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**Summary:** One other great thing about this paper is that we can answer the question of whether rising median incomes are driven by the growth of dual-income families. The authors look at total working hours for the household (covering both spouses). The finding is interesting, because it's the reverse of what you often hear: for the Silent Generation and Baby Boomers, part of the increase in household income is from working more hours. But for the more recent generations (Gen X and Millennials), that's not the case: younger households have roughly the same number of working hours as Boomers did during prime working years. Again, here's the authors on this point: "Holding work hours constant, we find that Generation X and Millennials experienced a larger intergenerational increase in market income than Baby Boomers." Related: [Has Intergenerational Progress Stalled? Income Growth Over Five Generations of Americans and Young People Have a Lot More Wealth Than We Thought](#) and [With Housing, Millennials Have Much to Complain About](#)

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