

Corona & Care

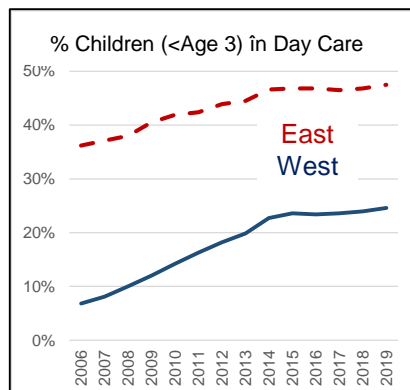
How the Corona-Crisis has affected Fathers' Involvement in Germany

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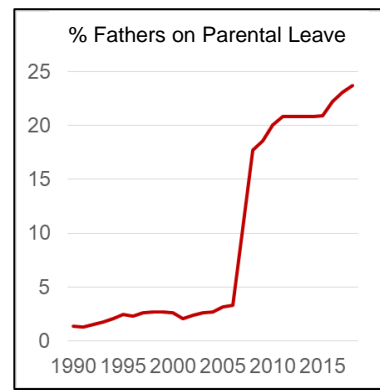
Sabine Zinn (DIW Berlin)

2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 ... 2020 20

Child Care Reform



Parental Leave Benefit Reform



ALLMENDINGER IM INTERVIEW

„Frauen tragen die Hauptlast der Krise“

VON JOHANNES PENNEKAMP - AKTUALISIERT AM 17.05.2020 - 15:05

Haus
familie

Emanzipation & Corona-Krise: Werden wir um 30 Jahre zurückgeworfen?

Comeback

Wie Corona die Aufteilung von Sozialrollen
Von Thomas Gesterkamp
25.07.2020 / Mikroskop

Jutta Allmendinger, die Präsidentin des Bundespräsidentenwahlkollegiums, fand schon Anfang Mai drastische Worte. Für die Corona-Krise sei eine »entsetzliche Retraditionalisierung«, behauptete sie.

Familie in der Corona-Krise
Die Frauen
erleben



„Frauen werden eine entsetzliche Retraditionalisierung erfahren“

Corona: Re-Traditionalisation of Gender Roles?

- The Corona-Crisis has resulted into a **re-traditionalization** of care patterns and lead to an even more unequal gendered division of care.

Corona: A Push for Gender Equality?

- The Corona-Crisis has affected **male-dominated fields** of employment more strongly than women's (BiB 2020).
- Particularly medium and lowly educated men were strongly affected by **short-work** (IAB 2020). These men had more time to engage with their children.

Prior Research

Authors

Data

Fieldwork

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Data & Method

SOEP-COV

How does your working day look like? How many hours do you spend on average on the following activities?

- Child care [Hours per Day]

SOEP 2019

SOEP-Cov 2020

March 2020

May 2020

Analytical Sample

- Women und men in partnerships with children ages 0-11
(Fathers: n=322; Mothers: n=603)

