

# Labour market effects of individual sports activities

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## **Research question**

- > Does individual (active) participation in sports lead to 'better' labour market outcomes?
- > Potential mechanisms
  - Sports as investment in health (Grossman) → better health → higher wage
  - (Team) sports leading to better social skills
  - Sports improves self-discipline
  - Youth sports: More time spent in sports is less time available for crime etc.



## Today's lecture

- > Paper on labour market effects of adults
  - brief overview only
- > Paper on effects of cognitive and non-cognitive skills of children
  - work in progress



### Long-run labour market and health effects of individual sports activities

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- > Basic idea
  - Use long panel of adults to investigate the effects of sports participation over a long time horizon (up to 15 years)
- > Selection problem
  - Individuals with better chances on the labour market self-select into sport activities
- > Try to get reliable identification by
  - exploiting panel structure
  - use semiparametric matching methods



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## Adults: Key results (1)

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## Key results (2)

- > About 5% higher earnings due to sports (100 EUR)
- > Unlikely that this effect comes only via the health channel



## Key shortcomings

- > Sports very crudely measured
  - only intensity, not type of sports
  - no measure of other physical activities
- > Sample size not really large
- > Analysis of channels not really convincing

- Next paper investigates human capital and social capital channel in more details
  - → Relevant group for these channels: Kids!





## The impact of sports activities on children's development

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#### **Research question**

- > What is the effect of sports participation on human capital development of younger children?
- > What we know so far ...
  - Positive relationship between participation in high school sports and educational attainment & labor market outcomes
     (Long & Caudill, 1991; Meloney & McCormick, 1993; McCormick & Tinsley, 1987; Eide and Ronan, 2001; Pfeifer and Cornelissen, 2010; Rees and Sabia, 2010; Stevenson, 2010)
- > Where does the educational attainment come from?
  - Health?
  - Additional human and social capital?
  - What about younger kids?



#### The paper in a nutshell (1)

- > Use a cross-sectional (medical) survey for Germany as data base
- Employ matching methods to estimate the effects of sports (in clubs) on various outcome variables
  - Drawback: Remaining selection bias?



#### The paper in a nutshell (2)

- > Further methods to increase robustness and credibility
  - Semiparametric IV methods to improve credibility of results
    - Instrument: Distance to next sports facility
    - Drawback: *Additional sampling uncertainty leads to test of low power*
  - Use second data set for additional robustness checks
    - 'Kinderpanel': Smaller, but panel structure allows more convincing research design



#### The paper in a nutshell (2)

- > Positive effects on cognitive and non-cognitive skills
- > Positive effects on health and well-being
- > Interesting (non-) heterogeneity
  - Effects in city more important than for country side
  - Not much gender difference
  - no age effect visible
  - social status of parents (not yet completed)



#### Our intended contributions (1)

- > Convincing estimate of effect of sports participation on cognitive and non-cognitive skills (without experiment)
- > Focus on the early part of the life cycle (age 3-10)
  - Period during which skills are most malleable (Heckman et al. ...)
- > Analyze several 'channels' through which sport may exert its effect on human capital
  - Non-cognitive skills
  - Health
  - Well-being



#### Our intended contributions (2)

- > Focus on sports clubs participation, not on general physical activity
  - Sport in clubs has also a pedagogical & competitive component
  - Less measurement error due to socially desired answers from parents
- > Tackle the non-random-selection-into-sports problem by
  - controlling for a set of informative confounders
  - using *distance to sports facilities* as an IV
  - use second, smaller panel data set to see whether results are robust when are more credible research design is used



#### Background: The role of sports clubs for the physical activity of kids

- > Clubs play an important role in kids and youth sports in Germany
  - 76% (boys), 59% (girls) in the age group 7-14 years according to DOSB
- > Participation rates in sports (outside school) in Germany by age



Source: German Health Interview & Examination Survey for Children and Adolescents

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#### Background: The role of sports clubs for the physical activity of kids

- > Kids and Youth sports in Germany is heavily organized in clubs
  - 76% (boys), 59% (girls) in the age group 7-14 years according to DOSB
- > Favourite sports conditional on being in a club

