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The purpose of this study was to determine the standard of living of selected households in the top three industrialized areas of Cavite. Also, to determine the cash and non-cash income and standard of living of the households.

This study used the descriptive method with the interview schedule as the main instrument in gathering data. The participants of the study were 180 participants in Carmona, Dasmariñas City, and Rosario.

Most of the participants were married. There were more working mothers who finished college education than stay-at-home mothers. Majority of the mothers have 1 to 2 working family members and 1 to 2 dependents.

Majority of the households earned P660 to P18, 582 in a month were considered in the low in level of income.

Majority of the mothers earned P4, 383 and below in doing household works such as doing the laundry, cleaning, cooking and ironing the clothes.

Majority of the mothers had low level of standard of living.

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INTRODUCTION

Women play an important role in the society. Traditionally, we men are meant for staying at home, serving her husband and the kids wherein their husbands are doing agricultural activities such as plowing the field, picking ripe fruits and the like. In the 19th century more and more women in industrializing countries stopped being homemakers and began to do jobs that men usually did. At this time many big factories were set up, first in England then in other European countries and the United States. Many thousands of young women went to work in factories (Smith, 2002).

By the 1960s in western countries there was still an idea that it was all right for a woman to work and be a "career girl" (which was what a young woman with a well-paying job was often called) until the woman got married, when she should stop work and be a "housewife" (homemaker). Some jobs like teaching were only done by unmarried women. Many western women in the 1970s believed that this was not treating