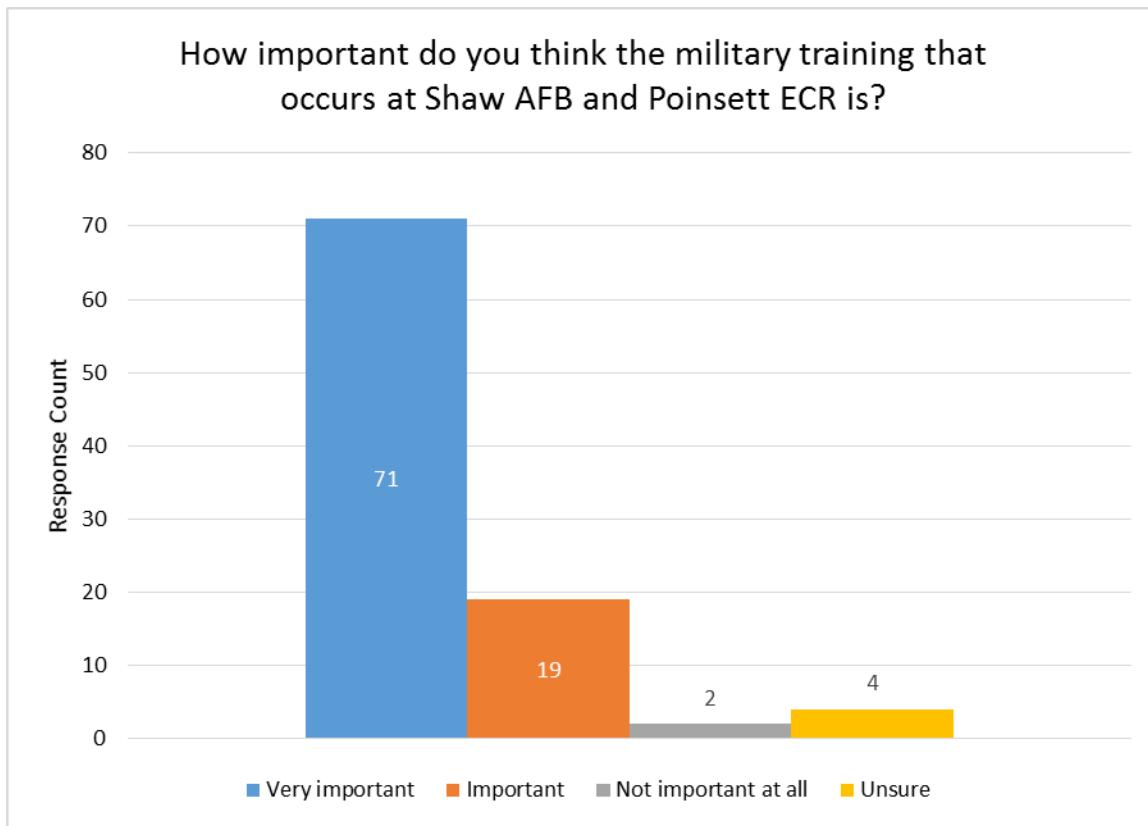
The ties between Shaw AFB and the community are apparent, as most respondents get most of their information about Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR from people they know or from general community discussion (combined 65.3%). Only 3.1% of respondents get most of their information about the installations from social media. The vast majority (85.6%) of respondents characterize communication between the Air Force and the community as good (59.8%) or fair (25.8%). However, 8 respondents feel the communication between the Air Force and the community is poor.

A little less than half of respondents (48.4%) know who to contact at Shaw AFB if they have a question or a concern. Many respondents (45.4%) do not know who to contact, but have never needed to contact Shaw AFB. However, 6 respondents have wanted to contact the base but did not know who to reach out to. A majority of respondents do not know who to contact if they have a question about Poinsett ECR (76.3%).