Method

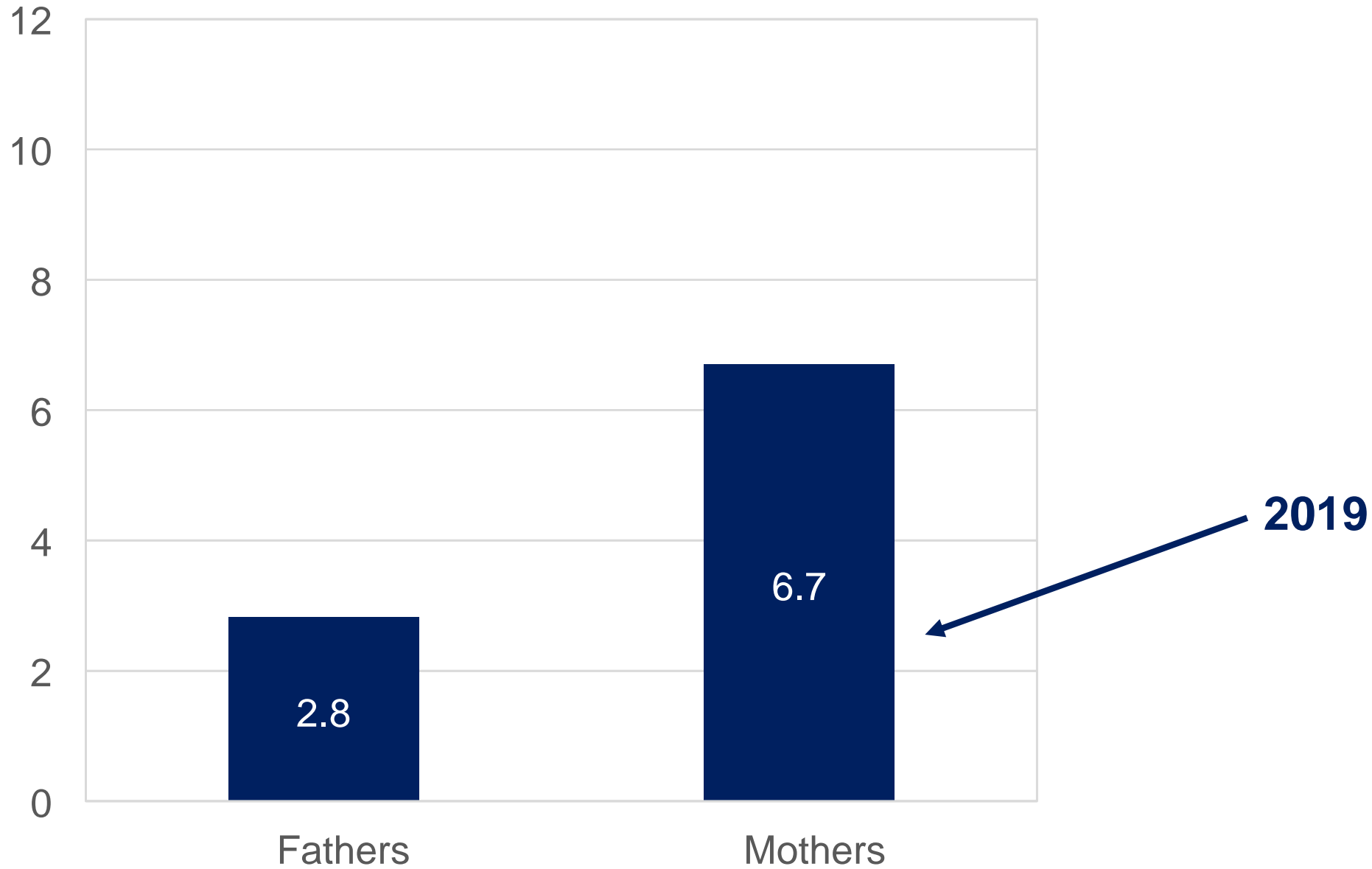
- Linear Regression (Difference care work 2019 and 2020)
- Fixed-Effects Modell

