

# Coresidence of adult children and their parents:

## Who takes care of whom?

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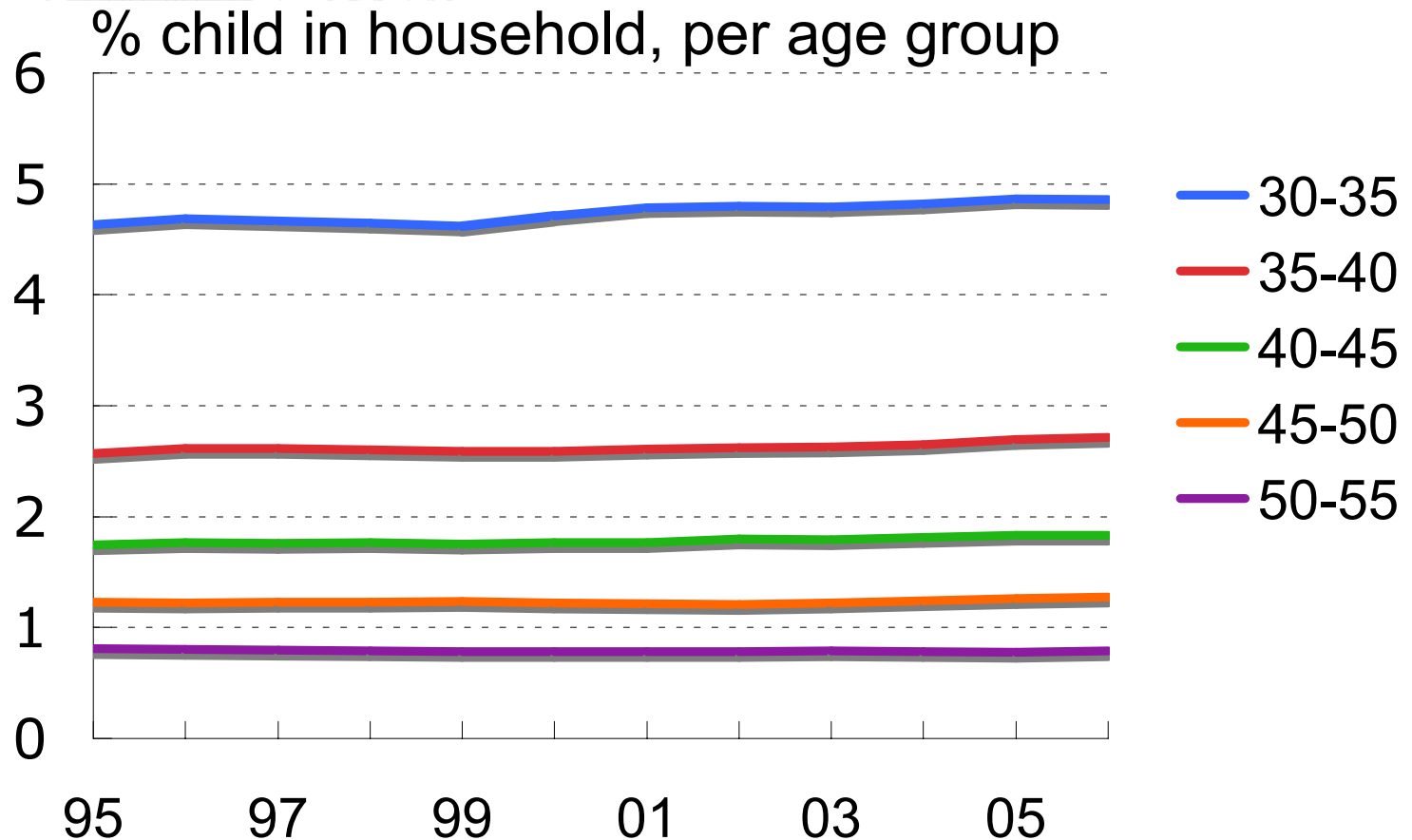