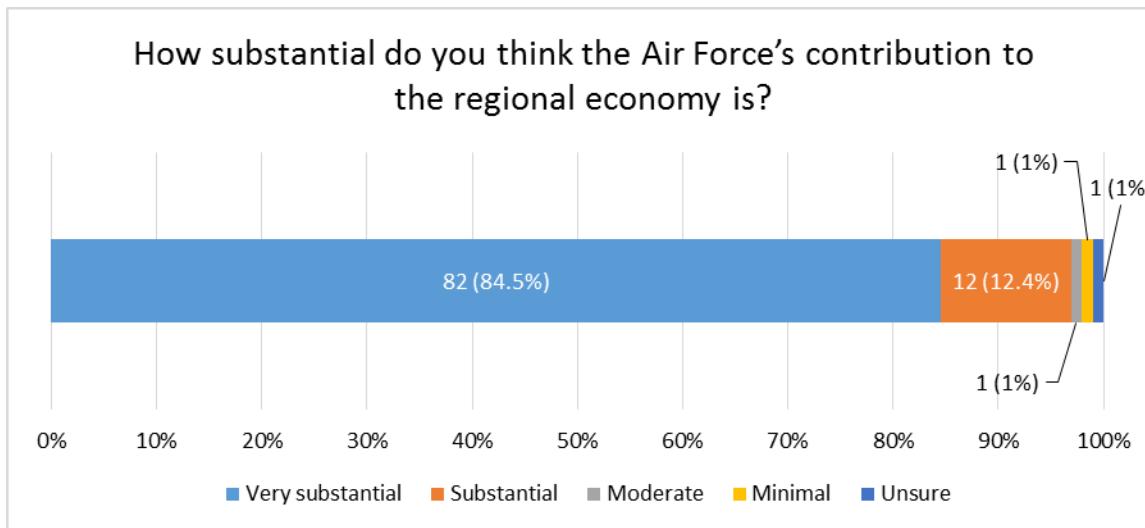
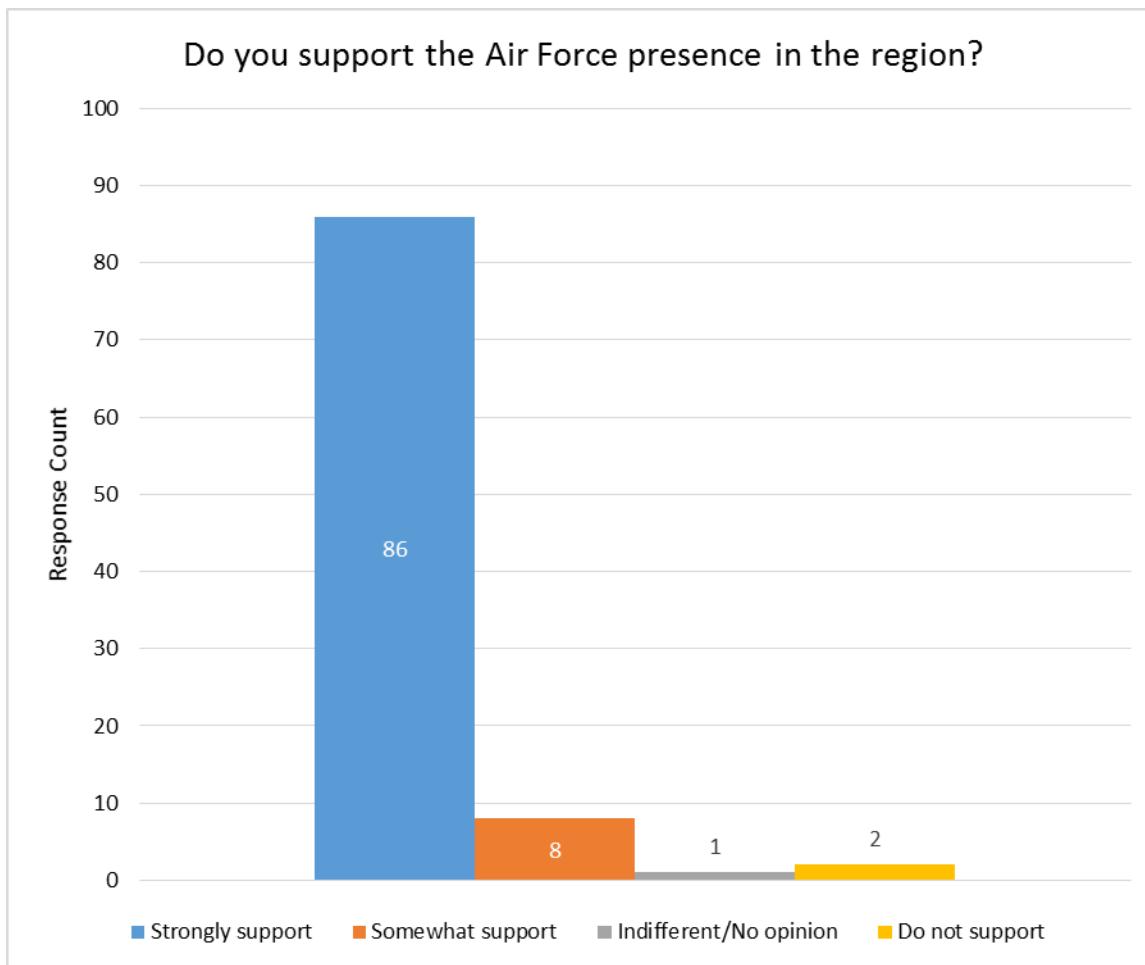


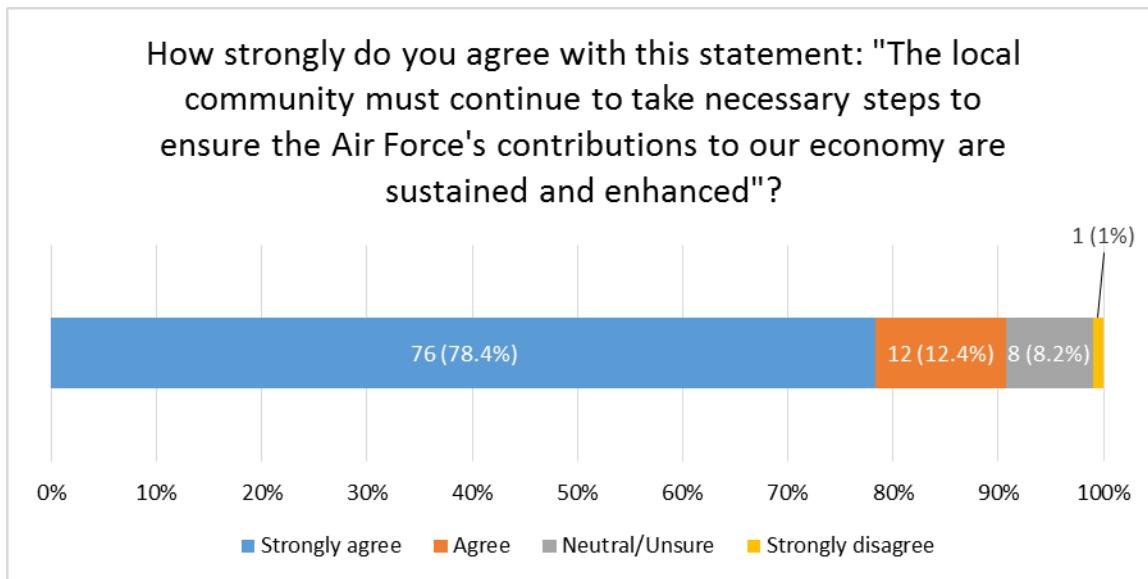
Perception of Shaw AFB in the Community

Two respondents think the military training that occurs at Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR is not important at all, but a vast majority (93.8%) of respondents think the military training is important (19.8%) or very important (74%). Similarly, 96.9% of respondents support the Air Force presence in the region, and two respondents do not support the Air Force presence. The majority of respondents (90.8%) agree that the local community must take the necessary steps to sustain and enhance the Air Force's contributions to the local economy, and 96.9% of respondents feel the Air Force's contribution to the regional economy is at least substantial.