Variables

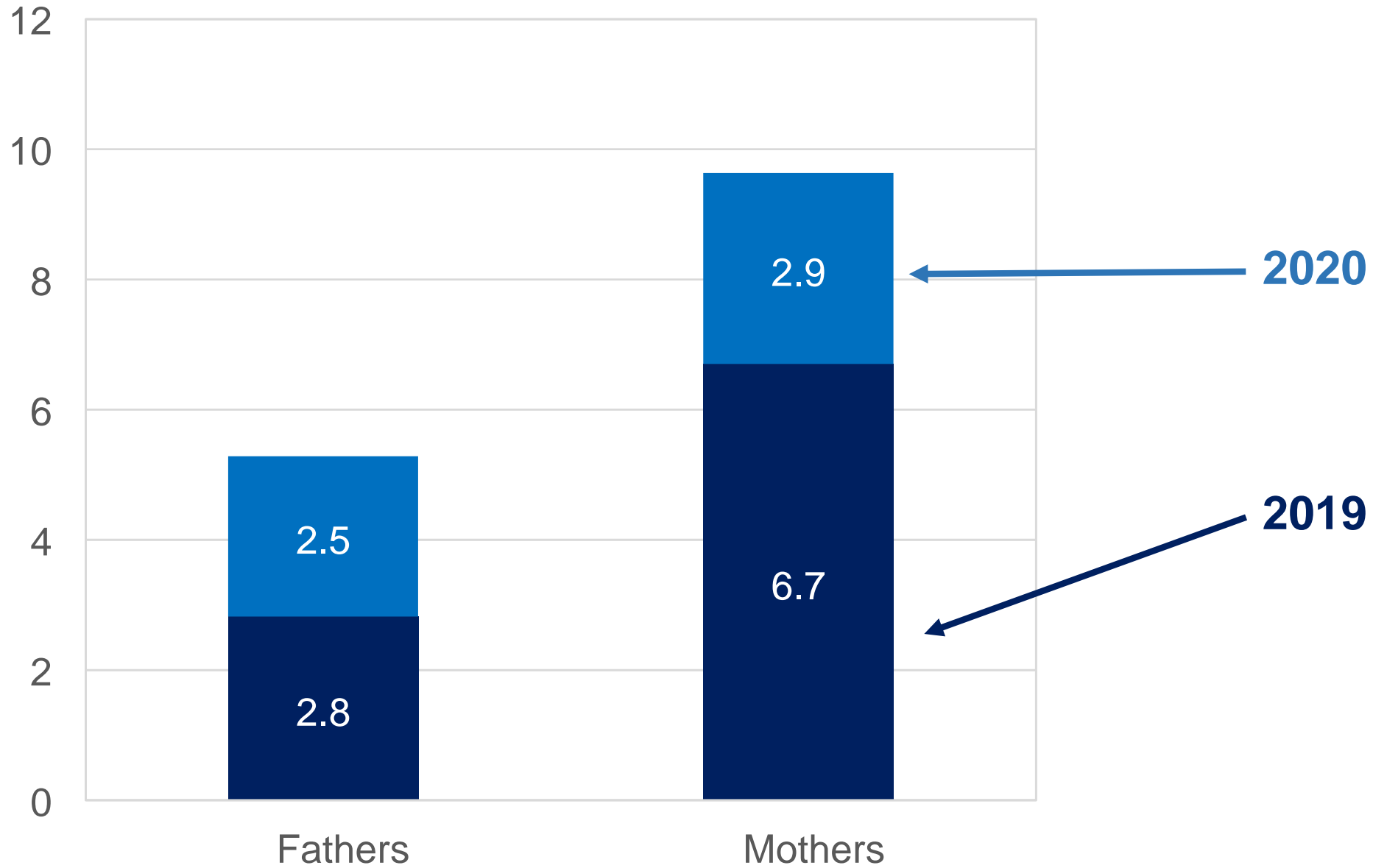
- Education, East/West, migration, Age, number of children
- Employment status (time varying)

Descriptive Results

Care Time (Hours per Day)



