Evidence of Purposive Sorting by Families to Neighborhoods

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Purposive Choice of Neighborhood to Raise Children by Education of Mother



Quality of Neighborhood for Child Rearing Improves with Education of the Mother



Figure 1: Average Income in Area of Residence and Moving Pattern, by Time to/from Birth of First Child

Average Income in Area of Residence Relative to Country Average

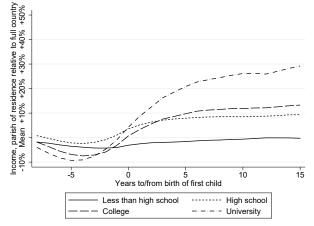




Figure 2: Family Moves to New Parish, by Time to/from Birth of First Child

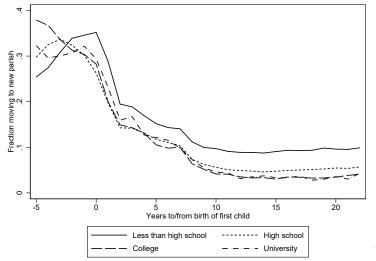




Figure 3: Move to New Parish, by Time to/from Birth of First Child (Conditional on Move during First Child's Childhood)

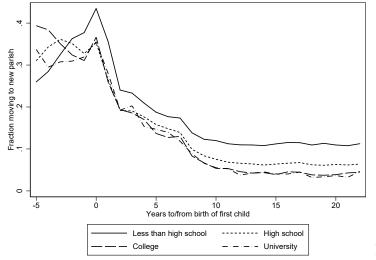
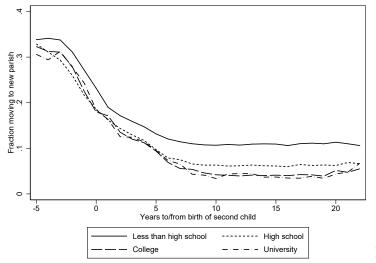




Figure 4: Move to New Parish, By Time to/from Birth of Second Child (Conditional on Move during First Child's Childhood)



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Location Choice

- Most moves made by young parents prior to the start of school.
- ② Gaps in neighborhood quality remain large and persist during adolescence.



Family Moves Not Random



Should We Break Up Neighborhoods?



Busing? Forced Relocation?



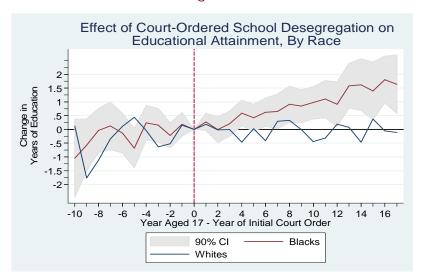
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Purposive Sorting

U.S. Data on Busing African Americans Ambiguous



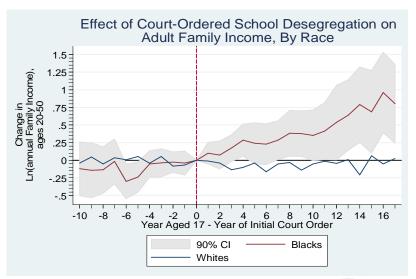
Figure 5



Source: Johnson (2011).



Figure 6



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Busing in Denmark: Migrants' Children

	Math Test Score	Distress
Effect of Busing	-0.220**	0.239*
	(0.096)	(0.132)
Source:	Table 6	Table 8
in Damm, Mattana, and Nielsen (2021).		

