

The Gender Gap in Japanese Household Educational Spending

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Abstract

We estimated the gender gap in household educational spending, finding that boys received more academic spending to go to cram school, while girls received more non-academic spending in areas such as music. Previous work has shown that families paid more for their sons' education in the 1980s, and this gap decreased throughout the 1990s. We extended this work by estimating the gap between 1989 and 2004, and we found that it decreased until 1999 and was no gap in academic spending at all. However, we found that in 2004, boys again received more academic spending than girls. In addition, throughout the sample period, girls received more non-academic spending than boys.

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