The impact of births on single parent's

earnings: Evidence from Spain

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Abstract

Taking an event study approach with data from the 2019 Continuous Sample of Working

Histories, I study the impact of having a child on single parent's annual earnings. The

main finding is that, although these individuals do not have a partner whom they can share

responsibilities with, after the birth of the first child, women's annual earnings fall, while

men's are unaffected, same as what the literature had found for families with both parents.

When the analysis is split by educational level, I find that the birth of the first child has

no statistically significant effect on annual earnings of college-educated single-mothers,

while it has a negative impact for non-college-educated single mothers. The picture is the

opposite for single fathers: annual earnings of highly-educated single fathers are

negatively affected by the birth of their first child.

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1. Introduction

Despite the undoubted progress in closing the wage gap between men and women, no society has been able to fully achieve gender equality in earnings. Initially, researchers tried to find the answers in the role of human capital (Blau & Kahn, 2017) and discrimination (Neumark et al., 1996; Goldin & Rouse, 2000), but as society develops these explanations have lost its initial weight. A recent line of research has put the focus on the role of children as the cause for this gap.

Using an event study approach, many researchers have followed Kleven et al. (2019a) and have estimated the impact of having children on a series of labour market outcomes. The results seem to be relatively homogeneous across countries: women and men's labour market trajectories are almost parallel before having children and diverge shortly after the birth of the first child. This phenomenon is a consequence of the effect that maternity has on women's outcomes rather than the effect on men's outcomes, as the latter seem to be unaffected.

There have been many mechanisms proposed to explain this child penalty, such as the cost of giving birth, childcare preferences, comparative advantage in the labour market or household work, discrimination, or traditional gender norms. (Becker, 1985; Kleven et al., 2021; Andersen & Nix, 2019; Oesch et al., 2017; Feldhoff, 2021). However, these studies have only focused on families with two parental figures.

Single parenting is becoming the reality of more and more households as time goes by. The share of children living with a single parent has increased by 7 percentage points from 2004 to 2018, representing in 2018 the 15.6% of all households (OECD, n.d.). In 2019, around 1.9 million of families were headed by single parents, although the vast majority of them (81.1%) consisted of single mothers (INE, 2019).

The existence of the observed child penalty is of remarkable importance for all working mothers, but it is extremely critical for single mothers. Single parenting collapses the role of breadwinner and caregiver into one individual, making it harder for them to conciliate their work and their home life. Despite the various benefits that these families are entitled to, in-work poverty and at-risk-of-poverty rate is exceptionally high for single-parents. In 2019, 21.5% of single-parent families were suffering from severe

poverty, 10.4% experienced some form of severe material deprivation, and 74.9% stated making ends meet with some degree of difficulty. (EAPN, 2020)

Considering the situation these families find themselves in, and the lack of research on them, this paper aims to explore the child penalty of single parents. In which way does the impact of having children in labour market outcomes differs when the individual has to assume both roles of provider and caregiver affect? If the observed child penalty is a result of women and men specializing in home production and labour market respectively, what happens in households where this specialization is not possible?

This paper is structured as follows. Section 2 reviews the literature on child penalties. Section 3 presents some facts about the Spanish context. Section 4 describes the characteristics of households with a single parent in Spain. Section 5 briefly examines the existing policies regarding single-parent households in order to justify the importance of this analysis. Section 6 presents the data set used. Section 7 describes the econometric technique for the analysis. Section 8 describes and examines the main results. And, finally, Section 9 summarizes the findings.

2. Literature Review

Despite the considerable improvement in women's labour market outcomes that has been observed all over the world during the last decades, it seems like the convergence process of labour market outcomes of men and women has slowed down. As a result, the gender gap in outcomes such as earnings or employment is still present in all countries.

Earlier research had focused on the role of human capital and the role of discrimination as an explanation as to why the earnings and wage rate gender gap persists. However, the numerous policies taken to address gender discrimination and the increase in women's educational levels suggest that the explanation for the remaining inequality must be somewhere else. Recent research has focused on the role of children to understand the persistent gender inequality in the different labour market outcomes.

Children can have two different effects on labour market outcomes. On the one hand, those women who desire to have children in the future may invest less on education or choose a family-friendly career path in anticipation in order to prepare themselves for motherhood. On the other hand, once women have a child, they may change their hours

worked, occupation, or sector, so that they can reconcile their life with a child with their work life.

As societies developed, women have met men in terms of educational and career investment, which suggests that the pre-child effects of anticipated fertility are not as important as they once were. However, the increasing body of literature that study the effect of motherhood on women's labour market outcomes points out enough evidence to say that women still end up suffering the consequences of having a child.

Kleven et al. (2019a) define the child penalty as "the percentage by which women fall behind men due to children". Using an event study approach and data from Denmark, they study the impact of having a child on the gender gap in labour market outcomes. The results show an immediate drop in women's earnings of almost 30% the moment their first child is born, while men's earnings are unaffected. Even more worrying is the fact that then years after the birth of the child, women's earnings are still 20% below their prebirth level, which originates a long-run child penalty of 19.4%.

This impact comes from three different mechanisms, all of them equally important. Prior to having children, the trajectories of hours worked, labour force participation and wage rate are almost parallel for men and women. After the birth of their first child, all three outcomes diverge immediately. Besides, the authors find that after the arrival of the first child, women are 26% less likely to rise to the manager level, are 12% more likely to work in the public sector, and are 8% more likely to work in a family-friendly firm than men. This suggests women's career trajectories are changed in both quantitative and qualitative dimensions as a result of being a mother, while men's careers are unaffected.

Many studies have followed Kleven and co-authors' path and have studied the child penalties for other countries. The qualitative effects of children are similar across countries, but the magnitudes differ. Denmark and Finland account for the lowest longrun penalties, of 21 and 25% respectively, closely followed by Spain and Sweden, with 25 and 26%. The United States and the United Kingdom follow with a rate of 31 and 44%. Germany and Austria feature the highest penalties of 51 and 61% respectively. The differences in the level of the penalty seem to be a result of the differences in culture and gender norms. (Kleven et al., 2019b; Sieppi & Pehkonen, 2019). Not only they find a positive relationship between long-run earnings and employment penalty and the fraction

of people in the country agreeing with the statement that women with young children should not work full-time, but also that women that grew up in more traditional households, those where the mother worked less relative to the father, incur in higher penalties.

Pora and Wilner (2019) study three different explanations associated to this child penalty. The arrival of a child increases the need for home production, which may lead parents to specialize in either labour market or home production. Women's relative advantage in home production can be the mechanism behind the decrease in female labour supply and earnings.

However, the authors also mention that women may just have a stronger preference for childcare, which is the reason why they change their time allocation from the labour market to home production. It can also be the case that social norms are behind this specialization, the traditional gender role that women should be the one responsible for childcare while men are the breadwinner of the family. (Kleven, 2022)

Using data from France, Pora and Wilner (2019) find that child penalties are decreasing along the wage distribution, supporting the idea of specialization, since those women who experience a higher cost of career interruption due to higher wages are less likely to reduce their working hours.

Despite the rapidly growing evidence in this line of research, there is little knowledge on the effects of having children on the labour market outcomes of single parents. Single parents do not have the option of specializing on either labour market or home production as they have to assume both roles of breadwinner and caregiver. Besides, traditional social norms concerning who must assume family caregiving or the breadwinning role is likely to be dissociated from the gender of the parent in these households.

Being a single parent is a signal that the parent must manage to support financially their family and caring for their children. Being a woman is traditionally associated with being responsible for childcare. However, single mothers have the added responsibility of being the main provider, which could potentially affect their labour market outcomes.

For single mothers, child penalties are likely to be detrimental. Not only marriage has the economic benefit of pooling income, but also, the couple can exploit the economies of scale that can be generated from living together. Kiernan et al (2020) show that, on average, single mothers are younger, less educated, less likely to be employed and have lower income than married mothers at the time of their birth child. This implies that single mothers are in disadvantage prior to motherhood. The reduction of earnings and the increased income needs associated with the birth of a first child increases the risk of poverty when a partner's income is absent. Benefits such as compensatory or widow's pensions could help to mitigate this negative effect.

