



## Working Wives and Dual-Earner Families

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Praeger. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 176 pages. Dimensions: 9.1in. x 6.1in. x 0.5in. This book analyzes the effects of wives employment on the economic status of families, using both descriptive and empirical research. The historical and socio-economic causes of change in the employment status of wives and husbands are detailed. The empirical studies respond to some basic questions about dual-earner families: How does having an employed wife influence family lifestyles? What effects do dual-earners have on the finances of their households and on the distribution of income? What policy changes are needed to recognize the economic importance of dual-earner families? In *Working Wives and Dual-Earner Families* and *Let's*, one-earner and dual-earner families are differentiated, with particular attention to the impact of wives employment status (full-time or part-time) on household decision making. Among the most interesting research findings are: total family income or tax bracket and the cost of child care are among the critical determinants of dual-earner employment; married-couple families at the same level of income have very similar expenditure patterns regardless of whether the wife is employed; full-time working wives make the distribution of income less equal, but part-time working wives generate greater equality in the distribution of income; families...



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