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A 2019 Primerica Financial Security Monitor Insights Brief
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In a recent study, Primerica found that many middle-income Hispanic Americans are optimistic that their financial situation will improve over the next five years, but they are worried about their ability to save for retirement and pay off credit card debt. While Hispanics are in-line with the general population overall, many are unsure how their families would cope in the event of the unexpected, like losing their job, or if the country went into another recession. Despite these concerns, many within this group are not taking important steps to strengthen their financial situation for the future.

Key Findings

1. Hispanics’ saving and investing patterns are motivated by family.

The 2019 Primerica Financial Security Monitor found Hispanic Americans are more worried than the general population about how their families would cope if they became unemployed, died without a financial plan for their family, or had a major medical expense—all factors that may be driving this group to put more money away for the future.

What are your top financial concerns?

- Lack of stable income: 24% Hispanic, 19% General Population
- Becoming unemployed: 28% Hispanic, 17% General Population
- Dying and my family members not being able to pay their bills: 22% Hispanic, 16% General Population
- Becoming injured/ill and being unable to work: 23% Hispanic, 16% General Population

69% of Hispanics worry how they would cope financially if they had a major medical expense.

39% are not confident they can make their credit card payments.
Hispanics are anxious about their finances for retirement. They also may be uneasy due to big financial mistakes they’ve made in the past.

**What’s driving their financial anxiety?**

**Retirement**

- **ONLY 35%** Think they are saving enough for retirement.
- **43%** Fear they will lack money for retirement—more than:
  - Dying: **29%**
  - Losing a Job: **30%**
  - Going to the Dentist: **14%**

**Big Financial Mistakes**

- **58%** Have made at least one costly financial decision, and nearly **$20,000** was the average loss reported.

Despite **40%** reporting they want to learn how to protect their family financially in case of tragedy, many Hispanics are not investing in life insurance.

**How much life insurance coverage do you have?**

- **Have no life insurance or don’t know whether they have coverage or how much.**
  - Hispanic: 60%
  - General Population: 57%
- **Have less than $50,000 in life insurance coverage.**
  - Hispanic: 16%
  - General Population: 19%
- **Have $50,000 or more in life insurance coverage.**
  - Hispanic: 24%
  - General Population: 25%
Hispanics want good financial guidance.

Most middle-income Hispanic Americans don't want to go it alone when managing their personal finances, and almost all who have met with a financial professional say they would recommend one to a friend or family member.

Hispanics want good financial guidance.

Would feel more comfortable with a financial professional over any other source for information about financial issues.

Who have not met with a financial professional believe they would gain important benefits from doing so.

Who have met with a financial professional would recommend one to a friend.

Hispanic Millennials have more financial stressors than Boomers.

Hispanic Millennials (those 25-34) are more stressed about their finances than Hispanic Boomers (those 55-75) in nearly every category we examined.

ATTITUDES AROUND SAVING MONEY

33%

Younger respondents say the thought of saving money for the future makes them feel “overwhelmed.”

43%

Older respondents say the thought of saving for the future makes them feel “prepared.”
About the Survey

These new findings are a follow up on the previously released 2019 Primerica Financial Security Monitor, which provides a detailed snapshot of middle-income Americans financial preparedness, habits and concerns.

The 2019 Primerica Financial Security Monitor was conducted by Quadrant Strategies on behalf of Primerica. The nationally representative online survey polled 1,000 Americans in February 2019. Respondents were ages 18 and older and had total annual household incomes between $29,000 and $106,000. The margin of error is about 3 percent.

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