

Table 1: Summary statistics

	All children		Children experiencing parental divorce		Children with intact family	
	Mean (1)	S.D. (2)	Mean (3)	S.D. (4)	Mean (5)	S.D. (6)
University admission at age 18	0.145	(0.352)	0.080	(0.272)	0.147	(0.354)
Public university admission at age 18	0.054	(0.227)	0.027	(0.161)	0.055	(0.228)
Parental divorce	0.021	(0.144)	1.000		0.000	
Parental job loss due to firm closure	0.010	(0.096)	0.018	(0.131)	0.009	(0.095)
Mother	0.005	(0.071)	0.010	(0.097)	0.005	(0.070)
Father	0.005	(0.070)	0.009	(0.095)	0.005	(0.069)
Children's characteristics						
Sex (Male = 1; Female = 0)	0.510	(0.500)	0.513	(0.500)	0.510	(0.500)
Second birth	0.445	(0.497)	0.534	(0.499)	0.443	(0.497)
Third or later birth	0.183	(0.387)	0.202	(0.401)	0.183	(0.386)
Birth weight (kg)	3.263	(0.455)	3.266	(0.462)	3.263	(0.454)
Year of birth	1982	(1.681)	1983	(1.427)	1982	(1.680)
Demographic controls						
Family size	2.923	(0.848)	2.927	(0.921)	2.923	(0.846)
Mother's age at first birth	23.261	(3.220)	21.755	(3.225)	23.293	(3.212)
Mother's year of birth	1957	(3.422)	1959	(3.423)	1957	(3.408)
Father's year of birth	1954	(3.827)	1955	(3.942)	1954	(3.817)
born in urban area	0.361	(0.480)	0.393	(0.488)	0.360	(0.480)
Maternal education level						
college degree+	0.021	(0.144)	0.013	(0.112)	0.021	(0.144)
professional degree	0.010	(0.099)	0.007	(0.081)	0.010	(0.099)
high school diploma	0.047	(0.212)	0.048	(0.214)	0.047	(0.212)
vocational high school diploma	0.189	(0.392)	0.175	(0.380)	0.189	(0.392)
junior high school diploma	0.257	(0.437)	0.308	(0.462)	0.255	(0.436)
Primary school diploma	0.475	(0.499)	0.449	(0.497)	0.476	(0.499)
Paternal education level						
college degree+	0.048	(0.214)	0.030	(0.172)	0.048	(0.215)
professional degree	0.018	(0.134)	0.013	(0.115)	0.018	(0.135)
high school diploma	0.075	(0.264)	0.072	(0.258)	0.076	(0.264)
vocational high school diploma	0.221	(0.415)	0.205	(0.404)	0.221	(0.415)
junior high school diploma	0.235	(0.424)	0.299	(0.458)	0.234	(0.423)
Primary school diploma	0.401	(0.490)	0.379	(0.485)	0.402	(0.490)
Number of children	1,073,833		22,811		1,051,022	
Number of mothers	481,459					

Note: Children are selected from families with at least two children born between September 1979 and August 1985. We exclude children from families with multiple births, displaced parents due to other reasons than firm closure, mothers who were not married when giving birth, half-siblings. Families with children who do not have birthweight information are also excluded. Urban areas are Taipei, Hsingchu, Taichung, Tainan, and Kaohsiung cities. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1.

Table 2: The effects of parental divorce on university admission at age 18

	All university admission			Public university admission		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	OLS	OLS+controls	Mother FE	OLS	OLS+controls	Mother FE
Divorce before 18	-0.0768*** (0.0018)	-0.0482*** (0.0018)	-0.0156*** (0.0037)	-0.0313*** (0.0011)	-0.0185*** (0.0011)	-0.0086*** (0.0024)
Individual characteristics	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parental characteristics		X	--		X	--
Household variables		X	--		X	--
Number of observations: 1,073,832						
Number of mothers: 481,459						

Notes: The dependent variable is a dummy variable indicating admission to a university (or a public university) at age 18. The indicated individual characteristics are gender, birthweight, birth parity, and school year of birth. Parental characteristics are mother's year of birth, father's year of birth, mother's education level, father's education level, and mother's age at first birth and its squared term. Household variables are county of residence and number of siblings. Robust standard errors are in parentheses. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1.