Some studies have found that the child penalty is higher for married mothers than for single mothers. Abromaviciute (2018) studies the effects of marital status on the way the employee is perceived, salary and employment outcomes for mothers and fathers. She finds that single mothers and fathers are not perceived differently from each other, and the child penalty found in the subsample of married applicants is not observed for single applicants. Besides, single mothers were evaluated more favourably in all outcomes than their childless counterparts, suggesting that single women can actually benefit from being a mother. Her results suggests that the traditional roles of breadwinner and caregiver are indistinguishably linked to marriage.

Harkness (2022) finds that married mothers' average income suffered a 26% reduction after the birth of their first child, while those who were single saw a fall of only 11%. Income penalties are larger for those women who were previously married than for those who were not married in the first place.

This paper would contribute to the existing literature on child penalties by studying the impact of having a child in a context where the parent does not have the option to specialize in either home production or labour market. Studying the impact of children on single-parent's labour market outcomes is of a great importance in order to establish the right policies to help and support these households.

3. The Spanish context

Figure 1 shows the average annual earnings per worker. In Spain, women's average annual earnings per worker was 80.50% of that of men in 2019. The gap in average earnings between men and women has been relatively stable since 2008, being the mean gap in the 2008 to 2019 period of 77.62%.

Average annual earnings per worker 20,000 22,000 24,000 26,000 28,000

FIGURE 1: Average annual earnings per worker, 2008-2019

Source: Author's elaboration using data from the 2019 Annual Wage Structure Survey carried out by the Spanish' National Statistics Institute

Men

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Unemployment rate has always been greater for women than for men, as can be observing in figure 2. In 2002, it was almost 8 percentage points higher for men than for women. With the 2007 financial crisis, the gap was nearly inexistent, but with the economic recovery, the gap started opening again. In the last trimester of 2019, women's unemployment rate was over 3 percentage points higher than men's.

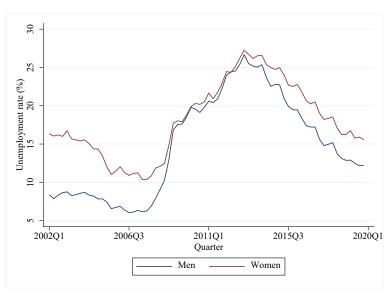


FIGURE 2: Unemployment rate in Spain, 2001-2020

Source: Author's elaboration using data from the Spanish' National Statistics Institute

As for the female labour force participation rate, it has increased from a 26% in 1972 to over 52% in 2020, as can be seen in figure 3. Male labour force participation rate shows a very different picture, decreasing from about 80% in 1972 to almost 63% in 2020. The labour force participation rate has decreased from 54.6 percentage points in 1972 to 10.7 in 2020.

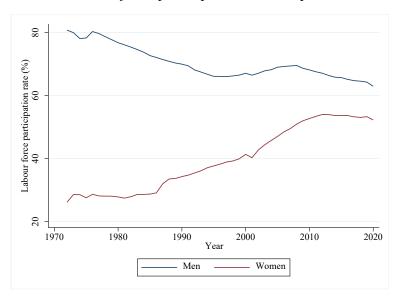


FIGURE 3: Labour force participation rate in Spain, 1970-2020

Source: Author's elaboration using data from the Spanish' National Statistics Institute

Important for the object of my analysis is the transformation of the structure of Spanish households over the last decades. Gonzalez and Requena (2008) attribute this change to the process of secularisation. Households are becoming more diverse as they shift from more traditional to more modern families.

The number of single-parent households is in increase. As shown in figure 4, the proportion of children born from a non-married women has substantially increased from around 2% in the mid-1970s until almost 50% in 2020.

¹ Secularization refers to the process in which religion loses its relevance in a society as said society progresses.

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FIGURE 4: Share of children born from a single mother, 1975-2020

Source: Author's elaboration using data from the Spanish' National Statistics Institute

In contrast to 2004, the share of minor children living in married families has decreased by 7 percentage points, representing a 82.8% of the families in 2008. The proportion of minors living with a single parent, however, increased by 7 percentage points, reaching 15.6% in 2008 (OECD, n.d.). There are several reasons as to why we observe this pattern, from demographic to legislative changes.

There are two main demographic changes that can be observed during the last decades. The first one is the decrease in natality. As can be seen in figure 5, the gross birth rate has suffered a constant decline from over 18 births per thousands of people in the mid-70s to less than 8 in 2020. The second one is the increase in the average age of both men and women at which they first get married, which is associated to a delay in motherhood. Figure 6 illustrates this phenomenon.

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FIGURE 5: Gross birth rate in Spain, 1975-2020

Source: Author's elaboration using data from the Spanish' National Statistics Institute

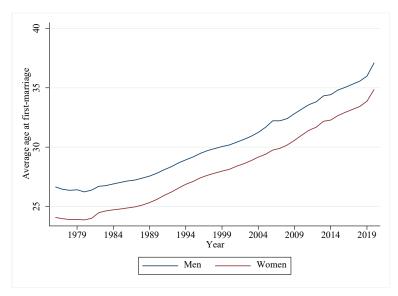


FIGURE 6: Average age at first-marriage in Spain, 1976-2020

Source: Author's elaboration using data from the Spanish' National Statistics Institute

The main legislative change has been the introduction of the divorce law in 1981. Since then, the crude divorce rate has been on the rise, with the rise being more pronounced during the last two decades. This pattern is shown in figure 7. At the same time, the number of marriages has experienced a continuous decline since 1960, as can be observed in figure 8.

1981 1986 1991 1996 2001 2006 2011 2016 20 Year

FIGURE 7: Crude divorce rate in Spain, 1980-2019

Source: Author's elaboration using data from the OECD database



FIGURE 8: Crude marriage rate, 1960-2019

Source: Author's elaboration using data from the OECD database

According to the Continuous Household Survey (Encuesta contínua de hogares) carried out by the Spanish National Statistics Institute, in 2019, around 10% of children lived in a single-parent household in Spain. These households are mostly headed by single mothers. There were around 1.9 million of single-parent households in Spain. 356,900

were single-father households (18.9%), in contrast to the 1,530,600 that were single-mother households (81.1%).

Single parenting implies there is only one person who needs to both sustain and take care of their family. For these families, it is harder to get the required means to be able to pay all of their expenses, as they only count with the salary from one person, increasing their risk of poverty. In 2018,

Despite this situation, single parents are entitled to some benefits that could help to improve their situation. For instance, in Spain, if the divorce or separation leads to an economic imbalance for one of the spouses relative to the other, he or she is entitled to a compensation. On the other hand, if the reason for being single is due to the decease of the partner, the spouse is entitled to a widow's pension as long as some conditions are met. ³

According to the 2019 European Commission's report on Spain, in-work poverty is increasing and remains amongst the highest rates in the European Union (13.1%), and it was particularly high for single-parents (27.8%). Spanish children also face one of the highest risk-of-poverty rates (31.1%), being again even higher for children living in a single-parent household (42.9%).

The European Anti-Poverty Network's 2020 report on Spain states lone-parent households have high rates of social exclusion and at-risk-of poverty. In 2019, 46.8% of people living in lone-parent households are at-risk-of poverty and exclusion, almost 20 percentage points higher than the risk suffered by households with two adults and one or more children, and 21.5% are suffering severe poverty (INE, 2019). 10.4% of single-parent households are suffering from severe material deprivation and 74.9% declare to make ends meet with some degree of difficulty. This rate has been relatively stable around that level during the last decade.

³ To mention some, the deceased has to have paid into the Spanish Social Security System or the couple has to be legally married at least one year before the death or have children in common.

