

Abstract

As the population continues to age, it is important to determine what motivates people to opt for early retirement. This thesis investigates the social determinants of early retirement with a primary focus on the role of a living parent. A logistic regression is performed on data from the Czech Republic, southern and northern Europe. Our results suggest that workers with at least one living parent are more likely to plan early retirement in the Czech Republic and southern Europe, and less likely to do so in northern Europe. Moreover, wider family background motivates the workers to retire earlier. Our findings imply that improved formal care and flexible working arrangements may offer a solution to the growing number of early pensions.

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