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***Gender equity in
housework:
combining time use
and register data
from Finland***

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Time Use Surveys in Finland

Statistics Finland has conducted Time Use Surveys in 1979, 1987/88, 1998/99 and in 2009/2010

- Comparable data on time spent in various activities.
- All family members aged 10+ years keep a diary for two days

- Harmonized data collection (comparability across European countries participating in TUS, also with US data)



What we used

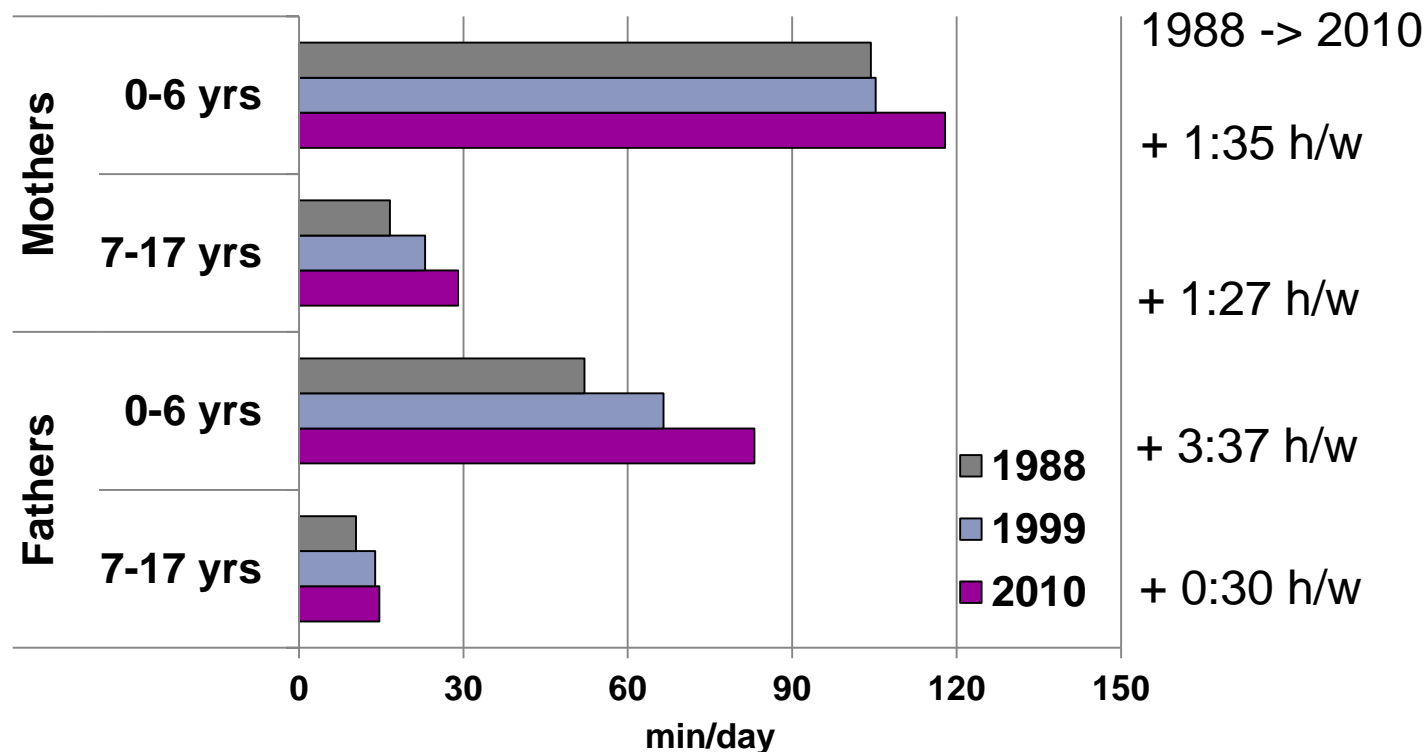
- In 2010: **time used data from 2000 households**, comprising 3800 individuals.
- Combined with **register data on subsequent fertility**





Results: Parents spend more time in childcare activities (comparison 1988-2010)

Time use in childcare activities, employed mothers and fathers (min/day)
Families with below school-age children (0-6 yrs) and school-age children (7-17 yrs)



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Gender equality in employment and domestic tasks increases- but slowly

Men's share of time used in different activities in families (% of total time use of men and women), employed mothers and fathers of 0-6 y o children

	1988	1999	2010
Paid work	58 %	57 %	58 %
Household chores	36 %	38 %	43 %
Childcare	33 %	39 %	41 %
Total unpaid and paid work	48 %	49 %	50 %
Leisure time	54 %	54 %	52 %

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Gender division of housework and fertility: How does it matter?

Women's housework decreases fertility: Evidence from a longitudinal study among Finnish couples

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Division of housework and fertility: does it matter?

YES

Increase in a woman's housework time decreases the likelihood of childbearing

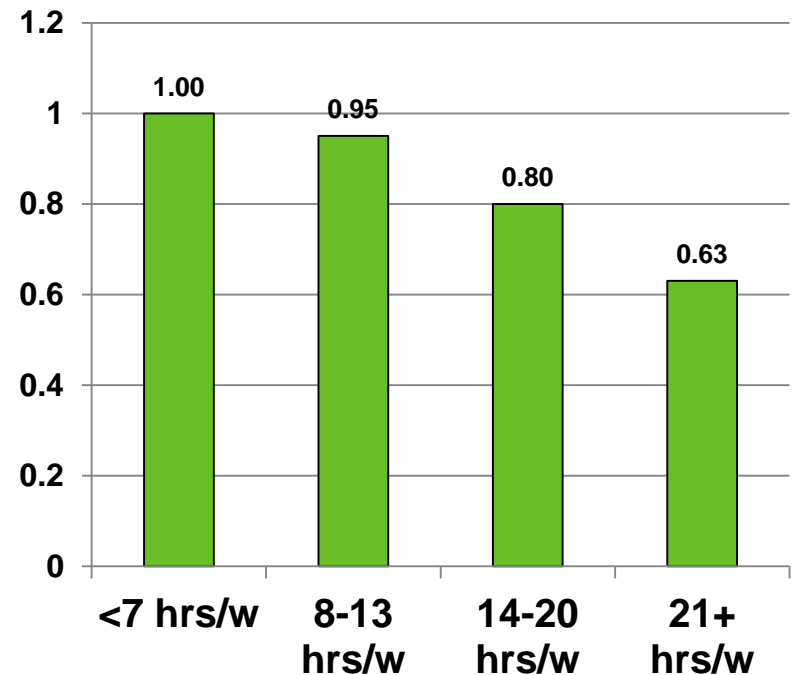
NO

Men's share of housework is not related to childbearing in couples

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Men's share of childcare tasks is positively associated with continued childbearing

Dual-earner couples and women's housework time: negative effect on fertility



Weekly housework time, women (h/w)
(on average, women in dual-earner couples spend 14.6 h/w doing housework, men 6.4 h/w)



Thank you for your attention!