Boys		Girls	
soccer	(45%)	gymnastics	(37%)
gymnastics	(14%)	soccer	(11%)
tennis	(5%)	horse riding	(8%)
handball	(5%)	athletics	(7%)
athletics	(5%)	swimming	(6%)



### Data KiGGS (1)

- > German Health Interview & Examination Survey for Children & Adolescents (KIGGS)
  - Covers 17,641 children age 0-17 surveyed between 2003-2006
  - Cross section
  - Info on children's health (objective) & (non-)cognitive abilities (subjective)
  - Information on children's physical activities
  - Information on children's family background (incl. parenting style)
  - Information on children's exact location (confidential information)
- > Sample restricted to
  - 6,443 children aged 3-10 (with information on sports club participation)



## Data KiGGS (2)

> 167 sampling points



## **Data** Kinderpanel

- infas Institut f
  ür angewandte sozialwissenschaft GmbH, Bonn (paided for by the Deutschen Jugendinstituts)
- > Focuses on transitions
  - between kindergarten and primary school (cohort aged 5-6 in wave 1)
  - primary school and secondary school (cohort aged 8-9 in wave 1)
- > 3 waves (2002, 2004, 2005)

## Data

#### Kinderpanel compared to KiGGS

- > Advantage
  - Panel structure allows more credible identification
- > Disadvantages
  - Small samples severely limit heterogeneity analysis
    - about 2000 kids, but much smaller if panel structure is fully used
    - grades available only for older cohort (further drastic reduction of sample size)
  - Not all outcome variables available
- > Used as a robustness and specification check



## Data

#### **Descriptive statistics (KiGGS)**

> Frequency of doing sports in a club

Frequency	Observations	%
> 5 times per week	50	1
3-5 times per week	331	6
1-2 times per week	2732	48
rarely	332	6
never	2203	39
Total	5648	100

- > Compare children who join a sports club on a regular basis (at least once a week: 55%) and those who don't (45%)
  - 85% of kids who do sports, do sports in a club



### **Data** Main outcome variables

- > Strength and Difficulties
  - Aggregated measures for emotional & behavioural problems, hyperactivity, peer problems, and prosocial behaviour (standardized)
- > 'Grades'
  - not available for everybody, depending on age and location (federal state)



## Data

#### Further outcome variables

- > Objective health measures (examination)
  - Height & weight ( $\rightarrow$  BMI)
  - Triceps / skinfold (fat of skin at the upper arm / at the back in mm)
  - Various measurements of blood pressure and resting pulse
- > Subjective health (1-5) and well-being measures (1-100)
  - physical well-being (body)
  - emotional well-being (soul)
  - self-worth (self)
  - well-being in family and with friends
  - child's total quality of life (KINDL-R rest)



## Data

#### Exogenous variables (not influenced by treatment) in KiGGS

Child's characteristics. gender, age, birthweight, height

Family's characteristics:

social class, single parent household, net household income, number of siblings

Parents' characteristics: education, employment status, BMI

smoking during pregnancy, strict rules, Parenting style: family cares about each member, brushing teeth, attended childcare, mold in the house

Regional characteristics:

population density, recreation areas, municipalities tax income, share of service sector, population growth, East Germany, unemployment

Distance to different sport facilities (added by us)



### **Data** Descriptive statistics (KiGGS)

	No Sports	Sports	Sports - NoSports	Ρ	robit
			p-val. %	coef.	p-val. %
Child characteristics					
Birthweight	3345	3361	36	0.00	82
Male	0.50	0.52	11	0.07	6
Family's characteristics					
Mom's education: University	0.14	0.19	0***	0.03	67
Mom's weight: overweight	0.23	0.21	10	-0.02	66
Mom's weight: obese	0.12	0.09	0***	-0.06	32
Single parent	0.13	0.08	0***	-0.09	19
Dad's education: University	0.19	0.28	0***	0.01	94
Lower class	0.31	0.15	0***	-0.15	1
Upper class	0.22	0.36	0***	0.02	78
Total household income	2025	2337	0***	0.00	0
Number of siblings	1.13	1.12	83	-0.10	0
Mom smoked during pregnancy	0.06	0.03	0***	-0.40	0
Strict rules at home	0.08	0.08	86	0.07	28
Few rules at home	0.08	0.06	2**	-0.08	29
Family cares about child	0.57	0.55	13	-0.05	17
Brushing teeths 2 per day	0.77	0.84	0***	0.19	0
Regional characteristics					
Municipality size: < 5k	0.43	0.36	0***	0.03	65
Municipality size: 5-20k	0.11	0.12	39	-0.08	29
Municipality size: 20-100k	0.27	0.33	0***	ref.	
Municipality size: >100k	0.18	0.18	89	-0.23	0
East Germany	0.49	0.25	0***	-0.56	0
Local tax income	482	570	0***	0.00	63
Employment in service sector	61.78	61.67	81	0.00	3
Population growth	-1.75	-0.45	0***	0.01	17