*There were 0 responses for "Not very important."





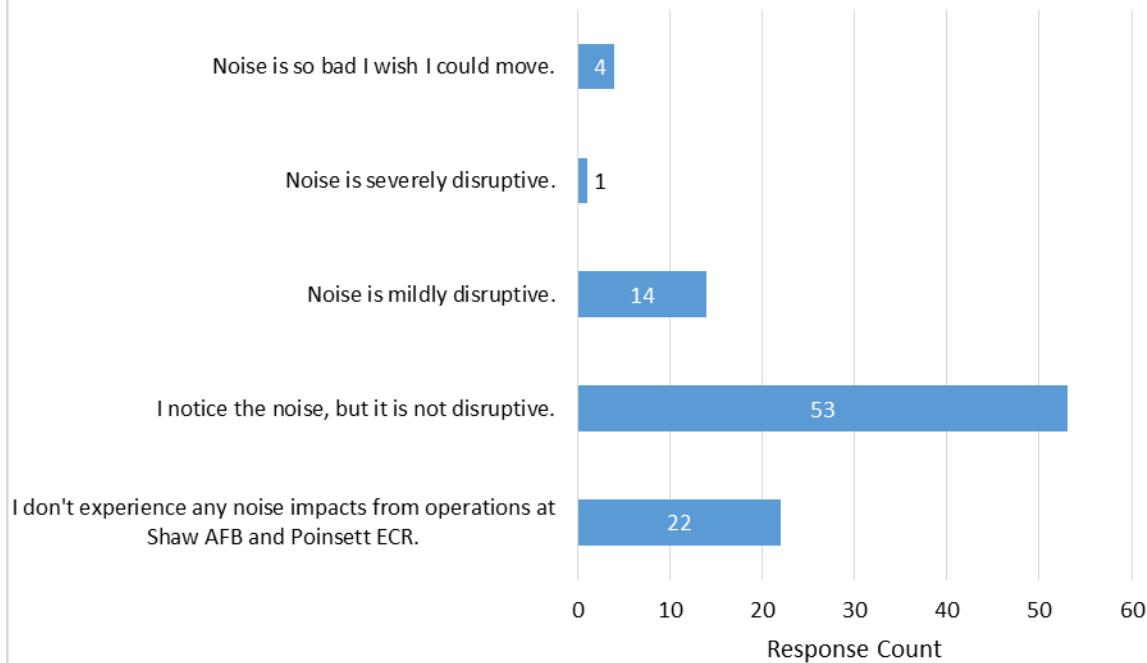
*There were 0 responses for "Disagree."

Impacts of Shaw AFB in the Community

Noise associated with Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR, notably aircraft noise, has a significant presence within the region. Jet or other aircraft noise from Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR can be heard at least weekly by 72.6% of respondents and 40% of respondents hear aircraft noise daily. Other types of noise are also present, as 10.3% of respondents hear non-aircraft noise at least weekly. Other types of noise noted by respondents include bombing exercises at Poinsett ECR, firearm training, and the Giant Voice system that plays reveille, taps, and the National Anthem. However, most respondents either rarely (20.6%) or never (51.5%) hear other types of noise from Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR. Although noise from Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR is present in the community, most respondents either do not find the noise disruptive (56.4%), or do not experience noise impacts from operations at all (23.4%). However, one respondent finds the noise severely disruptive, and four respondents characterize the noise as so bad they wish they could move.



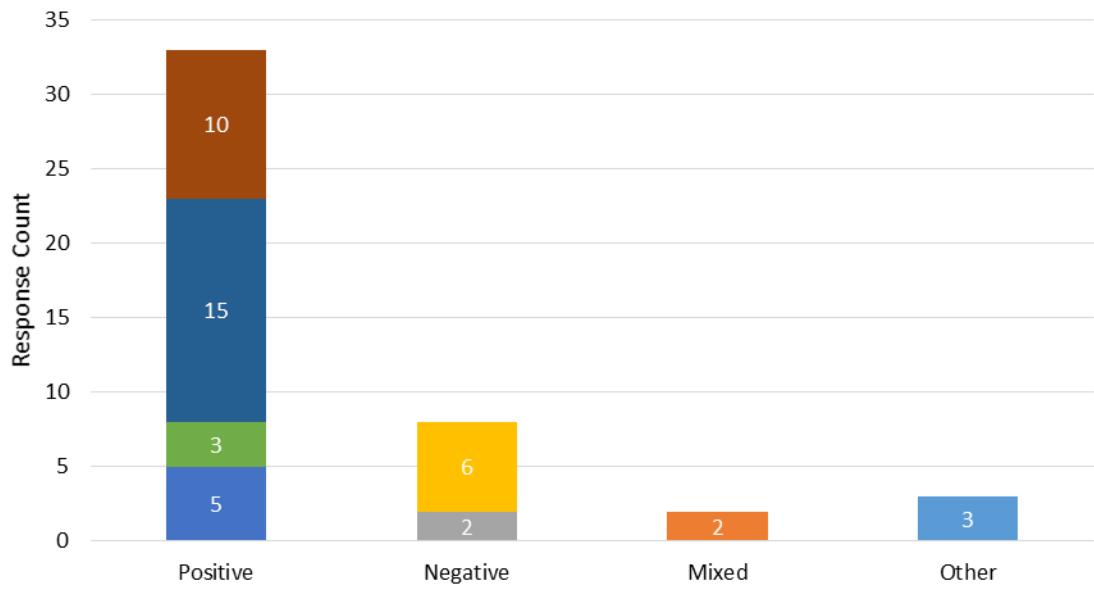
How would you characterize the current noise impacts associated with Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR?



