

2019 MILITARY SPOUSE & FAMILY SURVEY

To understand the needs of our nation's 690,000 military spouses, and in recognition of Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 10, Pioneer Services has partnered with Military Spouse Magazine on a survey of military spouses, families, and service members. The survey asked basic questions about family, financial and marriage issues, providing a snapshot on the state of military families and offering leaders with insights and info to better serve our military.

CHIEF CONCERNES AMONG MILITARY SPOUSES

75% NO LONG-TERM SAVINGS

72% FUTURE DEPLOYMENTS
(18% increase over 2018)

68% SPOUSE FINDING WORK

64% FINANCIAL EMERGENCY
(18% decrease over 2018)



Relationship Issues

1 in 3
MENTAL AND
EMOTIONAL STRESS

is their biggest issue
(up 16% from 2018)

1 in 4
FINANCIAL
WORRIES

top their list
(down 20% from 2018)

24% DEPLOYMENT / SEPARATION
CREATES ISSUES

(4% decrease from 2018)



Spending & Saving

20% are not prepared at all to meet
a financial emergency (down from 33% in 2018)

78% SPENDING the same
or more than last year

20% MORE credit card debt
than 12 months ago

68% SAVING the same or
more than last year



1 in 3 MORE than \$5k in credit card debt!

1 in 5 MORE than \$10k in credit card debt!



Stability

1 in 3 DO NOT expect their spouse
to still be serving in two years
(down 13% from 2018)

33% Plan to **RETIRE**

30% Due to **CHANGES** in
retirement/benefits

20% Blame it on the **INCREASE**
operational tempo/deployments

Policy/Political

1 in 3 believe the current environment
(e.g. defense spending, force projections, etc.)
is less **favorable** to military families than 12 months ago