4. Characteristics of single-mother households

The Federation of Associations of Single Mothers (Federación de Asociaciones de Madres Solteras) carried out a survey addressed to single women that establish a lone-parent household with children under 25. (Assiego Cruz et al., 2019)

The most common age range is between 35 and 44 (51%), followed by 45-54 (35%). Half of the families are living in either Madrid (27%) or Cataluña (23%), and 93% of the mothers have the Spanish nationality. As for their educational level, 58% of the mothers have university studies, whereas only 5% have less than secondary education. 70% of the families have only one child. This child is under 10 in 58% of those families.

As to what is the origin of single parenting, Hernández Monleón (2016) distinguish two main reasons: personal choice or due to personal circumstances. The difference between these two reasons is very small. 57% of the mothers stated it was a personal choice against the 43% of them who said it was due to some personal circumstance.

Adoption, assisted reproduction, or surrogacy are the primary approaches by those individuals that decide to become a single parent. Among those who chose to become a single-mother, 82% was via assisted reproduction technology, while only 9% of them did it through adoption. The remaining 9% was through other sources.

There are many different experiences that could lead a woman to become a single mother. The most usual one is divorce or separation (32%) from their former partner. Only 5% of the women were widows, despite being the most common manner to become a single parent during the last decades (Hernandez, 2016). 27% state it was due to an "unwanted" situation, and 14% to a domestic violence situation. 22% declare they had not either been married or lived with the parent of their child.

76% of women affirm they have sole child custody, and, among those that have split custody, 79% of women state they are the ones that assume all childcare responsibility. Only 3% of mothers state they do not need any type of help. The rest express needing some help in things related to childcare, when they or their children is sick, with housework and with their children's activities and homework, among others.

54% of women state having or ever had problems conciliating their work life with childcare and 80% state they have felt the need to choose between their family and their

career. 84% of the mothers are working, and only 28% affirms that their work can be fully conciliated with their life. 27% declare there is not any measure of conciliation in their firm, and among those mothers that are unemployed, 57% states there were any measure of conciliation in their previous job.

5. Policies

After considering the high rates of poverty among single-parent households, the existing policies directed to them, despite being necessary and urgent, are scarce and insufficient. There is not any framework of public policies regarding single parenting at the state level, which prevents a homogeneous legal, social, economic, and labour treatment when it comes to the rights of these families. Instead, most policies are implemented at the community level and are very disperse and heterogeneous among them. This implies a very different treatment of these families across Spain.

Only two communities, Extremadura and Castilla La Mancha, lack of any consideration regarding single-parent families. The rest of the communities have some sort of attention towards these families, but only six of them have a specific regulation about these families. Moreover, these regulations present substantial differences among them, including in the concept of what a single-parent household is.

All of them state that a single-parent household is that formed by one progenitor or legal tutor. However, regarding the relationship with their children, each community considers a different definition respecting economic dependence, age, coexistence and place of residence. The norms also differ in matters of the motives that causes losing the condition of single-parenting, as well as the different forms of constituting a single-parent household.

Without taking attention to this issue, it is important to state that these families are entitled to some specific benefits at the state level. They can receive a single payment of 1000 euros per birth or adoption. Single parents with more than two dependent children have the possibility of a 1200 euros reduction in their personal income tax. Besides, they

⁵ Aragón, Baleares, Cantabria, Cataluña, Comunidad Valenciana and Comunidad Foral de Navarra.

are entitled to two additional weeks on their maternity or paternity leave and their Minimum Vital Income is increased in 22%.

6. Data

The data used in this paper is drawn from the 2019 Continuous Sample of Working Histories (Muestra Continua de Vidas Laborales, MCVL), a set of microdata from the Social Security, the municipal register of inhabitants and the Tax Agency, which constitute a representative sample of everyone that was registered to the Social Security in each reference year. The analysis is done using data until 2019 to avoid any conflict that may originate due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Each year, the sample is formed by four out of a hundred people in the reference population. From 2005 onwards, it has a longitudinal design. It follows every individual over time as long as they have been registered to the Social Security as an active affiliate or as a pensioner for at least one day each year. Besides, to remain representative, each year some individuals are dropped out of the sample and replaced by others, in the same proportion as it happens in the reference population.

It is necessary to acknowledge that the fact that the 2019 MCVL only follows the individuals as long as they have somehow been affiliated to the Social Security in 2019 implies those who had not worked again after motherhood would be excluded (García & González, 2019). As a result, the impact of children could be underestimated.

Despite the richness of the MCVL data, the information available does not allow to identify the relationship between the individual in the sample and the individuals whom they live with. There is also no information about the marital status of the employee. Therefore, I will infer that the employee is a single parent when they are the only adult living with a child. This inference, however, will only allow us to identify those households where the parent was single at the moment of the survey, in 2019. Thus, it will be necessary to assume that those employees that are single in 2019 were also single in the past and are a representative sample of the single-parents population.

Furthermore, I will deviate from Kleven et al. (2019a), who track the same workers from up to five years before the birth of their first child up to only ten years after the birth. Instead, I will analyse the most recent births, so that the assumption that needs

to be made about the relationship status of the workers can be as realistic as possible. Hence, the analysis will be performed over a balanced panel of families who had their first child in 2014, 2015 and 2016, and will only follow them up to three years after the birth, which is the longest period of time I can study.⁶

Due to this restriction, the number of observations I am left with is considerably small.⁷ Therefore, the results are not as precise as they could be, and further research needs to be made with the appropriate data.

The outcome variable for gross annual earnings is the total annual contribution base of each individual. Since some of the workers have been employed by different employers, the variable for earnings is the sum of all the different contribution bases that that individual has each year.

TABLE 1: Summary statistics

| | Age | | Annual | earnings | College (yes=1) | |
|---------------------|-------|------|----------|----------|-----------------|------|
| | Mean | Sd | Mean | Sd | Mean | Sd |
| Fathers | 39,86 | 4,63 | 22079,13 | 11518,90 | 0,31 | 0,46 |
| Fathers college | 40,86 | 4,20 | 28658,67 | 11650,32 | | |
| Fathers non-college | 39,42 | 4,75 | 19162,43 | 10182,82 | | |
| Mothers | 37,99 | 4,83 | 18521,54 | 10755,03 | 0,39 | 0,49 |
| Mothers college | 39,58 | 4,07 | 24429,72 | 11919,99 | | |
| Mothers non-college | 36,99 | 5,00 | 14795,44 | 7945,45 | | |

Notes: Statistics over the balanced sample of single fathers and mothers over the period of study (from three years before until three years after the birth of their first child). Sd: standard deviation. Annual earnings in euros.

Table 1 shows the summary statistics for each group. Annual earnings are larger for single fathers (22,079 euros) than for single mothers (18,521 euros). Single mothers are, on average, younger than single fathers (37.99 vs 39.86, respectively), and are more likely to have tertiary education (39% vs 31%, respectively). When the groups are split by educational level, annual earnings of both men and women with tertiary education are

⁶ The balanced panel includes all individuals that remained affiliated to the Social Security system for the whole period. For households that had their first child in 2014, the period goes from 2011 until 2017, for those who had their first child in 2015, it goes from 2012 until 2018, and for those who had their first child in 2016, from 2013 to 2019.

⁷ I have a total sample of 2,940 single fathers and 8,561 single mothers.

larger than those of men and women without tertiary education. College-educated individuals are older than those who do not hold college education.

7. Empirical design

There is a negative relationship between the gender gaps in earnings and in employment and the level of development, measured as GDP per capita. At the same time, women have fewer children and have them later in life as GDP per capita increases (Kleven & Landais, 2017). Whether fertility choices are responsible for the changes in gender inequality over time is one of the main questions economists have been tried to answer for a very long time.

Yet finding a causal relationship between these two variables is challenging given the endogenous nature of fertility. It is expected that fertility has a causal impact on gender inequality, but gender inequality is also likely to affect fertility choices. Or even a third factor could be the one driving both variables.

The ideal framework to examine this relationship would be the random allocation of children. The lack of such setting has led economists to find a different approach to study the causal link between fertility and gender inequality. There is a large body of literature that adopts an instrumental variable approach, using instruments such as sibling sex mix (Angrist & Evans, 1998) or twins (Rosenzweig & Wolpin, 1980).

