



MILITARY FAMILIES

# ACTIVE DUTY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION 2021 SURVEY OF ACTIVE DUTY SPOUSES

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There are 594,110 active duty spouses in the military.<sup>1</sup>



## CIVILIAN ACTIVE DUTY SPOUSES IN THE LABOR FORCE<sup>2</sup>: 64%

Spouses are considered a part of the labor force if they are employed or are actively seeking employment.

### Civilian Spouse Unemployment Rate<sup>2</sup>



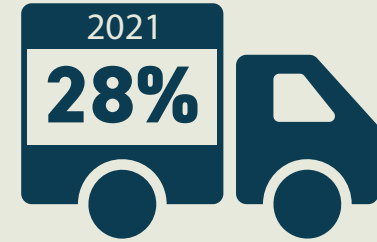
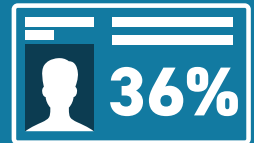
### EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

The Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program provides education and career guidance to military spouses worldwide and offers comprehensive resources and tools for all stages of your career progression.

Visit [www.myseco.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.myseco.militaryonesource.mil) or call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 to be connected to the SECO Career Center.



Percent of active duty spouses who required a state-issued license for their career field or occupation.

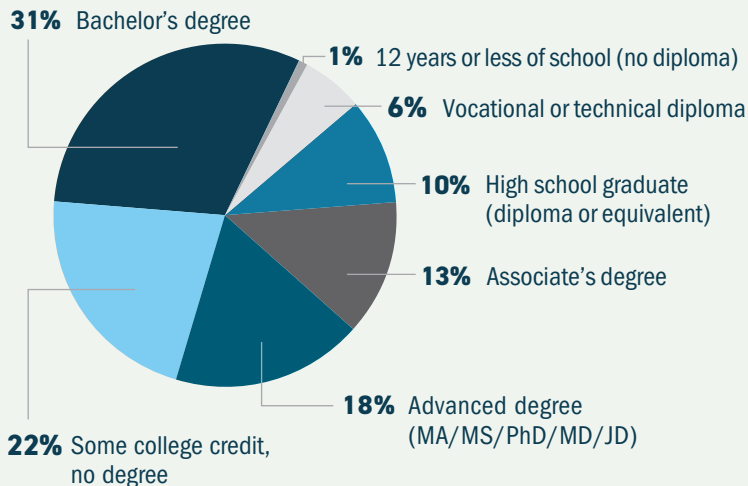


Experienced a PCS move in the past 12 months.



A PCS move within the last year **more than doubled** the odds that a civilian active duty spouse was **unemployed**.

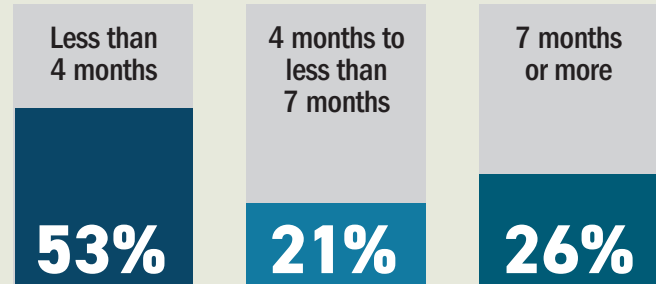
### EDUCATION LEVEL



### FLEXIBLE WORK AMONG EMPLOYED SPOUSES

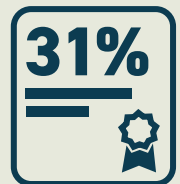


### TIME TO FIND EMPLOYMENT AFTER PCS



Excludes those who did not find work or did not seek employment.

Percent of active duty spouses who had to acquire a new professional license/credential to work after their last PCS move.



Data Source: 2021 Survey of Active Duty Spouses

<sup>1</sup>Source: 2021 Demographics Profile of the Military Community

<sup>2</sup>The civilian unemployment rate includes the civilian spouses of active duty members who are not employed but are actively seeking work. Civilian rates exclude spouses of warrant officers and dual military spouses.

\*The 2021 ADSS found that 14% of all active duty spouses are dual military spouses.

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