
Totaling the costs

The Department of Defense paid travel costs for 9,720 military family members who fled Japan in the wake of the Fukushima nuclear disaster despite claims by commanders on the ground that radiation was never a safety threat for U.S. bases. Here is a breakdown of what the monthlong evacuation to the United States and elsewhere cost taxpayers:

Family lodging and daily expenses = \$20.4 million

Navy = \$14.4 million
Air Force = \$4.8 million
Army = \$1.1 million
Marine Corps = \$157,000
Department of Defense Education Activity Pacific = \$370,000



Airfare = \$14.1 million

Military chartered flights = \$11.7 million
Commercial travel = \$2.4 million

Total evacuation cost = \$34,518,000

SOURCES: U.S. Navy Chief of Information; Air Force Press Desk; Army Headquarters public affairs; Marine Corps Forces Pacific; Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Pacific; U.S. Forces Japan; Department of Defense press office

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