Despite the brightness and importance of these studies, they can only measure the effect of a second or a third child, and lack the ability of answering the main question, which is what is the impact of children on gender inequality.

Kleven et al. (2019a) suggests adopting an event study approach. Women's labour market outcomes can be directly affected by children by inducing women to change their careers or hours worked so that they can conciliate their work life with childcare responsibilities. Besides, there is a pre-children effect of future children. Women that are planning on having children in the future may not invest in their education and careers as much as other women.

Unfortunately, the event study approach cannot capture this dependence between labour market choices and anticipated lifetime fertility. However, it will allow us to identify the causal effect of having a first child in labour market outcomes by exploiting the sharp change in said outcomes that having a first child generates.

At a certain time, the event takes place, and the treatment is put into place. The idea of the event study approach is that everything that changes after the event occurs is a consequence of treatment. For the event study to correctly identify the impact of children, it is necessary to assume that the pattern that is observed before having a child would have continued if the event had not happened, and that the disruption in said pattern at the time of the event is caused exclusively by event itself. (Cunningham, 2021; Huntington-Klein, 2021)

For each individual, I denote the year of birth of their first child as t=0, and index all years relative to that date. They will be followed from three years prior up to three years after the birth of the child, so the event time t runs from -3 to +3.

Denoting the outcome of interest for individual i of gender g in year s at event time t by Y_{ist}^g , I will run the following regression separately for single fathers and mothers:

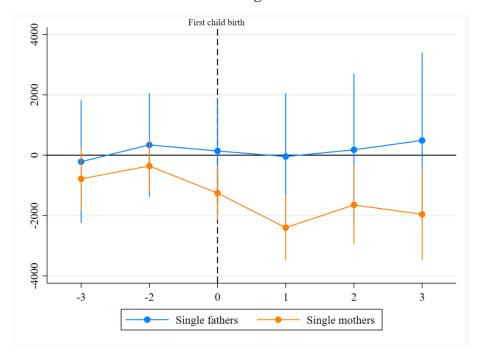
$$Y_{ist}^g = \sum_{j \neq -1} \alpha_j^g \cdot I[j = t] + \sum_k \beta_k^g \cdot I[k = age_{is}] + \sum_y \gamma_y^g \cdot I[y = s] + v_{ist}^g$$

Following Kleven et al. (2019a), I will include a set of event time dummies (first term on the right-hand side), age dummies (second term) and year dummies (third term). By excluding event time t = -1, the event time coefficients will measure the impact of having a child relative to the year prior of the first childbirth. The set of age dummies will allow us to control for life-cycle trends, whereas year dummies will control for time trends, such as wage inflation or business cycles.

8. Results and discussion

As mentioned above, the event time coefficients capture the effect of children in earnings relative to the year prior to the first childbirth. Figure 9 plots these coefficients for the sample of single mothers and single fathers. The results of all regressions can be found in the appendix.

FIGURE 9: Event study results for the impact of children in single parents' annual earnings



Notes: This figure represents the coefficients of the event time coefficients estimated from the previous equation for single fathers and single mothers separately. I have omitted the event time dummy at t = 1, so these coefficients represent the impact of children in earnings relative to the year prior to the birth of the child.

The first thing to notice is that, once the life cycle and time trends are taken out, prior to the birth of the first child, the earnings of single fathers and mothers are following the same trend. Although this is not enough evidence to support the parallel trend assumption, as this pre-child trend should be examined for a longer period of time, it is a good sign that allow us to link the estimated effect to the event.

For the sample of single fathers, none of the event time coefficients are statistically significant: single fathers' earnings after having a child are not statistically different than their earnings the year before the birth. However, for the sample of single mothers, the picture is completely different. Right after the birth of the first child, they experience an instantaneous fall in earnings. The year the child is born, they experience a drop of 1256 euros in their annual earnings. In the three years following the birth of their first child, there is no sign of recovery: three years after the birth, their annual earnings are almost 2000 euros lower than what they were the year prior to motherhood. This suggests that women experience these negative effects on their earnings while men's

are unaffected, regardless of their marital status. Whether the size of the impact is larger or smaller for single women than for married women is something that should be studied in the future, when more precise data on single women is available.

As mentioned above, in families where both parents are present, they may choose to specialize in either home production or labour market. The observed child penalty in women's labour market outcomes after the birth of their first child and the fact that men's are unaffected may be an indicator that women are more likely to specialize in child-care, while men assume the role of breadwinner. Moriconi and Rodriguez-Planas (2021) find evidence in support of the idea that gender norms are behind this situation, as they identify a positive relationship between more progressive beliefs in the grandmothers' cohort and mothers with small children's likelihood of working.

Unlike in families with two parental figures, single parents do not have the option of specialization. They must assume both roles, no matter the gender of the parent. Surprisingly, they follow the same pattern: single mothers are penalized after having children in terms of earnings, whereas single fathers seem to be unaffected.

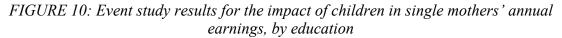
It could be the case that single fathers receive more external help than single mothers. It might look like single mothers need less help, since they are meant to take care of their children anyways, while single fathers require more support to deal with this task. After all, the idea that women should be the main caretaker of the household is still one of the most prevalent gender norms. However, a more deep and precise analysis should be made in order to draw concrete conclusions and to understand the mechanisms behind this effect.

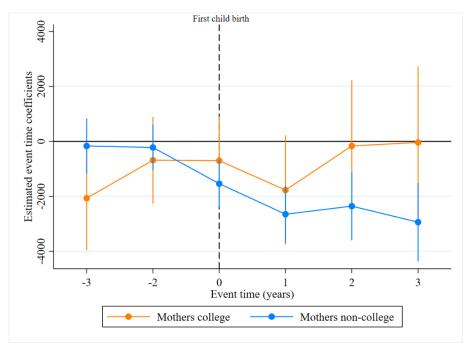
An additional study that can be carried out is the impact of the first child by educational level, separating the analysis for fathers and mothers with and without tertiary education. These results, however, must be read with caution, as the number of observations for each group is relatively low.⁹

Figure 10 plots the coefficients of the event time dummies for the sample of single mothers with and without tertiary education.

⁸ Which could be a result of gender norms, preferences, or comparative advantage.

⁹ There are 2037 fathers and 5250 mothers without tertiary education, and 903 fathers and 3311 mothers with tertiary education.





There are two main findings to highlight about this figure. The first important result is that the drop in earnings after the birth of the first child seems to be larger for non-college-educated single mothers than for college-educated single mothers. The second is that college-educated single mothers' earnings reach their pre-birth level three years after the birth of their first child.

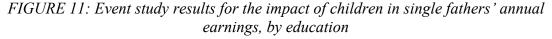
However, due to the low number of observations, none of the coefficients of the event time dummies are statistically significant for the sample of mothers with tertiary education, so that it cannot be established that this group of women have had a statistically significant effect on their earnings after the birth of their first child.

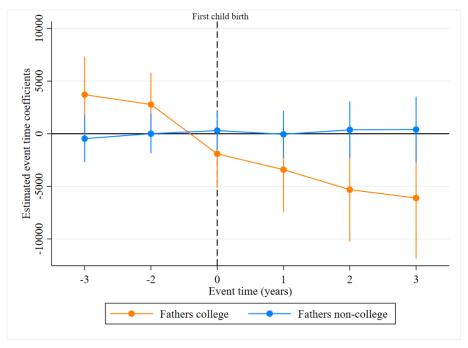
These results seem to be aligned with de Quinto et al. (2021), who find heterogeneity in child penalties when they split the analysis by education levels. They are also consistent with the finding that highly educated women have a higher probability of entering and lower probability of existing the labour market than the rest of women (Alba & Álvarez, 2004).