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## Data

#### Descriptive statistics (KiGGS) – Main outcomes

	No Sports	Sports	Sports - NoSports (p-value)	Nr. of Obs.
Cognitive Skills				
Overall Grade	0.12	-0.15	0***	1703
Non-cognitive Skills				
Emotional Problems	0.04	-0.06	0***	5648
Behavioral Problems	0.06	-0.08	0***	5648
Hyperactivity	0.08	-0.10	0***	5648
Peer Problems	0.07	-0.18	0***	5648
Overall Score	0.09	-0.14	0***	5648
Prosocial Behavior	0.06	-0.06	0***	5648

Note: All outcome variables are standardized to mean zero and variance one. A lower value corresponds to a better outcome.

Standardized variables (0,1); negative sign means 'good'

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## Data

#### Descriptive statistics (KiGGS) – Further outcomes

	No Sports	Sports	Sports - NoSports: (p-value)	Nr. of Obs.
Well-being				
Total Well-being	0.01	-0.03	8*	5648
Well-being: body	0.04	-0.04	1 ***	5648
Well-being: soul	0.01	-0.02	40	5648
Well-being: self	-0.01	-0.01	87	5648
Well-being: family	-0.05	0.08	0***	5648
Well-being: friends	0.03	-0.03	2**	5648
Well-being: school	0.04	-0.10	0***	5102
Health				
BMI	-0.03	-0.02	74	5648
Skinfold	0.02	-0.06	0***	5648
Puls	0.19	-0.17	0***	5648
Subjective Health	0.03	-0.10	0***	5648

Note: All outcome variables are standardized to mean zero and variance one. For well-being and subjective health a lower value corresponds to a better outcome.



## **Empirical strategies**

- > 2 ways to account for selection bias
  - Control for rather informative set of background characteristics
    - Caveat: Lagged outcome variables are missing
    - But: Can use kinderpanel to assess the impact of these missing variables
  - Use distance to closest facility as instrument
    - Will lead to estimates too imprecise to be a powerful tests of the previous 'selection on observables' strategy



## Empirical strategies Matching (1)

- Control for informative set of background characteristics mentioned before (in a flexible way)
- *Estimator:* Bias corrected (linear or logistic) X-augmented radius pscore matching with trimming
  - Best est. in large scale simulation study by Huber, Lechner, Wunsch (2010)
- Inference: Bootstrap p-values based on bootstrap distribution of tstatistic of matching algorithm (given weights)
- > Major concerns
  - No lagged outcome variables
  - Endogeneity of control variables



## Empirical strategies Matching (2)

- > To address these concerns kinderpanel is used
  - Add lagged outcomes as additional controls
  - Address potential endogeneity that appears if control variables are influenced by sport participation (because measured in same periods)
    - lag control variables one period and use subpopulation not doing any sports in that periods



## **Empirical strategies**

### Semiparametric IV (1)

- > Instrument: Distance to closest sports hall
- > Potential concerns about exogeneity of instrument
  - 'Rich' individuals may move into areas with many facilities
  - 'Rich' neighbourhoods find more easily money to build such facilities (e.g. by attracting or forming clubs)
- > How we deal with those concerns?
  - Use covariates to control for factors jointly influencing location choice and club sports participation
- > For whom do we identify the effects (LATE)?
  - Effect for those for whom the distance matters (because of costs etc.)



