

## Troops' thoughts in Iraq

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Stars and Stripes collected 1,935 questionnaires from servicemembers in Iraq between Aug. 10 and Aug. 31. The people who returned a survey make up a group known as a convenience sample, which means they represent the views only of those filling out the survey and do not necessarily represent the views of every servicemember in Iraq. As a result, there is no margin of error within these results. A number of steps were taken to verify accurate inputting of information. Some percentages may not total 100 percent due to rounding.

### 1. How do you rate the overall living conditions at your base?

<u>No.</u>		<u>Pct.</u>
93	excellent	5%
578	good	30%
719	average	37%
370	not good	19%
158	poor	8%

### 2. How often do you have access to any post exchange facilities?

470	more than once a day	24%
320	once a day	17%
369	once every few days	19%
580	once a week	30%
108	never	6%

### 3. How do you rate the post exchange facilities?

42	excellent	2%
361	good	19%
802	average	41%
470	not good	24%
208	poor	11%

### 4. How would you rate your health since you arrived in the Middle East?

188	excellent	10%
694	good	36%
730	average	38%
251	not good	13%
60	poor	3%

### 5. How would you rate the health care services available to you in the Middle East?

142	excellent	7%
533	good	28%
714	average	37%
355	not good	18%

154	poor	8%
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**6. How would you rate your chain of command's ability to give you the materials you need to accomplish your mission?**

130	excellent	7%
534	good	28%
563	average	29%
393	not good	20%
299	poor	15%

**7. How concerned is your chain of command about your living conditions?**

288	very concerned	15%
356	above average concern	18%
462	concerned	24%
504	somewhat concerned	26%
308	not concerned	16%

**8. How effective is your command at making improvements?**

215	excellent	11%
576	good	30%
567	average	29%
361	not good	19%
202	poor	10%

**9. How likely is it that you will stay in the military after your current obligation is complete?**

340	Very likely	18%
245	likely	13%
353	possible	18%
333	not likely	17%
611	very unlikely	32%

**10. How do you rate the mail delivery system in the Middle East?**

84	excellent	4%
379	good	20%
620	average	32%
471	not good	24%
369	poor	19%

**11. How worthwhile do you think fighting this war was for America?**

542	very worthwhile	28%
359	probably worthwhile	19%
395	worthwhile	20%
390	little value	20%
211	not worthwhile at all	11%

**12. How clearly defined is your mission?**

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400	very clear	21%
282	mostly clear	15%
523	clear	27%
348	mostly not clear	18%
326	not clear at all	17%

**13. How do you rate your unit's morale?**

53	very high	3%
252	high	13%
653	average	34%
540	low	28%
412	very low	21%

**14. How closely is what you're doing now related to your training?**

170	identical	9%
391	very close	20%
560	close	29%
396	not close	20%
379	nothing to do with training	20%

**15. How much training did you receive for your current mission?**

260	more than enough	13%
665	enough	34%
386	some	20%
225	very little	12%
379	learning as I go	20%

**16. How do you rate your personal morale?**

146	very high	8%
365	high	19%
720	average	37%
368	low	19%
281	very low	15%