

The Opportunity Cost of Having Children: Its Difference among Wives' Occupations

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This paper examines how the opportunity cost of having children differs according to wives' occupations. The analysis of the data of the 10th National Fertility Survey (Couples) yields the following results: (1) although professional/managerial occupation provides higher compatibility of work and family matters, the rate of having children of them stays the same level as those of the rest; (2) as for clerical/sales/service and manual, the compatibility is lower with clericals more so. Based on these results, the authors argue that the desirable measure to develop the compatibility differs from one occupation to another.