## Empirical strategies Semiparametric IV (2)

> The power of the instrument



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## **Empirical strategies**

#### Semiparametric IV (3)

- > Estimator: Ratio of two p-score bias corrected (logistic) X-augmented radius p-score ... matching estimators (ident.-proof in Frölich, 2007)
- > Estimator is based on a binary instrument (allows for heterogeneity)
  - To maximise the size of the complier population (under *monotonicity*) the two endpoints of a continuous instrument should be consider only
  - The information between the two endpoints is not informative
  - But: If (discretized) endpoints of instruments relate to too small groups sampling noise may become a major concern
  - Here: Previous figure suggests discretized version (cut-off 2.5 km)
- > Inference: Bootstrap distribution of estimates
- > Major concern: Are first stages strong enough?



## **Empirical strategies**

### Semiparametric IV (4)

- > First stages of LATE-p(X) estimators
  - Figure already suggests that instrument has no power in big tows

(m	ay even violate mon	iotonicity	/)				
• Es	imated effect of inst	trument	on spo	orts partic	ipatio	n (in %)	
Com	But: Firs	t sta	ge	is to	o w	<i>leak</i>	< _
		Y <sup>1</sup>	• •	complier	std	95% (	]
Total	to lead to	) est	Ima	ates 1	tha	it ar	e
Scho		62	55	6	4	1	15
Kinde	rgarden nre	arice	o pr	οιισ	h 5	2	2 <mark>2</mark>
Boys			40	ioug	4	2	15
Girls						2	1 <mark>3</mark>
East		36	34	3	3	0	1
West		66	55	11	5	5	25

- Y<sup>1</sup>: Participation rate if living closer than 2.5 km to sports hall

- Y<sup>0</sup>: Participation rate if distance to sports hall > 2.5 km

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## Results

#### Matching: Main outcome variables

	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>0</sub>	θ (ATE)	p-val. %
Cognitive Skills				
Overall Grade	-0.13	0.04	-0.17	1
Non-cognitive Skills				
Emotional Problems	-0.05	0.07	-0.12	0
Behavioral Problems	-0.02	0.04	-0.05	12
Hyperactivity	-0.02	0.02	-0.04	19
Peer Problems	-0.09	0.10	-0.20	0
Overall Score	-0.06	0.08	-0.13	0
Prosocial Behavior	-0.01	0.02	-0.04	23

(i) All variables standardized by standard deviation;

(ii) the smaller the values the better



## Results

#### Matching: Further outcome variables

	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>0</sub>	θ (ATE)	p-val. %
Well-being				
Total Well-being	-0.04	0.04	-0.08	1
Well-being: body	-0.05	0.04	-0.09	1
Well-being: soul	-0.03	0.02	-0.05	11
Well-being: self	-0.04	0.02	-0.05	9
Well-being: family	0.04	-0.03	0.07	2
Well-being: friends	-0.06	0.05	-0.11	0
Well-being: school	-0.07	0.00	-0.06	6
Health				
BMI	0.01	0.03	-0.02	53
Skinfold	0.00	0.04	-0.04	5
Puls	-0.03	0.07	-0.10	0
Subjective Health	-0.06	0.04	-0.10	$oldsymbol{0}$ Swiss Institute



### **Results** Robustness: Comparison to kinderpanel

	KiG	GS	Kinder A	panel	Kinder E	rpanel B	Kinder C	rpanel ;	Kinder D	panel
		p-val.		p-val.		p-val.		p-val.	p-val.	
	θ	%	θ	%	θ	%	θ	%	θ	%
Cognitive Skills										
Overall Grade	-0.17	1	-0.15	2	-0.13	7	-0.09	11	-0.19	7
Non-cognitive Skills										
Emotional Problems	-0.12	0	-0.08	29	-0.01	91	-0.03	62	0.00	99
Behavioral Problems	-0.05	12	-0.09	13	-0.10	9	-0.07	27	-0.07	50
Hyperactivity	-0.04	19	0.08	21	0.05	30	0.07	17	0.20	16
Peer Problems	-0.20	0	-0.19	0	-0.05	69	-0.11	5	-0.22	5
Overall Score	-0.13	0	-0.10	9	-0.05	47	-0.05	32	-0.02	83
Prosocial Behavior	-0.04	23	0.02	75	0.09	40	0.07	22	0.06	58