# The issue

- Transition to adulthood vs 'not willing to grow up'
- Nesting
- Returning to the nest
- Not common, certainly not in the Netherlands



# Adult child-parent coresidence in the Netherlands





# What do we know?

Elman & Uhlenberg (1995):

- Early industrialization > Late industrialization
- Joint needs
- Rational choice
- Bonding, obligations, cultural preferences

Aquilino (1990):

- Majority coresides in parents' household
- Marital status of the child
- No evidence for cultural preferences





# Today: who takes care of whom?

- Aging population → More care needs
- Changing family structures → Returning home
- Rising housing prices → Needs to reduce costs





# Determinants

## Children:

- Age
- Gender
- Income
- Source income
- Marital status
- Having children
- Migrant
- Number of siblings
- *Days in hospital/ 5 years*

## Parents

- Income
- Source income
- *Days in hospital/ 5 years*



# Data

- Social Statistical Database 2004, Statistics Netherlands
- Register Data on the whole Netherlands population (N=16,494,457)
- Linkage of children and parents
- Health indicators from hospital registers





# Selection

- Children aged 30+
- At least one parent alive
- 10% sample
- Check for people living in institutions >180 days

Both parents alive:  $N=231,287$

One parent alive:  $N=138,738$



# Descriptives

Variable	Parents live together		One parent alive	
	%	Mean	%	Mean
Coresidence	3.34		3.60	
<i>Indicators of the child</i>				
Age		39.8		48.
Days in hospital/5 years		1.7		2.
<i>Indicators of the parents</i>				
Days in hospital/5 years		5.5		9.
<i>N</i>		231,287		138,73

# Who are they?

With both parents: 3.34%

	Single	With partner	Divorced	Widowed
With both parents	75.7	17.5	6.7	0.1
Not	12.6	82.1	4.8	0.5

With both parents: 3.60%

	Single	With partner	Divorced	Widowed
With one parent	61.1	33.1	5.2	0.6
Not	10.0	79.7	8.1	2.2



# Who are they?

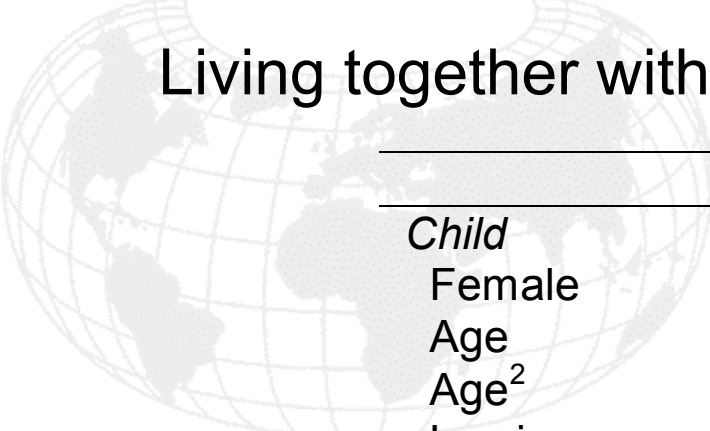
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	Work	Sickness benefit	Other benefit	Pensioned	Inactive
With both parents	74.8	7.6	6.5	0.1	11.0
Not	82.5	3.7	4.3	0.4	9.1

With both parents: 3.60%

	Work	Sickness benefit	Other benefit	Pensioned	Inactive
With one parent	65.1	10.1	10.4	4.6	9.8
Not	68.0	7.0	6.7	6.5	11.9