Most respondents (66.3%) indicate Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR have an impact on their quality of life. A combined 8.5% of respondents feel the impact is negative (7.4%) or highly negative (1.1%). Some of the positive quality of life impacts felt by the installations include the impacts to the local economy and property values, and the access to facilities. Noted negative impacts include noise and traffic. Most respondents believe the installations have a positive impact on property values (54.2%), while 16% believe the installations have a negative impact on property values. A little over half of respondents (56.4%) are aware of the land use regulations associated with Shaw AFB.



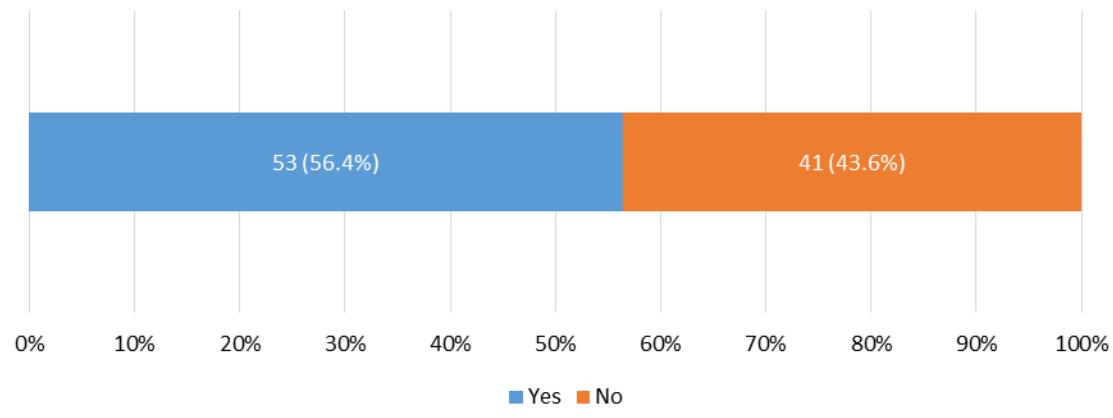
Does Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR have an impact on your quality of life?



Accessibility to services/amenities
 Cultural, social, economic, and environmental impacts
 Security
 Other positive impacts

Noise
 Other negative impacts

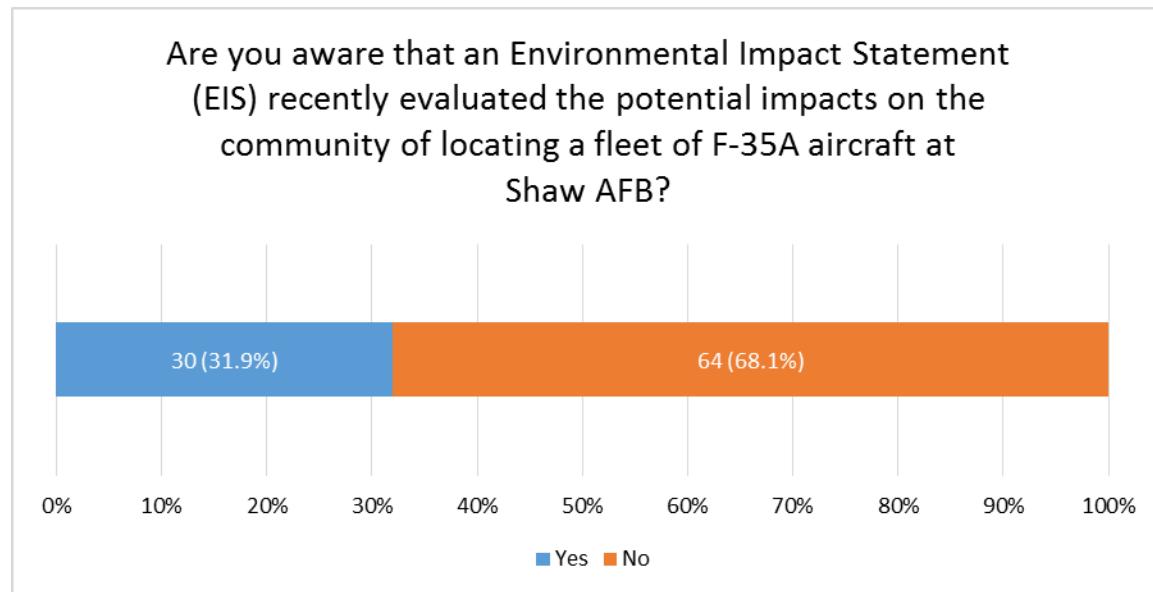
Are you aware of the land use regulations (e.g., zoning overlay district) surrounding Shaw AFB?





The Future of the F-35A at Shaw AFB

In 2013, the Air Force completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which assessed the potential impacts to Shaw AFB and the surrounding community, should Shaw AFB receive a fleet of F-35A aircraft. Over two-thirds of respondents (68.1%) are not aware of the EIS that took place, and only 4 of the 94 respondents participated in the EIS. It should be noted, however, that this does not indicate whether respondents are aware of the potential arrival of the F-35A to Shaw AFB, but instead indicates that most respondents are not aware of the study that took place.