Kinderpanel A: Treatment, controls and outcomes from wave 2 Kinderpanel B: As panel A but additionally controlling for outcomes in wave 1 Kinderpanel C: As panel B but controls taken from wave 1 Kinderpanel D: As panel D but without kids who did sports already in wave <sup>Swis Institute for Physical Economic Research</sup> University of St. Gallen

## Results

#### Further robustness checks

- > Leaving out 3 year old kids
- > Changing the flexibility of the specifications of the propensity scores
- > Parametric specifications (2SLS and OLS)
- > Continuous instruments in 2SLS
- > Alternative definitions of distance (driving time / direct line)
- > Alternative definitions of type of relevant facility

> Results are remarkably robust



## **Results** Heterogeneity: ATE, ATET, ATENT

	A	ΓE	ATET	TA	ATENT			
	<u></u> θ р	-val. %	<u>θ</u> p-va	<u>Ι. %</u> θ	p-val. %			
Cognitive Skills								
Overall Grade	-0.17	1	-0.15 5	5 -0.21	0			
Non-cognitive Skills								
Emotional Problems	-0.12	0	-0.13 (	-0.11	3			
Behavioral Problems	-0.05	12	-0.07 8	-0.03	42			
Hyperactivtiy	-0.04	19	-0.05 1	9 -0.03	44			
Peer Problems	-0.20	0	-0.20	-0.20	0			
Overall Score	-0.13	0	-0.14 (	<b>-0.1</b> 2	. 1			
Prosocial Behavior	-0.04	23	-0.04 2	<u>5 -0.03</u>	47			



## **Results** Heterogeneity: City vs. Countryside

	City				Countryside			
	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>0</sub>	θ	p-val. %	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>0</sub>	θ	p-val. %
Cognitive Skills								
Overall Grade	-0.08	0.06	-0.14	20	-0.15	-0.04	-0.10	13
Non-cognitive Skills								
<b>Emotional Problems</b>	-0.05	0.19	-0.24	0	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	86
Behavioral Problems	0.00	0.05	-0.05	31	-0.03	-0.05	0.02	67
Hyperactivity	-0.03	0.04	-0.06	16	-0.01	-0.05	0.03	48
Peer Problems	-0.10	0.14	-0.24	0	-0.09	0.05	-0.13	0
Overall Score	-0.06	0.14	-0.20	0	-0.05	-0.04	-0.01	78
Prosocial Behavior	-0.04	-0.01	-0.03	62	-0.01	0.05	-0.05	16



## **Results** Heterogeneity: Boys vs. Girls

	Boys			Girls				
	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>0</sub>	θ	p-val. %	<b>Y</b> <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>0</sub>	θ	p-val. %
Cognitive Skills								
Overall Grade	-0.08	0.03	-0.12	27	-0.19	0.03	-0.22	1
Non-cognitive Skills								
Emotional Problems	-0.04	0.00	-0.05	32	0.00	0.09	-0.10	2
Behavioral Problems	0.12	0.10	0.02	80	-0.13	-0.07	-0.05	17
Hyperactivity	0.10	0.15	-0.05	36	-0.12	-0.13	0.01	73
Peer Problems	0.02	0.20	-0.18	0	-0.22	-0.01	-0.22	0
Overall Score	0.07	0.16	-0.09	8	-0.16	-0.05	-0.11	0
Prosocial Behavior	0.19	0.13	0.06	25	-0.25	-0.14	-0.11	1



## **Results** Heterogeneity: Social class

		Lower	class			Uppe	r class	
_	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>0</sub>	θ	p-val. %	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>0</sub>	θ	p-val. %
Cognitive Skills								
Overall Grade	0.18	0.40	-0.21	1	-0.31	-0.18	-0.13	32
Non-cognitive Skills								
Emotional Problems	0.1	0.14	-0.04	41	-0.11	-0.01	-0.11	3
Behavioral Problems	0.14	0.15	-0.02	80	-0.14	-0.06	-0.08	8
Hyperactivity	0.22	0.23	-0.01	82	-0.22	-0.17	-0.06	25
Peer Problems	0	0.22	-0.22	0	-0.17	0.01	-0.18	0
Overall Score	0.18	0.27	-0.09	8	-0.23	-0.09	-0.14	0
Prosocial Behavior	0.07	0.07	-0.01	92	-0.05	0.00	-0.05	44

