



# MILITARY FAMILIES SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

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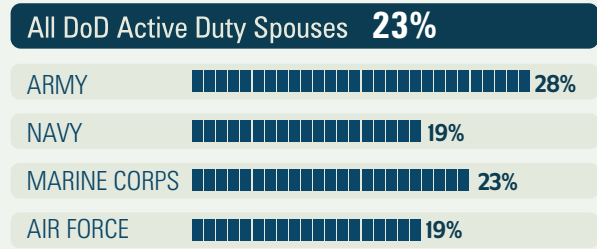
★ A PCS move within the last year **more than doubles** the odds that an active duty spouse was **unemployed**.

The more than 680,000 active duty spouses play an important part of our military community. They face unique challenges due to their spouses' military service.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG ACTIVE DUTY SPOUSES

This unemployment rate includes the civilian spouses of active duty members who are actively seeking work in the labor force.

### Active Duty Spouses



The Department of Defense is dedicated to helping military spouses overcome barriers to employment. Military spouses can contact a certified career counselor through **Military OneSource at 800-342-9647**.

**33%** of active duty spouses experienced a PCS move in the past 12 months.



**79%** of active duty spouses have experienced a PCS move during their husband/wife's active duty career.



Among active duty spouses who have experienced a PCS move, **38%**



indicated it took 7 months or more to find employment after their most recent move.

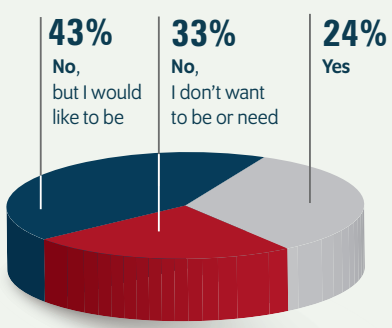
Among active duty spouses who have experienced a PCS move,

**14%** acquired a new professional license/credential after their last move.



## ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL/TRAINING

### Active Duty Spouses



### Not currently enrolled, but would like to be... the top reasons for not attending include:

- 76%** Costs of education
- 65%** Family responsibilities
- 45%** Expense of childcare
- 44%** Hours/locations are not convenient
- 36%** Conflicts with work schedule
- 32%** My spouse's deployments make it difficult to attend
- 28%** I move too often

Source: Survey of Active Duty Spouses (2015).  
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