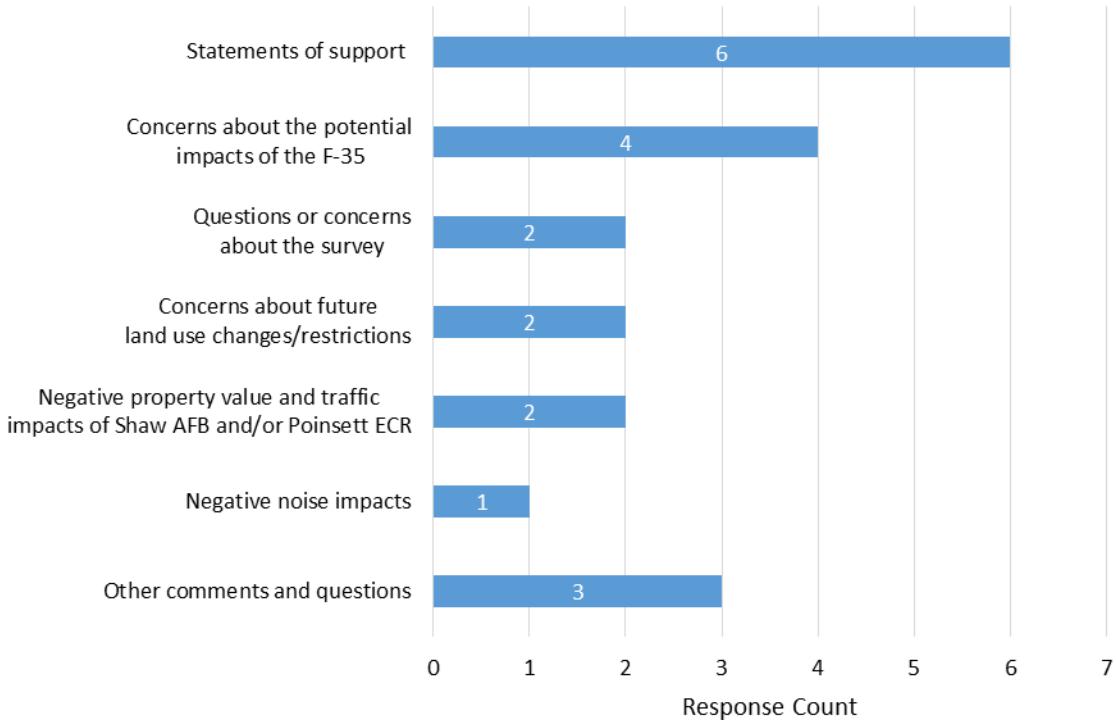
General Comments

At the end of the survey, respondents were given the opportunity to provide general comments, questions, or other statements regarding the JLUS. The comments, provided in full, are shown in the "Survey Results" section.

Of the 101 survey participants, 20 provided general comments. The graph below breaks them down into general categories. General statements of support, or support for keeping Shaw AFB in Sumter made up 6 of the comments. Noise was mentioned in 4 comments, and 2 comments expressed concern over potential land use changes or restrictions.



If you would like, please enter any additional questions or comments for our review in the space below.



SURVEY RESULTS

The raw results and responses to each of the thirty-one questions in the survey, as well as all comments provided, are detailed in this section. Please note that the comments have not been edited or altered by the JLUS Project Team in any way.

1. In what area do you live?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
City of Sumter	44.0%	44
Sumter County	53.0%	53
Other (please specify)	3.0%	3
<i>answered question</i>		100
<i>skipped question</i>		1

Other (Please Specify)
Shiloh Community
Dalzell



Other (Please Specify)
Columbia

2. How long have you lived in the region (defined as the City of Sumter or Sumter County)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
More than 20 years	59.0%	59
Between 15 and 20 years	8.0%	8
Between 10 and 14 years	5.0%	5
Between 5 and 9 years	6.0%	6
Less than 5 years	21.0%	21
I do not live in the region	1.0%	1
<i>answered question</i>		100
<i>skipped question</i>		1

3. What is your current land ownership status?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I own property within the region, but do not live there.	5.1%	5
I own property and live in the region.	85.9%	85
I rent property in the region.	5.1%	5
I do not own or rent property in the region.	4.0%	4
<i>answered question</i>		99
<i>skipped question</i>		2

4. In what industry are you employed? [Choose ALL that apply.]

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Department of Defense	7.0%	7
Local schools, or other educational entity	22.0%	22
Another federal, state, or local agency	15.0%	15
Agriculture or related field	2.0%	2
Industry, manufacturing, construction, trades or related field	9.0%	9
Hospitality, food and beverage, retail or related field	2.0%	2
Healthcare, medical or related field	4.0%	4
Consulting/Engineering/Other Professions	13.0%	13
Retired	32.0%	32
I am not currently employed	4.0%	4
<i>answered question</i>		100
<i>skipped question</i>		1



5. Do you have any personal connection to the armed forces? [Choose ALL that apply.]

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Currently on active duty	2.0%	2
Current member of a National Guard or Reserve Component	0.0%	0
Military veteran	20.0%	20
Military retiree	21.0%	21
Spouse (including widow/widower) of active duty, veteran, or retired military	18.0%	18
None of these apply	46.0%	46
<i>answered question</i>		100
<i>skipped question</i>		1

6. Do you know anyone who works or trains at Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	65.0%	65
No	35.0%	35
<i>answered question</i>		100
<i>skipped question</i>		1

7. In what age range do you fall?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18	0.0%	0
18-25	3.0%	3
26-35	9.0%	9
36-45	15.0%	15
46-55	34.0%	34
Over 55	39.0%	39
<i>answered question</i>		100
<i>skipped question</i>		1



8. How far away do you live from Shaw AFB? (See map below)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Within 1 mile	12.2%	12
Between 1 mile and 3 miles	16.3%	16
Between 3 miles and 5 miles	28.6%	28
More than 5 miles	42.9%	42
<i>answered question</i>	98	
<i>skipped question</i>		3

9. How far away do you live from Poinsett ECR? (See map below)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Within 1 mile	2.0%	2
Between 1 mile and 3 miles	6.1%	6
Between 3 miles and 5 miles	19.4%	19
More than 5 miles	72.4%	71
<i>answered question</i>	98	
<i>skipped question</i>		3

10. Are you familiar with the types of military training conducted at Shaw AFB?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	52.5%	52
Somewhat	34.3%	34
No	13.1%	13
<i>answered question</i>	99	
<i>skipped question</i>		2

11. Are you familiar with the types of military training conducted at Poinsett ECR?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	40.8%	40
Somewhat	35.7%	35
No	23.5%	23
<i>answered question</i>	98	
<i>skipped question</i>		3



12. Have you ever visited Poinsett ECR for the following reasons? [Choose ALL that apply.]

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I have not visited Poinsett ECR	63.6%	63
To watch air-to-ground military training	11.1%	11
Hunting	3.0%	3
Other recreational activities	19.2%	19
Other (please specify)	9.1%	9
<i>answered question</i>		99
<i>skipped question</i>		2

Other (Please Specify)

I was employed as the community planner for Shaw and conducted the previous JLUS.

