

Family labor supply, commuting time, and residential decisions: the case of Tokyo Metropolitan Area

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Abstract

In this paper, I build a model of family labor supply and residential location choice that explicitly incorporates full-time work and part-time work of married women. The model is able to explain why women's participation patterns in full-time and part-time work differ significantly in areas that are geographically close but differ in real estate prices. The model suggests that high commuting costs could be one of the obstacles for women's full-time employment in places like the Tokyo Metropolitan Area.

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