Even if high educated women are more attached to the labour market, single mothers do not have a partner to share their responsibilities with, and they still have to assimilate their work life with taking care of their new-born. One way in which non-

college-educated single mothers are more affected by the birth of their child than college-educated single mothers may be due to their resource constraints. As it has been shown, college-educated single mothers had, on average, higher annual earnings than those who had no college education. ¹⁰ Therefore they might be able to hire some help in order to keep up with their work life, whilst those less educated cannot count with that comfort.

The result for single fathers is unexpected. As can be observed in figure 11, contrary to what happened with mothers, children have a negative impact on single fathers with tertiary education. One year after the birth of the first child, their annual earnings drop in 3,415 euros, and three years after, the drop is of 6,112 euros, in comparison to their earnings one year before the event. I would like to mention again the fact that there are only 903 single fathers with tertiary education in the sample, so that the accuracy of this analysis is questionable.





¹⁰ Mean annual earnings for college-educated single mothers were 24429,72 euros, whereas for non-college-educated single mothers, they were 14795,44 euros.

9. Conclusions

Recent literature has focused on the role of motherhood as an explanation for the remaining gender gap in earnings. The conclusion for all the countries that have been studied is the same: women and men's labour market outcomes follow the same path until the birth of their first child. After that, their outcomes strongly diverge given the negative impact in labour market outcomes for women.

Many mechanisms have been proposed in order to explain this child penalty, including the specialization of women in childcare and of men in labour market. But what happens in those households that do not have the option of specialization? Do they suffer a bigger penalty? Are men also affected when they have to assume the role of caretaker?

To bring light to some of these questions, I used data from the 2019 Continuous Sample of Working Histories to analyse the impact of births on annual earnings on a sample of single parents. The main finding is that, even when they are single and cannot divide responsibilities, men are still unaffected by the arrival of their child. One possible explanation could lie in the external help that these men are likely to purchase in order to take care of their child, which is potentially less affordable to single mothers.

Although the analysis must be taken with some caution due to the small sample size, I have also studied the impact of births of single parents by educational group. Results indicate that children have no statistically significant effect on earnings for single mothers with college education, whereas for those non-college-educated, there is a negative impact. For single fathers, however, it is the opposite: while the earnings of non-college-educated single fathers remain unchanged after the birth of their first child, earnings of college-educated single fathers have a negative impact.

Despite the number of limitations that this study has, being among the most important the need to impute marital status of individuals and sample size, the results confirm some of the previous findings in the literature. However, it is necessary to carry out a more precise study analysing child penalties on single parent's labour market outcomes (potentially with large administrative records) to deeply understand what is the reason behind them and to propose some policies to treat this situation.

Appendix

TABLE A1: Regression for earnings of single fathers

Linear regression Number of obs = 2,940 F(37, 2902) = 13.56 Prob > F = 0.0000

R-squared = 0.0800 Root MSE = 11119

| | | Robust | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|
| earnings | Coefficient | std. err. | t | P> t | [95% conf. | interval] |
| _Ieventtime_1 | -214.4924 | 1035.421 | -0.21 | 0.836 | -2244.728 | 1815.743 |
| _Ieventtime_2 | 341.8047 | 876.7728 | 0.39 | 0.697 | -1377.355 | 2060.965 |
| | 140.5814 | 890.4661 | 0.16 | 0.875 | -1605.428 | 1886.591 |
| | -45.04689 | 1070.93 | -0.04 | 0.966 | -2144.906 | 2054.813 |
| Ieventtime 6 | 180.3472 | 1288.252 | 0.14 | 0.889 | -2345.634 | 2706.329 |
| | 489.7164 | 1485.481 | 0.33 | 0.742 | -2422.989 | 3402.421 |
| 200 n | | | | | | |
| age_p 28 | 2025 05 | 2007 046 | 0.00 | 0 220 | 11664 15 | 4014 05 |
| | -3825.05 | 3997.946 | -0.96 | 0.339 | -11664.15 | 4014.05 |
| 29 | 813.5709 | 4659.498 | 0.17 | 0.861 | -8322.687 | 9949.829 |
| 30 | -6927.632 | 4069.869 | -1.70 | 0.089 | -14907.76 | 1052.493 |
| 31 | -1039.405 | 4068.588 | -0.26 | 0.798 | -9017.018 | 6938.208 |
| 32 | -734.2266 | 4029.362 | -0.18 | 0.855 | -8634.925 | 7166.472 |
| 33 | 4891.933 | 4251.12 | 1.15 | 0.250 | -3443.586 | 13227.45 |
| 34 | 2257.811 | 4093.581 | 0.55 | 0.581 | -5768.808 | 10284.43 |
| 35 | 4876.166 | 4060.785 | 1.20 | 0.230 | -3086.147 | 12838.48 |
| 36 | 4210.069 | 4046.984 | 1.04 | 0.298 | -3725.184 | 12145.32 |
| 37 | 7632.435 | 4004.295 | 1.91 | 0.057 | -219.1142 | 15483.98 |
| 38 | 1135.658 | 3974.849 | 0.29 | 0.775 | -6658.153 | 8929.47 |
| 39 | 7324.103 | 4060.928 | 1.80 | 0.071 | -638.4894 | 15286.7 |
| 40 | 5295.462 | 3985.003 | 1.33 | 0.184 | -2518.259 | 13109.18 |
| 41 | 6382.168 | 4003.286 | 1.59 | 0.111 | -1467.402 | 14231.74 |
| 42 | 5677.93 | 4028.428 | 1.41 | 0.159 | -2220.938 | 13576.8 |
| 43 | 6960.443 | 3998.54 | 1.74 | 0.082 | -879.8217 | 14800.71 |
| 44 | 9040.963 | 4019.078 | 2.25 | 0.025 | 1160.428 | 16921.5 |
| 45 | 6206.805 | 4066.501 | 1.53 | 0.127 | -1766.715 | 14180.33 |
| 46 | 5625.13 | 4049.903 | 1.39 | 0.165 | -2315.846 | 13566.11 |
| 47 | 3878.482 | 4184.563 | 0.93 | 0.354 | -4326.532 | 12083.5 |
| 48 | 2584.207 | 4150.835 | 0.62 | 0.534 | -5554.674 | 10723.09 |
| 49 | 6165.292 | 4432.014 | 1.39 | 0.164 | -2524.92 | 14855.5 |
| 50 | 615.3009 | 4147.232 | 0.15 | 0.882 | -7516.516 | 8747.117 |
| year_cotiz | | | | | | |
| 2012 | 259.1101 | 1117.613 | 0.23 | 0.817 | -1932.285 | 2450.505 |
| 2013 | -175.8716 | 1120.841 | -0.16 | 0.875 | -2373.596 | 2021.853 |
| 2014 | 657.4321 | 1352.515 | 0.49 | 0.627 | -1994.554 | 3309.419 |
| 2015 | 1581.479 | 1505.831 | 1.05 | 0.294 | -1371.126 | 4534.085 |
| 2016 | 2131.545 | 1663.733 | 1.28 | 0.200 | -1130.673 | 5393.762 |
| 2017 | 3257.327 | 1811.339 | 1.80 | 0.072 | -294.3132 | 6808.967 |
| 2018 | 3901.187 | 1970.679 | 1.98 | 0.048 | 37.11577 | 7765.258 |
| 2019 | 4512.237 | 2257.329 | 2.00 | 0.046 | 86.10737 | 8938.366 |
| | | | | | | |
| _cons | 15350.39 | 4176.026 | 3.68 | 0.000 | 7162.113 | 23538.67 |

TABLE A2: Regression for earnings of single mothers

Number of obs = F(40, 8520) = Prob > F = R-squared = Root MSE = 8,561 63.03 Linear regression 0.0000