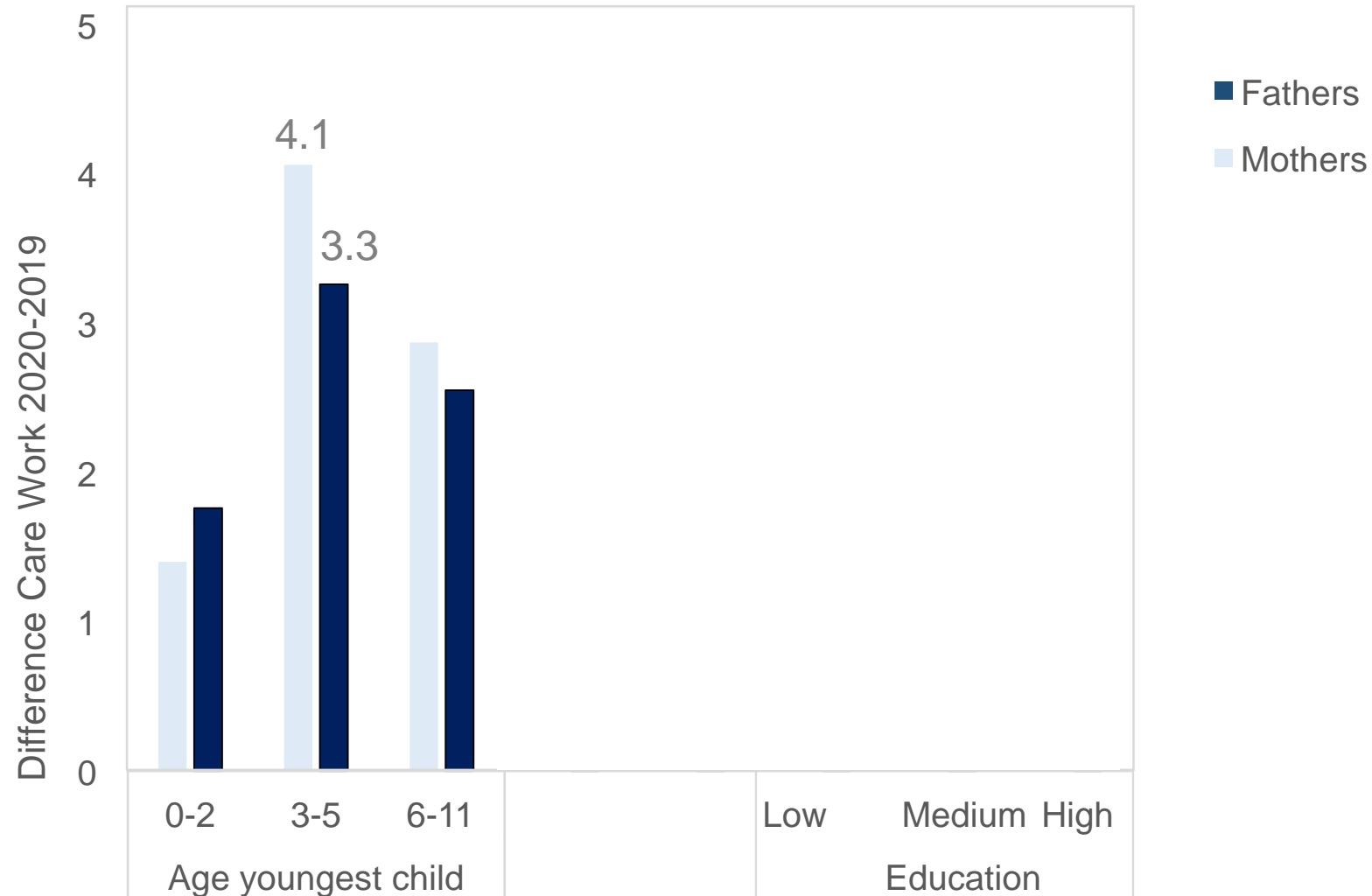
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**Linear Regression:
Change between 2019 and 2020**

Regression Results

Dep. Variable: Difference in care work 2020-2019
Method: Linear Regression
Displayed: Predicted values



