

ABSTRACT

We use the 2019 Time Use Survey conducted by NSSO and see how mothers are allocating their time in childcare. We identify 76,102 mothers from the dataset. They are mapped to the household head as self, spouse of the head, daughter and daughter-in-law. We compare the mothers' time use across their different education levels and employment status according to the age of their youngest child. We see if more educated mothers are spending more time in childcare and how they are dividing the composition of that time. For that purpose, we divide total childcare into development-related activities and care-related activities. We also analyze it with respect to working and non-working status of the mother. The main aim of this paper is to see how mothers allocate their time. So, we construct a SURE model to see the opportunity costs mothers face and the choices they make while allocating their time for childcare. The trade-offs being that of time spent in employment & learning opportunities, unpaid family work and personal care.

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