0.1508 9934.3

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|---------------|-------------|---------------------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| | | Dalamat | | | | |
| earnings | Coefficient | Robust std. err. | t | P> t | [95% conf. | interval] |
| | -781.3643 | 532.0101 | -1.47 | 0.142 | -1824.233 | 261.5044 |
| Ieventtime 2 | -356.4117 | 446.0198 | -0.80 | 0.424 | -1230.719 | 517.8953 |
| Ieventtime_4 | -1256.043 | 457.4823 | -2.75 | 0.006 | -2152.819 | -359.267 |
| _Ieventtime_5 | -2399.169 | 554.3704 | -4.33 | 0.000 | -3485.869 | -1312.468 |
| _Ieventtime_6 | -1647.208 | 667.0951 | -2.47 | 0.014 | -2954.876 | -339.5401 |
| _Ieventtime_7 | -1959.682 | 769.9171 | -2.55 | 0.011 | -3468.907 | -450.4582 |
| age_p | | | | | | |
| 25 | -707.3328 | 1686.601 | -0.42 | 0.675 | -4013.479 | 2598.813 |
| 26 | 201.8116 | 1537.017 | 0.13 | 0.896 | -2811.115 | 3214.738 |
| 27 | 728.0822 | 1295.447 | 0.56 | 0.574 | -1811.309 | 3267.473 |
| 28 | 2086.725 | 1292.587 | 1.61 | 0.106 | -447.0585 | 4620.508 |
| 29 | 1905.963 | 1309.798 | 1.46 | 0.146 | -661.5597 | 4473.485 |
| 30 | 3721.27 | 1280.659 | 2.91 | 0.004 | 1210.867 | 6231.673 |
| 31 | 5824.931 | 1273.326 | 4.57 | 0.000 | 3328.902 | 8320.959 |
| 32 | 7293.578 | 1298.051 | 5.62 | 0.000 | 4749.084 | 9838.073 |
| 33 | 6947.581 | 1271.95 | 5.46 | 0.000 | 4454.251 | 9440.912 |
| 34 | 7552.618 | 1278.196 | 5.91 | 0.000 | 5047.044 | 10058.19 |
| 35 | 8690.682 | 1264.423 | 6.87 | 0.000 | 6212.106 | 11169.26 |
| 36 | 10080.56 | 1269.51 | 7.94 | 0.000 | 7592.014 | 12569.13 |
| 37 | 11420.43 | 1286.046 | 8.88 | 0.000 | 8899.469 | 13941.39 |
| 38 | 12448.97 | 1279.324 | 9.73 | 0.000 | 9941.188 | 14956.76 |
| 39 | 12986.7 | 1270.599 | 10.22 | 0.000 | 10496.02 | 15477.38 |
| 40 | 12586.92 | 1294.213 | 9.73 | 0.000 | 10049.95 | 15123.89 |
| 41 | 15107.79 | 1305.195 | 11.58 | 0.000 | 12549.29 | 17666.29 |
| 42 | 14932.27 | 1325.96 | 11.26 | 0.000 | 12333.06 | 17531.47 |
| 43 | 14267.04 | 1334.898 | 10.69 | 0.000 | 11650.31 | 16883.76 |
| 44 | 17085.57 | 1403.433 | 12.17 | 0.000 | 14334.5 | 19836.64 |
| 45 | 18427.88 | 1379.927 | 13.35 | 0.000 | 15722.89 | 21132.87 |
| 46 | 15799.66 | 1560.398 | 10.13 | 0.000 | 12740.9 | 18858.42 |
| 47 | 18362.93 | 1543.219 | 11.90 | 0.000 | 15337.85 | 21388.01 |
| 48 | 13118.54 | 1871.854 | 7.01 | 0.000 | 9449.254 | 16787.83 |
| 49 | 18252.78 | 2289.38 | 7.01 | 0.000 | 13765.04 | 22740.52 |
| 50 | 9186.085 | 2220.924 | 4.14 | 0.000 | 4832.536 | 13539.63 |
| year_cotiz | | | | | | |
| 2012 | -272.4029 | 599.4475 | -0.45 | 0.650 | -1447.465 | 902.6595 |
| 2013 | -451.2697 | 600.5686 | -0.75 | 0.452 | -1628.53 | 725.9904 |
| 2014 | 315.1192 | 711.4231 | 0.44 | 0.658 | -1079.443 | 1709.683 |
| 2015 | 806.129 | 787.046 | 1.02 | 0.306 | -736.672 | 2348.93 |
| 2016 | 1108.78 | 865.8198 | 1.28 | 0.200 | -588.437 | 2805.996 |
| 2017 | 2044.366 | 941.2582 | 2.17 | 0.030 | 199.2717 | 3889.4 |
| 2018 | 3172.28 | 1017.206 | 3.12 | 0.002 | 1178.309 | 5166.25 |
| 2019 | 4342.809 | 1156.459 | 3.76 | 0.000 | 2075.869 | 6609.748 |
| _cons | 7280.048 | 1427.611 | 5.10 | 0.000 | 4481.584 | 10078.51 |

TABLE A3: Regression for earnings of mothers with tertiary education

Linear regression Number of obs 3,311 F(36, 3274) =
Prob > F =
R-squared =
Root MSE = 68.26 0.0000

0.1204 11241

| earnings | Coefficient | Robust std. err. | t | P> t | [95% conf. | intervall |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| | COCTITUTE | | | | [33% com: | Incci varj |
| _Ieventtime_1 | -2066.25 | 965.3801 | -2.14 | 0.032 | -3959.06 | -173.4405 |
| _Ieventtime_2 | -682.8742 | 803.6764 | -0.85 | 0.396 | -2258.634 | 892.8851 |
| _Ieventtime_4 | -699.9919 | 822.5712 | -0.85 | 0.395 | -2312.798 | 912.8142 |
| _Ieventtime_5 | -1769.814 | 1015.33 | -1.74 | 0.081 | -3760.56 | 220.9315 |
| _Ieventtime_6 | -163.6969 | 1219.076 | -0.13 | 0.893 | -2553.925 | 2226.532 |
| _Ieventtime_7 | -37.54731 | 1416.4 | -0.03 | 0.979 | -2814.666 | 2739.572 |
| age_p | | | | | | |
| 29 | 7818.398 | 2093.405 | 3.73 | 0.000 | 3713.882 | 11922.91 |
| 30 | 14247.2 | 2113.825 | 6.74 | 0.000 | 10102.65 | 18391.76 |
| 31 | 16675.29 | 1733.018 | 9.62 | 0.000 | 13277.38 | 20073.2 |
| 32 | 20377.98 | 1182.5 | 17.23 | 0.000 | 18059.46 | 22696.49 |
| 33 | 18974.32 | 1218.421 | 15.57 | 0.000 | 16585.37 | 21363.26 |
| 34 | 19930.46 | 1311.514 | 15.20 | 0.000 | 17358.99 | 22501.93 |
| 35 | 20132.11 | 891.8537 | 22.57 | 0.000 | 18383.46 | 21880.75 |
| 36 | 20282.12 | 901.4359 | 22.50 | 0.000 | 18514.69 | 22049.56 |
| 37 | 22061.84 | 913.2964 | 24.16 | 0.000 | 20271.15 | 23852.53 |
| 38 | 23174.58 | 944.6354 | 24.53 | 0.000 | 21322.44 | 25026.71 |
| 39 | 23068.86 | 790.1662 | 29.19 | 0.000 | 21519.59 | 24618.13 |
| 40 | 23454.96 | 826.6867 | 28.37 | 0.000 | 21834.08 | 25075.83 |
| 41 | 26691.85 | 863.6019 | 30.91 | 0.000 | 24998.59 | 28385.1 |
| 42 | 25393.65 | 994.8111 | 25.53 | 0.000 | 23443.14 | 27344.17 |
| 43 | 24946.79 | 913.7462 | 27.30 | 0.000 | 23155.22 | 26738.36 |
| 44 | 28632.9 | 1042.745 | 27.46 | 0.000 | 26588.41 | 30677.4 |
| 45 | 30236.26 | 1016.781 | 29.74 | 0.000 | 28242.67 | 32229.85 |
| 46 | 35927.48 | 1251.184 | 28.71 | 0.000 | 33474.29 | 38380.66 |
| 47 | 28710.68 | 1495.698 | 19.20 | 0.000 | 25778.08 | 31643.28 |
| 48 | 21337.71 | 1818.821 | 11.73 | 0.000 | 17771.57 | 24903.85 |
| 49 | 30499.93 | 2551.28 | 11.95 | 0.000 | 25497.67 | 35502.2 |
| 50 | 18869.16 | 4006.959 | 4.71 | 0.000 | 11012.76 | 26725.56 |
| year_cotiz | | | | | | |
| 2012 | -1286.815 | 1080.449 | -1.19 | 0.234 | -3405.238 | 831.6089 |
| 2013 | -1657.122 | 1095.087 | -1.51 | 0.130 | -3804.246 | 490.0022 |
| 2014 | -1172.05 | 1287.896 | -0.91 | 0.363 | -3697.213 | 1353.113 |
| 2015 | -1085.456 | 1429.178 | -0.76 | 0.448 | -3887.629 | 1716.718 |
| 2016 | -1292.277 | 1581.696 | -0.82 | 0.414 | -4393.491 | 1808.938 |
| 2017 | -606.3723 | 1720.572 | -0.35 | 0.725 | -3979.878 | 2767.134 |
| 2018 | 245.8534 | 1867.16 | 0.13 | 0.895 | -3415.066 | 3906.773 |
| 2019 | 1085.596 | 2142.946 | 0.51 | 0.612 | -3116.054 | 5287.246 |
| _cons | 2162.425 | 1471.58 | 1.47 | 0.142 | -722.8851 | 5047.735 |

