

# Sooner or Later- The Influence of Insecurity on the Timing of First Birth

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## Abstract

Economic circumstances are a major determinant of the family planning of young couples. Being employed in insecure jobs creates uncertainty about the future which influences behavior. This paper examines the question whether couples delay parenthood into later periods of their careers when faced with insecurity. Using data from the German Socio-Economic Panel and event history-models it can be shown that job insecurity does not matter for women nor men. But job satisfaction does for females showing that occupational circumstances affect the fertility decision.

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