

“Return Migration on Investment in Children, and Intergenerational Mobility: Comparing Sons of Foreign and Native Born Fathers”

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Abstract: This paper studies parental investment in education and intergenerational earnings mobility of father-son pairs with native and foreign born fathers. We illustrate within a simple model that for immigrants, investment in their children is related to their return migration probability. In our empirical analysis, we include a measure for return probabilities, based on repeated information about migrants' return intentions. Our results suggest that educational investments in the son are positively associated with a higher probability of a permanent migration of the father. We also find that the son's permanent wages are positively associated with the probability of the father's permanent migration. Keywords: Intergenerational mobility, return intentions, educational investment, earnings.