TABLE A4: Regression for earnings of mothers without tertiary education

Number of obs = 5,250 F(40, 5209) = 26.79 Prob > F = 0.0000 R-squared = 0.1451 Root MSE = 7374.8 Linear regression

| | | Robust | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|
| earnings | Coefficient | std. err. | t | P> t | [95% conf. | interval] |
| _Ieventtime_1 | -166.2016 | 513.3568 | -0.32 | 0.746 | -1172.596 | 840.1931 |
| _Ieventtime_2 | -219.3157 | 424.2569 | -0.52 | 0.605 | -1051.037 | 612.4058 |
| _Ieventtime_4 | -1537.315 | 437.8679 | -3.51 | 0.000 | -2395.72 | -678.9103 |
| _Ieventtime_5 | -2649.149 | 528.4651 | -5.01 | 0.000 | -3685.162 | -1613.135 |
| _Ieventtime_6 | -2354.35 | 635.1083 | -3.71 | 0.000 | -3599.428 | -1109.271 |
| _Ieventtime_7 | -2937.843 | 729.5332 | -4.03 | 0.000 | -4368.034 | -1507.652 |
| age_p | | | | | | |
| 25 | -629.7262 | 1735.249 | -0.36 | 0.717 | -4031.543 | 2772.091 |
| 26 | 318.2215 | 1580.638 | 0.20 | 0.840 | -2780.492 | 3416.935 |
| 27 | 1389.924 | 1342.066 | 1.04 | 0.300 | -1241.089 | 4020.937 |
| 28 | 2159.904 | 1344.471 | 1.61 | 0.108 | -475.8225 | 4795.631 |
| 29 | 2149.001 | 1360.587 | 1.58 | 0.114 | -518.3198 | 4816.323 |
| 30 | 3426.232 | 1322.41 | 2.59 | 0.010 | 833.7526 | 6018.711 |
| 31 | 5849.494 | 1324.644 | 4.42 | 0.000 | 3252.636 | 8446.353 |
| 32 | 4804.398 | 1311.728 | 3.66 | 0.000 | 2232.861 | 7375.934 |
| 33 | 5494.975 | 1303.267 | 4.22 | 0.000 | 2940.024 | 8049.926 |
| 34 | 5684.431 | 1302.171 | 4.37 | 0.000 | 3131.63 | 8237.232 |
| 35 | 6579.567 | 1309.621 | 5.02 | 0.000 | 4012.161 | 9146.973 |
| 36 | 8015.533 | 1316.982 | 6.09 | 0.000 | 5433.696 | 10597.37 |
| 37 | 8764.647 | 1341.569 | 6.53 | 0.000 | 6134.609 | 11394.68 |
| 38 | 10077.68 | 1324.584 | 7.61 | 0.000 | 7480.943 | 12674.42 |
| 39 | 9773.523 | 1332.483 | 7.33 | 0.000 | 7161.296 | 12385.75 |
| 40 | 8639.611 | 1376.605 | 6.28 | 0.000 | 5940.888 | 11338.33 |
| 41 | 11067.78 | 1393.999 | 7.94 | 0.000 | 8334.957 | 13800.6 |
| 42 | 11401.81 | 1395.781 | 8.17 | 0.000 | 8665.496 | 14138.13 |
| 43 | 9184.31 | 1433.25 | 6.41 | 0.000 | 6374.538 | 11994.08 |
| 44 | 10609.19 | 1536.141 | 6.91 | 0.000 | 7597.704 | 13620.67 |
| 45 | 12224.73 | 1448.712 | 8.44 | 0.000 | 9384.643 | 15064.81 |
| 46 | 6228.602 | 1381.802 | 4.51 | 0.000 | 3519.691 | 8937.513 |
| 47 | 16013.34 | 1753.085 | 9.13 | 0.000 | 12576.55 | 19450.12 |
| 48 | 9038.16 | 2526.071 | 3.58 | 0.000 | 4086.001 | 13990.32 |
| 49 | 9649.751 | 1487.762 | 6.49 | 0.000 | 6733.114 | 12566.39 |
| 50 | 7194.663 | 1882.215 | 3.82 | 0.000 | 3504.731 | 10884.59 |
| year_cotiz | | | | | | |
| 2012 | 142.4798 | 564.85 | 0.25 | 0.801 | -964.8631 | 1249.823 |
| 2013 | 15.70461 | 573.4892 | 0.03 | 0.978 | -1108.575 | 1139.984 |
| 2014 | 883.6924 | 680.6658 | 1.30 | 0.194 | -450.6981 | 2218.083 |
| 2015 | 1556.266 | 755.413 | 2.06 | 0.039 | 75.33912 | 3037.192 |
| 2016 | 2109.871 | 829.0559 | 2.54 | 0.011 | 484.5736 | 3735.168 |
| 2017 | 3131.186 | 904.0283 | 3.46 | 0.001 | 1358.911 | 4903.46 |
| 2018 | 4337.199 | 977.6822 | 4.44 | 0.000 | 2420.532 | 6253.867 |
| 2019 | 5844.184 | 1113.315 | 5.25 | 0.000 | 3661.62 | 8026.748 |
| _cons | 6554.963 | 1454.881 | 4.51 | 0.000 | 3702.785 | 9407.141 |

TABLE A5: Regression for earnings of fathers with tertiary education

| Linear regression | Number of obs | = | 903 |
|-------------------|---------------|---|--------|
| | F(32, 870) | = | 7.40 |
| | Prob > F | = | 0.0000 |
| | R-squared | = | 0.1389 |
| | Root MSE | = | 11008 |

