

Intra-household manageable income and the choice on self or other expenditures

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Abstract

This paper tries to answer how much a wife and husband want to spend their resources on herself, himself, or other expenditures. The information on income transfer within family enables us to identify the individual's division of resources for himself/herself or other household members. The estimating results of the wife's and the husband's Engel curve show that, first, an increase in manageable resources leads to an increase in both private expenditures and expenditures on others, the wife, and the husband. On average, the wife shares less private expenditures than the husband. Second, the wife and the husband tend to share different resources for the self and others when they have different manageable income levels.

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