

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH) DATA COLLECTION



BEYOND BASIC PAY

WHAT IS BAH DATA COLLECTION?

Each year, the military collects housing data to make sure BAH rates reflect the real cost of renting a home in your area.

This information helps ensure BAH is fair, accurate, and supports your mission and your family.



WHO BENEFITS?

- ✓ Service members
- ✓ Spouses
- ✓ Children
- ✓ Families

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



Local Housing

Includes homes that reflect your community.



Member Geographic Living Patterns

Looks at where members and families actually live.



Safe Housing

Considers safety, quality, and suitability.



Available Units

Includes units available for rent during peak PCS season-Spring and Summer.



Apartments, Townhomes, & Single-Family Homes

All housing types that Service members may rent.



Long-Term (12-Month) Leases

Focuses on standard lease terms for stability.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?



Subsidized or Low-Income Housing

Income-based or government-subsidized housing.



Housing in High Crime Neighborhoods

Areas with high crime are not used in BAH rates.



Seasonal or Short-Term Units

Vacation rentals or short stays are not included.



For Sale Homes

Homes listed for sale are not part of the data.



Excessively Small Units

Very small homes (like tiny homes or studio apartments).



Furnished Units

Units that come fully furnished are excluded.



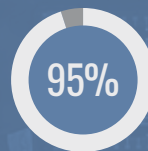
LOCAL HOUSING OFFICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Housing officers at military installations in your area help set BAH rates that reflect real local housing costs. This supports readiness, retention, and quality of life for Service members and their families.

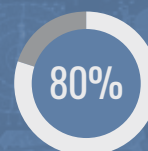
THE IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



BAH coverage for every ZIP code in the United States



Target sample quality: 95% confidence that estimates are within 10% of housing costs



BAH data collection targets home prices in ZIP codes where at least 80% of the off-base BAH recipient population lives

