

Table 8: Longitudinal Statistics by College Tier, Parent Income Ventile, and Cohort

This table reports parents' household income distributions and key statistics on children's income distributions conditional on their parents' incomes by college tier and birth cohort. There is one row for each parent income ventile (5 percentile point bin) and college tier. In addition to the twenty ventiles, an additional row for each cohort provides data for the 99th parent income percentile for each cohort and college tier.

The values in this table are exact statistics (not estimates) because they aggregate across multiple colleges. Following established disclosure standards, all dollar amounts are rounded to the nearest 100 and cells with fewer than 50 observations are omitted. Monetary values are measured in 2015 dollars.

Variable	Description
Cohort	Child birth cohort
par_ventile	Parent income ventiles 1 to 20, with 1 for bottom ventile and 20 for top ventile. par_ventile = 99 provides data for the 99 th parent income percentile.
Tier	Selectivity and type combination (defined above): 1 = Ivy Plus 2 = Other elite schools (public and private) 3 = Highly selective public 4 = Highly selective private 5 = Selective public 6 = Selective private 7 = Nonselective 4-year public 8 = Nonselective 4-year private not-for-profit 9 = Two-year (public and private not-for-profit) 10 = Four-year for-profit 11 = Two-year for-profit 12 = Less than two year schools of any type 13 = Attending college with insufficient data 14 = Not in college between the ages of 19-22
tier_name	Name of college tier
par_mean	Mean parent household income in par_pctile-tier cell
k_mean	Mean kid earnings
k_rank	Mean kid earnings rank
k_top[PCTILE]pc	Fraction of kids in the top percentile [PCTILE]
k_q[KIDQUINT]	Fraction of kids in an income quintile [KIDQUINT]. 1 is the bottom quintile and 5 is the top.
k_nowork	Fraction of kids not working
married	Fraction of kids married in 2014
k_median	Median child individual earnings in 2014. Following disclosure standards, this is defined as the mean of the 3 (or 4, when count is an even number) middle observations in each cell, when sorted on income

k_median_nozero	Median child individual earnings when excluding zeros, defined analogously to k_median. Set to missing when fewer than 50 kids in a cell have non-zero earnings.
count	Number of kids in cohort-par_ventile-tier cell
tot_count	Number of kids in the cohort-tier
density	Fraction of kids in each par_ventile by tier and cohort (parent income distribution, defined as count/tot_count)