Conducted operations on Poinsett ECR

Put out Fires with the Fire Dept

Worked at the Range for 13 Years

pick up husband from work

Job related

shooting

I visited the gun range.

Sumter Enduro Riders Motorcycle Association (SERMAClub.com) used to host off-road motorcycle races through the bombing range. We still use Manchester State Forest. Economic impact to our community estimated by Sumter County at \$1.5 million.

13. Where do you get most of your information about Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Directly from someone who works/trains there	31.6%	31
From friends who know people who work/train there	13.3%	13
Just from general discussion in the community	20.4%	20
Newspapers, radio, television	27.6%	27
Social media (Facebook, email listservs, etc.)	3.1%	3
I don't know anything about Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR	4.1%	4
<i>answered question</i>		98
<i>skipped question</i>		3



14. How would you characterize communication between the Air Force and the community?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Good	59.8%	58
Fair	25.8%	25
Poor	8.2%	8
Unsure/No Opinion	6.2%	6
<i>answered question</i>	97	
<i>skipped question</i>		4

15. If you had a question or concern about Shaw AFB, do you know who to contact?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, and I have contacted Shaw AFB in the past	24.7%	24
Yes, but I have never needed to contact Shaw AFB	23.7%	23
No, but I have wanted to contact Shaw AFB in the past	6.2%	6
No, but I have never needed to contact Shaw AFB	45.4%	44
<i>answered question</i>	97	
<i>skipped question</i>		4

Name/Office of who to contact
Public Affairs
public affairs office
20 FW Ops Group/OSS or 20 FW PA
Call Public Affairs Office
Public Affairs office
Public Affairs Office.
Public Affairs Office
Public Affairs
Public Information
Base public relations office
The people who run the PA system on base.
public affairs
Col. Stephen F. Jost, Judith A. Forshee, Robert Sexton
Rob Sexton/James Olsen
Shaw's Visiting Center Security Policing
Base Commanders Office
legal, chapel gym
George McGregor
The one I know



16. If you had a question or concern about Poinsett ECR, do you know who to contact?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, and I have contacted Poinsett ECR in the past	6.2%	6
Yes, but I have never needed to contact Poinsett ECR	17.5%	17
No, but I have wanted to contact Poinsett ECR in the past	6.2%	6
No, but I have never needed to contact Poinsett ECR	70.1%	68
<i>answered question</i>		97
<i>skipped question</i>		4

Name/Office of who to contact
Public Affairs
20 FW Ops Group/OSS or 20 FW PA
Public Affairs Office
Col. Stephen F. Jost, Robert Sexton
411 or 211
called the range phone number and talked with personnel
Never really had the need to

17. How important do you think the military training that occurs at Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR is?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very important	74.0%	71
Important	19.8%	19
Not very important	0.0%	0
Not important at all	2.1%	2
Unsure	4.2%	4
<i>answered question</i>		96
<i>skipped question</i>		5

18. Do you support the Air Force presence in the region?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly support	88.7%	86
Somewhat support	8.2%	8
Indifferent/No opinion	1.0%	1
Do not support	2.1%	2
<i>answered question</i>		97
<i>skipped question</i>		4



19. How substantial do you think the Air Force's contribution to the regional economy is?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very substantial	84.5%	82
Substantial	12.4%	12
Moderate	1.0%	1
Minimal	1.0%	1
Unsure	1.0%	1
<i>answered question</i>		97
<i>skipped question</i>		4

20. How strongly do you agree with this statement: "The local community must continue to take necessary steps to ensure the Air Force's contributions to our economy are sustained and enhanced"?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	78.4%	76
Agree	12.4%	12
Neutral/Unsure	8.2%	8
Disagree	0.0%	0
Strongly disagree	1.0%	1
<i>answered question</i>		97
<i>skipped question</i>		4

21. How often do you hear jet or other aircraft noise associated with Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR from your residence or property?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	40.0%	38
Weekly	32.6%	31
Sometimes	20.0%	19
Rarely	6.3%	6
Never	1.1%	1
<i>answered question</i>		95
<i>skipped question</i>		6



22. How often do you hear other kinds of noise (e.g., gunfire, other) related to Air Force training areas from your property?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily (Please explain below)	5.9%	4
Weekly (Please explain below)	4.4%	3
Sometimes (Please explain below)	17.6%	12
Rarely (Please explain below)	20.6%	14
Never	51.5%	35
<i>answered question</i>		68
<i>skipped question</i>		33

Explanation of Other Noises Associated with AF Training
Depending on conditions, will hear sound from bombing range.
Bomb type noise
Ordnance detonation (sometimes)
Heard explosions in the past couple of weeks
Sounds like a bomb going off
Bombing at Poinsett
Ordnance detonation
bombing exercises from Poinsett
I live close to the firing range on shaw
I live within a mile from the commercial gate so can hear the gunfire from both the firing range and the skeet and trap area. However I had to sign a document about noise when I purchased my house. There is also a sign as you enter my neighborhood
Gunfire when I am outside my house.
the side of the base we live on is near the combat arms range and trap and skeet.
live within 5 miles of back airstrip of Shaw AFB
Property I own would hear noise daily but where I reside rarely other than a jet flying by occasionally.
F-16's fly over regularly and a loud rumbling noise early in the mornings
We unknowingly moved into the airspace of the Poinsett Bombing Range 13 years ago. When we first moved we experienced extremely low flying aircraft flying over our home. At times the aircraft noise would vibrate our windows. The noise was unbearable and we could not believe that we were not notified about moving into the training air space. After extensive communication with the Air Force and City some changes were made, such as homeowners were notified and noise sensitive signs were posted at the entrance of new developments. We still experience noise and we are very concerned about newer and louder aircraft and further training missions conducted at the bombing range.
Occasional engine/rumbling noise, but Shaw may not actually be the source.
Not sure what I'm hearing but it's from Shaw-
If atmospheric conditions are just right but noise is not at all a problem.
Jets fly over my house while training at the bombing range and the SERMA club house is next to the bombing range. Bells Mill and Spots Roads (2300 Spots Road, Wedgefield.