| | | Robust | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|
| earnings | Coefficient | std. err. | t | P> t | [95% conf. | interval] |
| _Ieventtime_1 | 3708.962 | 1842.953 | 2.01 | 0.044 | 91.80858 | 7326.116 |
| _Ieventtime_2 | 2781.761 | 1538.942 | 1.81 | 0.071 | -238.7112 | 5802.234 |
| _Ieventtime_4 | -1910.622 | 1651.573 | -1.16 | 0.248 | -5152.156 | 1330.912 |
| _Ieventtime_5 | -3415.294 | 2042.723 | -1.67 | 0.095 | -7424.535 | 593.9484 |
| _Ieventtime_6 | -5316.264 | 2512.214 | -2.12 | 0.035 | -10246.97 | -385.5566 |
| _Ieventtime_7 | -6112.706 | 2926.101 | -2.09 | 0.037 | -11855.75 | -369.6626 |
| age_p | | | | | | |
| 31 | 4390.392 | 3092.654 | 1.42 | 0.156 | -1679.543 | 10460.33 |
| 32 | 374.4324 | 2760.435 | 0.14 | 0.892 | -5043.459 | 5792.324 |
| 33 | 9200.079 | 3434.743 | 2.68 | 0.008 | 2458.728 | 15941.43 |
| 35 | 12449.42 | 2385.924 | 5.22 | 0.000 | 7766.578 | 17132.26 |
| 36 | 10522.24 | 2537.401 | 4.15 | 0.000 | 5542.098 | 15502.38 |
| 37 | 9234.157 | 2306.593 | 4.00 | 0.000 | 4707.019 | 13761.3 |
| 38 | 297.8001 | 2581.675 | 0.12 | 0.908 | -4769.24 | 5364.84 |
| 39 | 12318.6 | 2394.38 | 5.14 | 0.000 | 7619.165 | 17018.04 |
| 40 | 10590.2 | 2314.09 | 4.58 | 0.000 | 6048.348 | 15132.05 |
| 41 | 11476.3 | 2292.298 | 5.01 | 0.000 | 6977.224 | 15975.39 |
| 42 | 7308.213 | 2784.977 | 2.62 | 0.009 | 1842.153 | 12774.27 |
| 43 | 8531.811 | 2247.312 | 3.80 | 0.000 | 4121.024 | 12942.6 |
| 44 | 16483.87 | 2272.564 | 7.25 | 0.000 | 12023.52 | 20944.22 |
| 45 | 15271.71 | 2427.855 | 6.29 | 0.000 | 10506.57 | 20036.84 |
| 46 | 5693.1 | 2792.116 | 2.04 | 0.042 | 213.0297 | 11173.17 |
| 47 | 11134.07 | 2422.664 | 4.60 | 0.000 | 6379.115 | 15889.01 |
| 48 | 5574.011 | 2022.271 | 2.76 | 0.006 | 1604.912 | 9543.111 |
| 49 | 7777.464 | 2860.623 | 2.72 | 0.007 | 2162.936 | 13391.99 |
| year_cotiz | | | | | | |
| 2012 | 2198.771 | 1845.426 | 1.19 | 0.234 | -1423.236 | 5820.779 |
| 2013 | 3747.249 | 1955.71 | 1.92 | 0.056 | -91.21306 | 7585.711 |
| 2014 | 6726.361 | 2428.438 | 2.77 | 0.006 | 1960.079 | 11492.64 |
| 2015 | 9671.747 | 2798.221 | 3.46 | 0.001 | 4179.694 | 15163.8 |
| 2016 | 12036.71 | 3154.28 | 3.82 | 0.000 | 5845.821 | 18227.6 |
| 2017 | 14878.17 | 3502.382 | 4.25 | 0.000 | 8004.069 | 21752.28 |
| 2018 | 17512.6 | 3854.069 | 4.54 | 0.000 | 9948.236 | 25076.96 |
| 2019 | 18955.2 | 4428.596 | 4.28 | 0.000 | 10263.22 | 27647.18 |
| _cons | 11217.29 | 2803.514 | 4.00 | 0.000 | 5714.849 | 16719.73 |

TABLE A6: Regression for earnings of fathers without tertiary education

2,037 Linear regression Number of obs F(37, 1999) =
Prob > F =
R-squared =
Root MSE = 7.77 0.0000

0.0779 9868.2

| | | Robust | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|
| earnings | Coefficient | std. err. | t | P> t | [95% conf. | interval] |
| _Ieventtime_1 | -466.6257 | 1134.43 | -0.41 | 0.681 | -2691.415 | 1758.164 |
| _Ieventtime_2 | 2.433305 | 950.14 | 0.00 | 0.998 | -1860.935 | 1865.802 |
| _Ieventtime_4 | 297.1527 | 944.3179 | 0.31 | 0.753 | -1554.798 | 2149.103 |
| _Ieventtime_5 | -52.80381 | 1142.893 | -0.05 | 0.963 | -2294.189 | 2188.582 |
| _Ieventtime_6 | 372.2487 | 1375.089 | 0.27 | 0.787 | -2324.508 | 3069.006 |
| _Ieventtime_7 | 395.1698 | 1594.058 | 0.25 | 0.804 | -2731.018 | 3521.358 |
| age_p | | | | | | |
| 28 | -3878.185 | 4002.133 | -0.97 | 0.333 | -11726.97 | 3970.603 |
| 29 | 1256.128 | 6025.117 | 0.21 | 0.835 | -10560.04 | 13072.3 |
| 30 | -7051.613 | 4080.42 | -1.73 | 0.084 | -15053.94 | 950.7088 |
| 31 | -2695.364 | 4057.144 | -0.66 | 0.507 | -10652.04 | 5261.309 |
| 32 | -1698.82 | 4059.549 | -0.42 | 0.676 | -9660.211 | 6262.571 |
| 33 | 1004 | 4344.491 | 0.23 | 0.817 | -7516.204 | 9524.205 |
| 34 | 2201.973 | 4097.619 | 0.54 | 0.591 | -5834.078 | 10238.02 |
| 35 | 757.4781 | 4087.011 | 0.19 | 0.853 | -7257.77 | 8772.726 |
| 36 | 12.3491 | 4046.586 | 0.00 | 0.998 | -7923.619 | 7948.317 |
| 37 | 5503.33 | 4038.37 | 1.36 | 0.173 | -2416.526 | 13423.19 |
| 38 | 450.1639 | 3976.395 | 0.11 | 0.910 | -7348.148 | 8248.476 |
| 39 | 3569.736 | 4109.681 | 0.87 | 0.385 | -4489.97 | 11629.44 |
| 40 | 2215.593 | 3992.387 | 0.55 | 0.579 | -5614.084 | 10045.27 |
| 41 | 3110.792 | 4034.466 | 0.77 | 0.441 | -4801.408 | 11022.99 |
| 42 | 4299.374 | 4043.427 | 1.06 | 0.288 | -3630.399 | 12229.15 |
| 43 | 3737.285 | 4041.092 | 0.92 | 0.355 | -4187.908 | 11662.48 |
| 44 | 4339.623 | 4018.945 | 1.08 | 0.280 | -3542.137 | 12221.38 |
| 45 | -596.5045 | 4034.119 | -0.15 | 0.882 | -8508.022 | 7315.013 |
| 46 | 4200.947 | 4096.039 | 1.03 | 0.305 | -3832.006 | 12233.9 |
| 47 | 860.0926 | 4283.989 | 0.20 | 0.841 | -7541.458 | 9261.643 |
| 48 | 507.5207 | 4300.251 | 0.12 | 0.906 | -7925.923 | 8940.964 |
| 49 | -4929.194 | 4333.362 | -1.14 | 0.255 | -13427.57 | 3569.185 |
| 50 | 452.7474 | 4143.322 | 0.11 | 0.913 | -7672.935 | 8578.43 |
| year_cotiz | | | | | | |
| 2012 | 149.5745 | 1218.218 | 0.12 | 0.902 | -2239.535 | 2538.683 |
| 2013 | -433.4743 | 1212.814 | -0.36 | 0.721 | -2811.987 | 1945.038 |
| 2014 | 215.0874 | 1461.775 | 0.15 | 0.883 | -2651.675 | 3081.85 |
| 2015 | 971.1397 | 1626.373 | 0.60 | 0.550 | -2218.423 | 4160.703 |
| 2016 | 1456.549 | 1799.451 | 0.81 | 0.418 | -2072.446 | 4985.544 |
| 2017 | 2586.081 | 1962.076 | 1.32 | 0.188 | -1261.847 | 6434.008 |
| 2018 | 3091.18 | 2142.822 | 1.44 | 0.149 | -1111.218 | 7293.577 |
| 2019 | 4074.834 | 2483.1 | 1.64 | 0.101 | -794.9001 | 8944.569 |
| _cons | 15957.43 | 4220.792 | 3.78 | 0.000 | 7679.817 | 24235.04 |

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