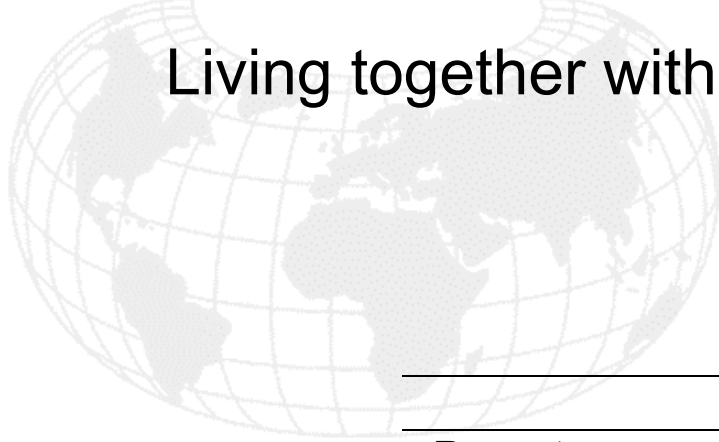
# Living together with both parents: child effects



	Odds Ratio
<i>Child</i>	
Female	.47***
Age	.98
Age <sup>2</sup>	1.00
Log income	.82***
Sickness benefit	1.17***
Other benefit	.89**
Pensioned	1.67
Inactive	.63***
Self-employed	1.39***
Western migrant	1.14***
Non-western migrant	1.81***
With partner	.07***
Divorced	.38***
Widowed	.10***
Have children at home	.37***
Number of siblings	.97
Log hospital/ 5 years	.97
<i>Pseudo R<sup>2</sup></i>	.287
<i>N</i>	231287



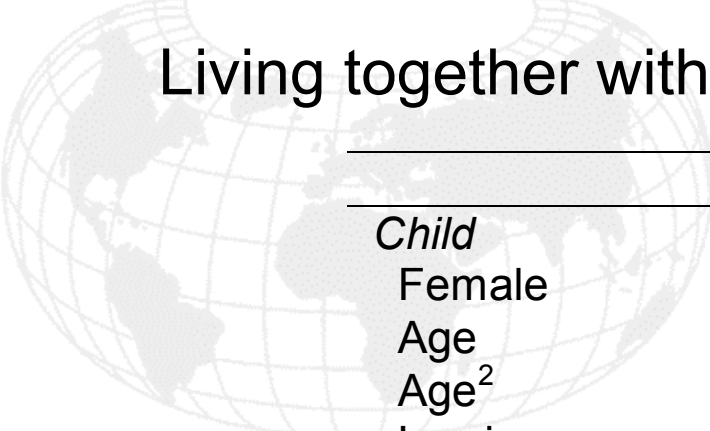
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	Odds Ratio
<i>Parent</i>	
Log income	.82***
One works	1.25***
One sickness benefit	1.34***
Both pensioned	.97
One other benefit	.67***
Log hospital/ 5 years	.98*
<i>Pseudo R<sup>2</sup></i>	.287
<i>N</i>	231287



# Living together with one parent: child effects



	Odds Ratio
<i>Child</i>	
Female	.61***
Age	.96**
Age <sup>2</sup>	1.00*
Log income	.85***
Sickness benefit	.91
Other benefit	.90*
Pensioned	.97
Inactive	.43***
Self-employed	1.21***
Western migrant	1.11**
Non-western migrant	1.18**
With partner	.08***
Divorced	.12***
Widowed	.07***
Have children at home	.57***
Number of siblings	.92**
Log hospital/ 5 years	.97
<i>Pseudo R<sup>2</sup></i>	.198
<i>N</i>	138738



# Living together with one parent: parent effects



	Odds Ratio
<i>Parent</i>	
Log income	.78***
Sickness benefit	1.10
Other benefit	1.22
Pensioned	1.27**
Log hospital/ 5 years	.96***
<i>Pseudo R<sup>2</sup></i>	.198
<i>N</i>	138738





# Conclusion

- Not with a partner
- Financial support > Physical support
- Negative effect parent's health; no significant child effects
- Beneficial for the child; not the parent



# Future

- Health care at home
- When moving in: in which home?
- Events leading to coresidence
- Changes through time
- Other countries: why different?

