

# The Effect of Age and Number of Children on Retirement Decision

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This article investigates the role/influence of age and number of children on retirement. The goal of this article is to examine if the change in the timing of childbirth is the cause of the increasing labor force participation rate of older men since the mid-1990s in the United States. For that, a life-cycle model with family size is estimated by using US data. By using the estimated model, possible life-cycle paths of the labor force participation rate are simulated. This article focuses on two groups of people: the men who retired before the mid-1990s, and those who retired after the mid-1990s. The results suggest that the second group of men retired in older age due to the changes related to the age and number of children. However, the observed increase in the labor force participation of older men in the mid-1990s cannot be explained only by referring to this effect.

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