

## Poster Abstract

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# Women's Invisibilised Childcare Work in India 2019

India has a strongly gendered pattern of task allocation. The gendered division of labour in turn affects how childcare is carried out, causing a 'double burden' on many women. Nurseries and early-years schools are less used, so the gender norms tend to decrease women's paid labour market career experience. Many new technical jobs have gone to men.

We aimed to find out which groups do more childcare, measured in terms of time spent. We used the Indian Time Use Survey 2019, which has time-use diaries of one day in 30-minute stints. There are large amounts of invisibilised domestic unpaid work. Women do over two hours of cooking in households that have children (Table 1). Men participate in childcare for 20 minutes a day compared with 180 minutes among women. These childcare numbers include the cooking time within total childcare time. Tutoring and travel to/with children is included.

Using the Asian Barometers India data, also from 2019, we formed a gender norm index. The three questions available on gender all have a boy- or man-preference at one end of a Likert scale where people could 'somewhat agree' or 'strongly agree' with the stated norm. On the other extreme, one could disagree. About 40% of people held traditional pro-male and pro-boy attitudes. We took the mean of a 'factor score' index for gender norms, using sub-groups for rural men and women within each age-group 16-35, 36-65, 65+ years.

Our next stage of research fit a regression model to the childcare (in minutes) as a dependent variable. For this a Tobit regression was used, disallowing negative 'minutes' in the result. We added the group-mean gender norms to demographic variables. Those with progressive views were doing much more childcare (+56 minutes/day).

Narratives about unpaid domestic care work can contribute to re-visibilising this important set of services.