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## Conclusions

- > Positive effects of sports in clubs for small kids with respect to cognitive and non-cognitive skills, health, and well-being
  - Important deviation: Negative effect on well-being in family
- > Not much effect heterogeneity detected
  - other than city-countryside
  - some boy-girl differences
- > Specifications are very robust
  - KiGGS results confirmed by kinderpanel which contains key missing confounders and has panel dimension
  - Instrument not strong enough to pin down effects precisely

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## **Further research**

- > How much of children's leisure time should we substitute with physical education in sports clubs?
- > Should the state substitute some of the non-physical education by physical education?
- > Is the state subsidy for the sports clubs justified?



## Thank you for your attention!

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For each item, please mark the box for Not True, Somewhat True or Certainly True. It would help us if you answered all items as best you can even if you are not absolutely certain. Please give your answers on the basis of the child's behavior over the last six months or this school year.

Child's name

Male/Female

Date of birth.....

	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
Considerate of other people's feelings			
Restless, overactive, cannot stay still for long			
Often complains of headaches, stomach-aches or sickness			
Shares readily with other children, for example toys, treats, pencils			
Often loses temper			
Rather solitary, prefers to play alone			
Generally well behaved, usually does what adults request			
Many worries or often seems worried			
Helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill			
Constantly fidgeting or squirming			
Has at least one good friend			
Often fights with other children or bullies them			
Often unhappy, depressed or tearful			
Generally liked by other children			
Easily distracted, concentration wanders			
Nervous or clingy in new situations, easily loses confidence			
Kind to younger children			
Often lies or cheats			
Picked on or bullied by other children			
Often offers to help others (parents, teachers, other children)			
Thinks things out before acting			
Steals from home, school or elsewhere			
Gets along better with adults than with other children			
Many fears, easily scared			
Good attention span, sees work through to the end			

#### 1. Körperliches Wohlbefinden

In d	er letzten Woche	nie	selten	manch- mal	oft	immer
1.	hat mein Kind sich krank gefühlt					
2.	hatte mein Kind Kopfschmerzen oder Bauchschmerzen					
3.	war mein Kind müde und schlapp					
4.	hatte mein Kind viel Kraft und Ausdauer					

#### 2. Seelisches Wohlbefinden

In der letzten Woche	nie	selten	manch- mal	oft	immer
1 hat mein Kind viel gelacht und Spaß gehabt					
2 hatte mein Kind zu nichts Lust					
3 hat mein Kind sich allein gefühlt					
<ol> <li>4 hat mein Kind sich ängstlich oder unsicher gefühlt</li> </ol>					

#### 3. Selbstwert

In c	ler letzten Woche	nie	selten	manch- mal	oft	immer
1.	war mein Kind stolz auf sich					
2.	fühlte mein Kind sich wohl in seiner Haut					
3.	mochte mein Kind sich selbst leiden					
4.	hatte mein Kind viele gute Ideen					

#### 4. Familie

In a	ler letzten Woche	nie	selten	manch- mal	oft	immer
1.	hat mein Kind sich gut mit uns als Eltern verstanden					
2.	hat mein Kind sich zu Hause wohl gefühlt					
3.	hatten wir schlimmen Streit zu Hause					
4.	fühlte mein Kind sich durch mich bevormundet					

#### 5. Freunde

In c	ler letzten Woche	nie	selten	manch- mal	oft	immer
1.	hat mein Kind mit Freunden gespielt					
2.	ist mein Kind bei anderen "gut angekommen"					
3.	hat mein Kind sich gut mit seinen Freunden verstanden					
4.	hatte mein Kind das Gefühl, dass es anders ist als die anderen					

#### 6. Vorschule / Kindergarten

In d der	er letzten Woche, in der mein Kind in Vorschule/den Kindergarten war,	nie	selten	manch- mal	oft	immer
1.	hat mein Kind die Aufgaben in der Vorschule/ im Kindergarten gut geschafft					
2.	hat meinem Kind die Vorschule/ der Kindergarten Spaß gemacht					
3.	hat mein Kind sich auf die Vorschule/ den Kindergarten gefreut					
4.	hat mein Kind bei kleineren Aufgaben oder Hausaufgaben viele Fehler gemacht					