Explanation of Other Noises Associated with AF Training		
Pretty cool stuff. A-10 cannons, when they trained at Shaw, often fired at the range above our club house. Awesome!		
I can hear the National Anthem played at 1700 daily and Taps at 2200 daily with the correct wind conditions!		
Rarely--Taps, Reveille		
Fire arm training, gaint voice, skeet and trap,		
If the wind in the right direction sometimes some gunfire, helicopters etc.		
Currently used train tracks are within one mile from me.		
while visiting adjacent land		
With my ears.		
Some nights and I recognize the sound		

23. How often do you experience other impacts (e.g., traffic, odor, dust, other) related to the Air Force base or training operations from your property?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily (Please explain below)	1.2%	1
Weekly (Please explain below)	1.2%	1
Sometimes (Please explain below)	2.3%	2
Rarely (Please explain below)	7.0%	6
Never	88.4%	76
<i>answered question</i>		86
<i>skipped question</i>		15

Explanation of Other Impacts Associated with AF Training		
Traffic on the roads at going to work and getting off work times.		
Traffic is terrible on a daily basis due to traffic being routed from other base roads onto Frierson Road. All school traffic and base traffic on one road at the same time is a HORRIBLE idea. I also believe that the Frierson gate opening for certain hours of the day is very inconvenient and not only adds miles to commute, but also time.		
Air Shows Large deployments/returns		
Once with the fire at bombing range		
Just look at where shaw has had an impact. Ride down hwy 441 behind the base. It's a dump. Shaw will eventually ruin Sumter. It's too bad (but not surprising) the panel is appointed instead of elected. The same corrupt power hungry greedy people are using the taxpayers money to steer projects toward their personal agenda. Wake up Sumter!		
S/A		
Very rarely to never. Not enough to truly notice		
live within 5 miles of back airstrip of Shaw AFB		



24. How would you characterize the current noise impacts associated with Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I don't experience any noise impacts from operations at Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR.	23.4%	22
I notice the noise, but it is not disruptive.	56.4%	53
Noise is mildly disruptive.	14.9%	14
Noise is severely disruptive.	1.1%	1
Noise is so bad I wish I could move.	4.3%	4
<i>answered question</i>	94	
<i>skipped question</i>		7

25. Do you ever feel unsafe due to your proximity to Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Often	3.2%	3
Sometimes	8.4%	8
Never	88.4%	84
<i>answered question</i>	95	
<i>skipped question</i>		6

26. Does Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR have an impact on your quality of life?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Highly positive impact (Please explain below)	28.4%	27
Positive impact (Please explain below)	29.5%	28
Negative impact (Please explain below)	7.4%	7
Highly negative impact (Please explain below)	1.1%	1
No impact at all	33.7%	32
<i>answered question</i>	95	
<i>skipped question</i>		6

Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR Impact on Quality of Life
I use the Hospital, gym, bx, and commissary
Services
Sumter Facilities for active duty and retired military are great (commissary, PX, gym, outdoor sports complex)
I use the hospital, gym, commissary, BX, golf course, and the club.
Use of facilities on base such as the commissary.
Enjoy the benefits offered from Shaw as am a Retiree. Plus "The Sound of Jet Noise is the Sound of Freedom."



Shaw AFB or Poinsett ECR Impact on Quality of Life	
As a retired AF we use many of the benefits of the base	
As a retired AF member, we go to Shaw often to shop or the club.	
I use the Fitness Center, BX and Commissary.	
as a retired member we value the commissary and exchange, as well as the pharmacy	
I am a Veteran and most of my neighbors are present and/or former military affiliated.	
I believe my grandchildren's lives are enriched, by the military presence, in our community.	
We have met many lifelong friends associated with Shaw AFB. Many have retired in our community which says a lot about Sumter.	
Our military community provides us with a more diverse city & county than we would have otherwise, economically and socially.	
I think having Shaw AFB is a positive influence on the economy in Sumter.	
Shaw provides a major economic impact on the region and brings new people to be local residents as many retire and stay here with great skills	
I work in retail. The economic impact alone is important to my lifestyle.	
Home values and local economy	
My husband is employed at Shaw AFB, so of course it has positive impact on our lives.	
If Shaw AFB were to move away, the impact on our area would be tremendous in an economic way and with the quality of life. The personnel changes the personality of the community in a positive fashion.	
Financial	
Business' and schools thrive much better with having more people from these two locations in our area. Benefits the whole Sumter community.	
Economy in the region and that these areas will never be built upon while they are used for training. Good for my pocket and good for the environment	
Provides jobs to the community as well as providing a great level of support to the community. The folks from Shaw often volunteer heavily in the community	
The diversity of the people, the gift of service that they share with the community, and knowing that they are not only ready to fight on foreign soil, but they are able to fight here if needed.	
I do not believe Sumter would be the growing an thriving community it is without the USAF and Army presence. We owe the presence of many of our businesses to that. However, the rapid propagation of tract homes has destroyed property values in this city. Some limitation on new building needs to be in place.	
It's interesting that they use my neighborhood as a bird sanctuary. I also rarely mind the aircraft, and the shooting is done in a manner that is non-disruptive to my evening habits. It is a boon to the local community, however, though the noise doesn't bother me so much, I am concerned about dropping property values in my neighborhood although I am not certain that it has much to do with the base. Mostly people complain about the high cost of renting and owning in the better neighborhoods surrounding Shaw.	
We unknowingly moved into the airspace of the Poinsett Bombing Range 13 years ago. When we first moved we experienced extremely low flying aircraft flying over our home. At times the aircraft noise would vibrate our windows. The noise was unbearable and we could not believe that we were not notified about moving into the training air space. After extensive communication with the Air Force and City some changes were made,	



