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The Impact of Marriage Dissolution on Children's Education Outcome: The Case of Mexico

Abstract:

This article analyzes the effect of the changes in the parents' marital status including the dissolution of marriage on the school dropout of a child using the sample of children from the Mexican Family Life Survey (MFLS) 2002 and 2005 panels using probit models. We incorporate a comprehensive list of control factors that may affect the likelihood of school dropout of a child including financial conditions, economic activities of the household, the household preference for the education of children, family structure, and the characteristics of the child. We find that a child of divorced parents faces a substantially higher probability of school dropout than a child of currently married parents. In addition, we find a more substantial negative impact of the recent dissolution of marriage on the school attendance of older children than younger children.

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