

Online Appendix

The Illusion of School Choice: Empirical Evidence from Barcelona

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Abstract

This online appendix accompanies our paper “The Illusion of School Choice: Empirical Evidence from Barcelona.” Section 1 provides links to all relevant legislation and documentation mentioned in our paper. Section 2 provides the school application forms that are the source of the Barcelona primary school application data set used in our paper. Section 3 reproduces the risk analysis from Section 7 in the main paper using the education variable from the population municipal register data instead of the census data.

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1 Education laws relevant for Barcelona

Relevant laws for our paper can be found online at <http://www.maiaguell.com/SchoolsBCN/EducationLaws.zip>, which contains the following files:

- LODE1985.pdf: 1985 national law called LODE (Ley Orgánica reguladora del Derecho a la Educación)
- LOGSE1990.pdf: 1990 national law called LOGSE (Ley Orgánica de Ordenación General del Sistema Educativo)
- Decree_252_2004.pdf: 2004 regional decree (number 252)
- EDC_712_2005.pdf: 2005 regional resolution (number 712)
- EDC_449_2006.pdf: 2006 regional resolution (number 449)
- Decree_75_2007.pdf: 2007 regional decree (number 75)
- DOGC_4850_27032007.pdf: 2007 regional edict (number 4850)
- EDU_904_2007.pdf: 2007 regional resolution (number 904)
- EDU_349_2008.pdf: 2008 regional resolution (number 349)
- EDU_553_2009.pdf: 2009 regional resolution (number 553)
- EDU_107_2010.pdf: 2010 regional resolution (number 107)

2 School application forms

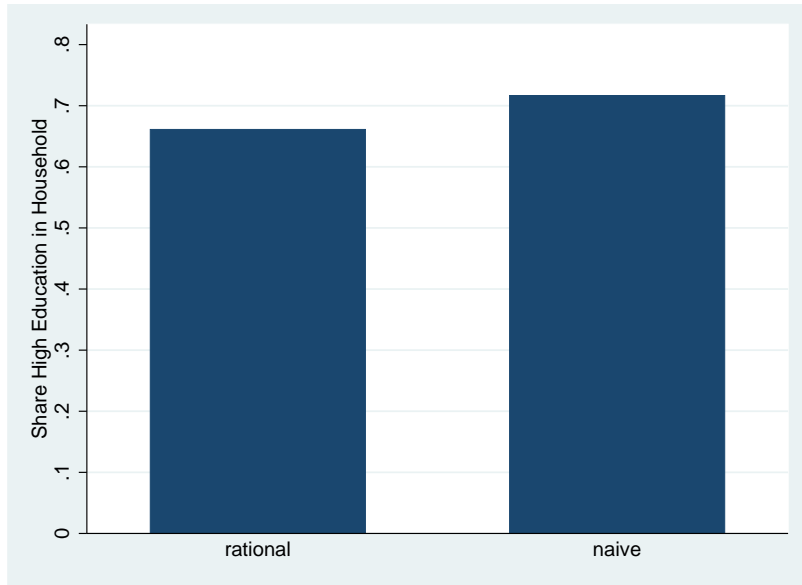
School application forms for the years 2006 and 2007 can be found online at <http://www.maiaguell.com/SchoolsBCN/ApplicationForms.zip>, which contains the following files:

- Form2006.pdf: school application form for the academic year 2006-2007
- Form2007.pdf: school application form for the academic year 2007-2008

Please note that these forms are for the second stage of preschool (starting at age 3), as well as primary and secondary education.

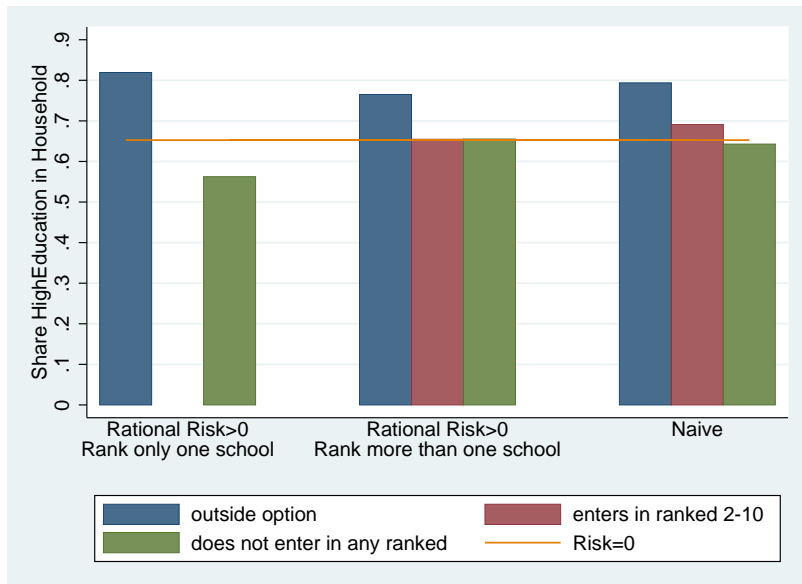
3 Risk analysis and education from municipal register

This section reproduces the risk analysis with socioeconomic information from Section 7 of the main paper using the education variable from the municipal register rather than the variable from the census data. Online appendix Figures 1 and 2 reproduce Figures 4 and 5, respectively, in the main paper, using the education variable from the municipal register. As can be seen, the results are qualitatively the same in both cases.



Online Appendix Figure 1: Household Education and Rationality

Note: High education is defined as completed secondary education or more using the population municipal register. Population: Baseline population with register information and did not apply late or have multiple applications (see footnote 41 of the main paper). Source: Barcelona primary school applications data set matched with school enrollment data set and population municipal register, 2005-2010.



Online Appendix Figure 2: Household Education and Final Outcomes

Notes: Final outcomes as defined in Table 11 of the main paper. High education is defined as completed secondary education or more using the population municipal register data. Population: Baseline population who rank first a school in Barcelona, with $Risk_{is1t} > 0$, and who do not enter in school ranked first. Source: Barcelona primary school applications dataset matched with school enrollment dataset and population municipal registry, 2005-2010.