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such as homeowners were notified and noise sensitive signs were posted at the entrance of new developments. We still experience noise and we are very concerned about newer and louder aircraft and further training missions conducted at the bombing range. It does seem that the training missions that cause the aircraft to fly directly over our home have decreased over the past 5-6 years, but we would have never moved to this location if we were informed about the airspace and flight paths!!
The jets fly directly over my house. This week they have started flying at about 10pm. Normally the noise disrupts trying to talk in the yard or train the horses. My father is retired Air Force so I tolerate the noise. The late flying makes sleep impossible. I understand the flying is required at times. Helicopters from another base were playing in my field a few years back and almost made my horses hurt themselves.
Jet noise too loud; proximity too close to residential neighborhoods; flight pattern too low which causes extreme noise disturbance-need to move range further out
On occasion they fly low and fast over the house. I can't carry a conversation with someone in my own yard. Bring retired from an F16 AMU on Shaw I now notice it more than I used to.
Noise from bombing training
Traffic, noise etc
Family member employment. Sense of readiness/security.
Just feel safer, more secure with them here.
I feel safe
The in and out of people and them making decision for the community that they will not be here to support in the future.
Some times it affects my cell phone reception
I enjoy seeing the different aircraft from visiting bases as well as our own F-16's
We like living near Shaw AFB. There are multiple benefits of living near it.
Great to have the military in town
Good for Sumter, the country and the world.
Never A Dull moment. It keeps them employed
having the 3rd Army come to Shaw forced Sumter into the 21st century as regards Blue Laws
I teach their children.



27. What impact do you believe Shaw AFB and Poinsett ECR have on your property values?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Highly positive impact	22.3%	21
Positive impact	31.9%	30
Negative impact	11.7%	11
Highly negative impact	4.3%	4
No impact at all	25.5%	24
I do not own property in the City of Sumter or Sumter County.	4.3%	4
<i>answered question</i>		94
<i>skipped question</i>		7

28. Are you aware of the land use regulations (e.g., zoning overlay district) surrounding Shaw AFB?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	56.4%	53
No	43.6%	41
<i>answered question</i>		94
<i>skipped question</i>		7

29. Are you aware that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) recently evaluated the potential impacts on the community of locating a fleet of F-35A aircraft at Shaw AFB?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	31.9%	30
No	68.1%	64
<i>answered question</i>		94
<i>skipped question</i>		7

30. Did you participate in the EIS public review process?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	4.3%	4
No	95.7%	90
<i>answered question</i>		94
<i>skipped question</i>		7



31. If you would like, please enter any additional questions or comments for our review in the space below.

<i>answered question</i>	20
<i>skipped question</i>	81

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Keep up the great job
Thanks for all you guys do. I really feel safe knowing that Shaw AFB is here and aware of what's going on.
We fully support Shaw AFB and believe Sumter should also.
In view of the current world situation we feel more secure having Shaw AFB in our community.
Keep Shaw...
There appears to be a need to expand the noise protection zone around Shaw concerning the F-35 aircraft that will be assigned to the base.
F-35A missions will cause extensive noise, and we highly suggest the flight paths and missions change so that aircraft does not fly over the populated areas of Stonecroft and Meadowcroft.
The safety and overall usefulness to the Air Force of the F35A are my primary concern.
Really don't know the results of the EIS. Hope noise levels from F-35As aren't too much above F-16s. If they are would like to see steps taken to lessen impacts as much as practical but regardless would still support Shaw.
Yes I've lived here in Sumter for almost 20 years, but we are also Retired Military. This survey does not have questions pertaining to the large retired community, especially # 13. Please keep in mind of all the retired Military we have in our community and we put a lot of money into the community
This survey is useless. Sumter government is nothing but a puppet being driven by a few wealthy business owners who have too much influence.
If restrictions are placed on property after it is purchased the owner should be compensated.
I strongly request that any land use changes be addressed by public vote.
Shaw artificially inflates property values making it difficult for regular citizens to rent and/or buy homes.
Traffic is terrible on a daily basis due to traffic being routed from other base roads onto Frierson Road. All school traffic and base traffic on one road at the same time is a HORRIBLE idea. I also believe that the Frierson gate opening for certain hours of the day is very inconvenient and not only adds miles to commute, but also time. I also believe that having the schools located off the base would benefit the security of the base and the schools. There would be much more parent/guardian involvement with the schools if the schools were not located on the base. There is no consistency to the protocols used at the base gates to allow school guests on the base; this usually depends on who is working at the gate and what protocol they were last briefed on using. There should be one protocol used by all gate guards and school officials. There are school visitors that are told to pull over and wait and sit there for 30 minutes or more to validate the person, even after base security was called an hour or more prior to them trying to access the



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gate. Then there are days the school does not call to validate the person and there are non-military visitors that do not have a school-base pass that show up in the office.
As community grows it heightens the need to relocate the range; I live off McRays Mill Rd and the aircraft are constantly buzzing my neighborhood during the day during range use. I often work nights and cannot rest as a result of the noise (always multiple aircraft practicing). Too low! Too loud!
My club used to use the bombing range for years to host off-road motorcycle races. We are no longer allowed. It is a compatible use. We still use Manchester State Forest. The club would like to have access to the range. Race occurs once a year on Sunday. \$1.5 million economic impact, largest Enduro Race in North America. For the sixth time, SERMA will be the opening round of the National Enduro Series. (NEPG.com) http://www.nationalenduro.com/ Contact information at SERMAClub.com
None at this time
What is the EIS Public review
Sumter's identity is the military