

Abstract

This paper uses data from The Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) for year 2013 to estimate the effect of family size on parent's wellbeing. To address the possible endogeneity in family size we use "multiple births" as exogenous origin of variation in family size. First finding shows insignificant effect of the additional child on parent's wellbeing. However, when we examine if the effect of number of children is significantly different for men and for women, we receive significant results. The number of children positively influences mother's wellbeing, but for fathers, there do not exist clear result. Finally, we examine if big family is poor family and our finding reveals, that number of children positively increases income of household.

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