Table 3: The effects of parental job loss on university admission at age 18

	All university admission			Public university admission		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	OLS+controls	Mother FE	Mother FE	OLS+controls	Mother FE	Mother FE
Job loss (either parent)	-0.0096*** (0.0035)	0.0083 (0.0053)		-0.0029 (0.0023)	0.0075** (0.0037)	
Job loss (father)			0.0004 (0.0075)			0.0036 (0.0052)
Job loss (mother)			0.0167** (0.0070)			0.0101** (0.0049)
Individual characteristics	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parental characteristics	X	--	--	X	--	--
Household variables	X	--	--	X	--	--
Number of observations: 1,073,832						
Number of mothers: 481,459						

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Table 4: Average time (in minutes) per weekday spent on housekeeping and parenting

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Employed	Not employed	(2)-(1)
Females	82.1 N = 1,041	106.4 N = 963	24.3***
Males	18.0 N = 1,637	21.2 N = 335	3.2

Notes: The data are from Taiwan's Time Use Survey, 2000 and 2004. We calculate the average amount of time spent on housekeeping and parenting from 6pm to 9am the next morning for married men and women who were at the ages between 40 and 55 during the sample period. N refers to number of observations. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1.

Table 5: The effects of parental divorce duration on university admission at age 18

	All university admission		Public university admission	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Mother FE	Mother FE	Mother FE	Mother FE
Divorce before 18	-0.0156*** (0.0037)	-0.0079* (0.0043)	-0.0086*** (0.0024)	-0.0067** (0.0027)
Divorce before 18 x time length x 100		-0.0017*** (0.0005)		-0.0004 (0.0003)
Individual characteristics	X	X	X	X
Parental characteristics	--	--	--	--
Household variables	--	--	--	--
Number of observations: 1,073,832				
Number of mothers: 481,459				

Notes: The dependent variable is a dummy variable indicating admission to a university (or a public university) at age 18. The indicated individual characteristics are gender, birthweight, birth parity, and school year of birth. Parental characteristics are mother's year of birth, father's year of birth, mother's education level, father's education level, and mother's age at first birth and its squared term. Household variables are county of residence and number of siblings. Robust standard errors are in parentheses. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1.

Table 6: The effects of parental divorce and job loss on university admission at age 18

	All university admission			Public university admission		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	OLS+controls	Mother FE	Mother FE	OLS+controls	Mother FE	Mother FE
Divorce before 18	-0.0482*** (0.0018)	-0.0157*** (0.0037)	-0.0157*** (0.0037)	-0.0184*** (0.0011)	-0.0086*** (0.0024)	-0.0086*** (0.0024)
Job loss (either parent)	-0.0092*** (0.0035)	0.0083 (0.0053)		-0.0027 (0.0023)	0.0075** (0.0037)	
Job loss (father)			0.0004 (0.0075)			0.0036 (0.0052)
Job loss (mother)			0.0168** (0.0070)			0.0101** (0.0049)
Individual characteristics	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parental characteristics	X	--	--	X	--	--
Household variables	X	--	--	X	--	--
Number of observations: 1,073,832						
Number of mothers: 481,459						

Notes: The dependent variable is a dummy variable indicating admission to a university (or a public university) at age 18. The indicated individual characteristics are gender, birthweight, birth parity, and school year of birth. Parental characteristics are mother's year of birth, father's year of birth, mother's education level, father's education level, and mother's age at first birth and its squared term. Household variables are county of residence and number of siblings. Robust standard errors are in parentheses. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1.

Table 7: The effects of parental divorce on university admission at age 18 by gender

	All university admission			Public university admission		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	OLS	OLS+controls	Mother FE	OLS	OLS+controls	Mother FE
Males						
Divorce before 18	-0.0733*** (0.0030)	-0.0460*** (0.0030)	-0.0172*** (0.0060)	-0.0283*** (0.0019)	-0.0161*** (0.0019)	-0.0059 (0.0038)
Individual characteristics	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parental characteristics		X	--		X	--
Household variables		X	--		X	--
Number of observations: 355,300						
Number of mothers: 151,936						
Females						
Divorce before 18	-0.0733*** (0.0033)	-0.0480*** (0.0032)	-0.0194*** (0.0063)	-0.0293*** (0.0019)	-0.0181*** (0.0019)	-0.0067* (0.0037)
Individual characteristics	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parental characteristics		X	--		X	--
Household variables		X	--		X	--
Number of observations: 345,107						
Number of mothers: 139,943						

Notes: The indicated individual characteristics are gender, birthweight, birth parity, and school year of birth. Parental characteristics are mother's year of birth, father's year of birth, mother's education level, father's education level, and mother's age at first birth and its squared term. Household variables are county of residence and number of siblings. Robust standard errors are in parentheses. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1.