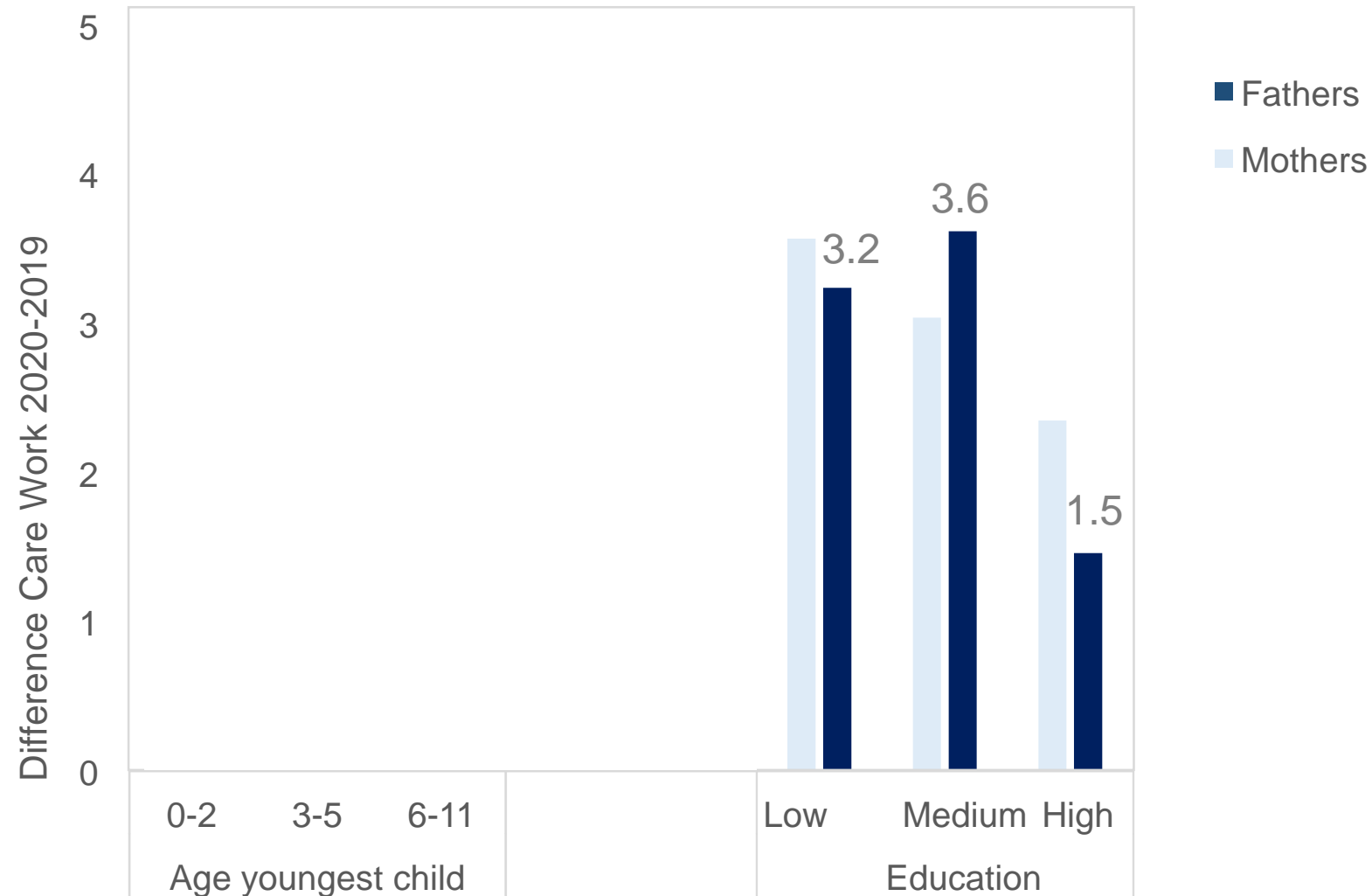
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Conclusion

FINDINGS

Elevator-Effect:

- Mothers bore most of the child care burden during the lockdown.
- However, the 'lockdown-increase' in child care time was similar for both gender.

Effect-Heterogeneity:

- Medium and lowly educated fathers have altered behaviour most strongly.
- Some of this change can probably be attributed to the increase in short-work (more research needed here).

LIMITATIONS

- We operated with small sample sizes. No distinction by **industry branch** was possible.
- We only focused on couple households. The special situation of **lone and non-resident parents** was not part of this study.
- We only focused on time use by fathers and mothers and did not study the **division of care work**.
- We relied on the subjective assessment of **time use**.

Thanks for your Attention!

Care Time (Hours per Day)