Probit für Matching (all)		
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Variable	Coef.	p-val. %
Constant	-0.39	36
Height	0.00	30
Birthweight	0.00	82
Age 3	-0.73	0
Age 4	-0.40	0
Age 5	-0.11	13
Age 7	0.16	2
Age 8	0.26	0
Age 9	0.31	0
Age 10	0.17	11
Male	0.07	6
Mom education: basic	-0.16	0
Mom education: high school	0.09	12
Mom education: university	0.03	67
Mom education: other	-0.63	0
Dad education: basic	0.04	41
Dad education: high school	0.16	2
Dad education: university	0.01	94
Dad education: other	-0.01	95
Mom: Not working	-0.03	58
Mom: Unemployed	-0.10	15
Mom: Fulltime	-0.19	0
Dad: Not working	0.24	7
Dad: Unemployed	-0.13	13
Mom: Unskilled job	-0.11	10
Mom: Semiskilled job	0.07	26
Mom: Other job	-0.38	1
Mom: Housewife	-0.06	43
Dad: Unskilled job	-0.13	4
Dad: Self employed	0.06	27

Smoking during pregnancy: regularly	-0.40	0
Smoking during pregnancy: occasionally	-0.13	3
Family cares: no	0.22	43
Family cares: rather no	-0.07	60
Family cares: yes	-0.05	17
Few rules: rather yes	-0.08	12
Few rules: yes	-0.08	29
Strict rules: no	-0.12	5
Strict rules: rather no	-0.10	2
Strict rules: yes	0.07	28
Toothbrush 2 times daily	0.19	0
Mold at home	-0.22	2
Household inc (continuous)	0.00	0
Household inc lowest category (binary)	-0.08	76
Household inc highest category (binary)	0.55	0
Household inc: missing	0.29	1
Siblings in household	-0.10	0
Older sibling in hh (binary)	0.02	72
Mom bmi: overweight	-0.02	66
Mom bmi: obese	-0.06	32
Dad bmi: overweight	0.07	7
Dad bmi: obese	-0.06	32
Low social class	-0.15	1
High social class	0.02	78
Single parent household	-0.09	19
Municipality size: <5K	0.03	65
Municipality size: 5-20K	-0.08	29
Municipality size: >100K	-0.23	0
East: Municipality size: <5K	-0.15	14
East: Municipality size: 5-20K	-0.07	64
East: Municipality size: >100K	0.19	16
East: Recreation area- first tercile	0.00	96
East: Recreation area- third tercile	-0.03	70
West: Recreation area- first tercile	-0.02	76
West: Recreation area-third tercile	-0.04	45
Tax income per capita	0.00	63
Share of labor force in tertiary sector	0.00	3
Population change	0.01	17
East: population change	0.00	95
East Germany	-0.56	0
Efron's R <sup>2</sup> :	0.201	

Probit für LATE (countryside)		
Variable	Coef.	p-val. %
Constant	-1.03	34
Male	0.11	4
Age 3	-0.02	83
Age 4	-0.28	1
Age 5	0.24	4
Age 7	0.19	8
Age 8	-0.11	31
Age 9	0.10	35
Age 10	-0.03	77
Mom education: basic	0.16	7
Mom education: high school	0.02	85
Mom education: university	0.02	85
Dad education: basic	-0.27	o
Dad education: high school	0.16	15
Dad education: university	0.12	35
Mom bmi: overweight	0.01	93
Mom bmi: obese	0.08	40
Low social class	-0.11	16
High social class	0.04	73
Single parent household	0.24	2
East Germany	0.30	82
East: log population density	0.78	0
East: log recreation area per capita (in m <sup>2)</sup>	0.37	0
East: log tax income per capita	-0.99	o
East: log share of labor force in tertiary sector	0.32	12
West: log population density	0.51	o
West: log recreation area per capita (in m <sup>2</sup> )	-0.36	o
West: log tax income per capita	-0.26	15
West: log share of labor force in tertiary sector	0.61	0
West: population change	12.74	0
Efron's R <sup>2</sup> :	0.282	