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Abstract

Very few studies on intergenerational achievement consider the high correlation between separate measures of parental socioeconomic position and possible life course variation in their significance for children. We analyse how socioeconomic characteristics of mothers and fathers over children's life course explain children's occupational outcomes in adulthood. Using Finnish register data, we matched the occupational position (ISEI) of 29,282 children with information on parents' education, occupational class and income when children are 0–4, 5–9, 10–14, 15–19, 20–24 and 25–29 years old. We fit three-level random effects linear regression models and decompose family-level variance of siblings' ISEI by each measure of parental status. We show that parental education explains family variation in siblings' occupation most and income explains it least. Status characteristics of fathers together explain

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