Appendix Table A-1 Descriptive Statistics of Key Variables

Characteristics	Individual sample		Sibling sample
	Unweighted	Weighted	Unweighted
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)
Outcome			
Years of schooling by age 23	12.8(1.9)	13.1(1.9)	12.8 (1.9)
High school graduate by age 19	.75 (.43)	.80 (.39)	.75 (.43)
Years of schooling by age 19	11.9 (1.1)	12.1 (1.1)	11.9 (1.1)
Independent variables			
ever on welfare	.22 (.41)	.14 (.35)	.22 (.42)
years on welfare	1.45(3.4)	.85(2.65)	1.50(3.57)
average annual welfare income	602 (1813)	332(1237)	664 (1965)
Control variables			
Black	.38 (.48)	.14 (.35)	.37 (.48)
Female	.47 (.49)	.47 (.49)	.48 (.50)
first born child	.41 (.49)	.39 (.48)	.31 (.46)
birth order missing	.04 (.20)	.04 (.20)	.02 (.16)
grandparent poor	.42 (.49)	.34 (.47)	.41 (.49)
grandparent poor missing	.03 (.18)	.02 (.15)	.02 (.17)
protestant	.34 (.47)	.37 (.48)	.37 (.48)
catholic	.17 (.37)	.23 (.42)	.17 (.38)
baptist	.36 (.48)	.25 (.43)	.34 (.48)
jewish	.01 (.1)	.01 (.13)	.00 (.07)
proportion of years in south	.47 (.48)	.33 (.45)	.46 (.48)
proportion---in north-east	.14 (.34)	.21 (.40)	.14 (.34)
proportion---in north-central	.24 (.41)	.28 (.43)	.26 (.43)
proportion---in SMSA	.64 (.42)	.60 (.42)	.63 (.43)
proportion--with head disabled	.12 (.21)	.11 (.20)	.12 (.20)
average unemployment rate	6.66(1.7)	6.64(1.8)	6.70(1.7)
birth cohort	6.53(3.4)	6.24(3.3)	6.44(3.1)
mother, less than high school	.32	.25	.33
mother, high school graduate	.48 (.49)	.50 (.50)	.48 (.50)
mother, attended college	.12 (.32)	.14 (.34)	.12 (.33)
mother, college graduate	.08 (.27)	.11 (.30)	.07 (.27)
mother, education missing	.00 (.03)	.00 (.01)	.00 (.00)
father, less than high school	.20	.23	.21
father, high school graduate	.39 (.48)	.38 (.48)	.38 (.49)
father, attended college	.18 (.38)	.19 (.39)	.20 (.40)
father, college graduate	.15 (.46)	.20 (.40)	.15 (.35)
father, education missing	.08 (.27)	.03 (.18)	.06 (.25)
average income ($10,000)	3.93 (2.48)	4.54(2.7)	3.94 (2.52)
average family size	4.75(1.4)	4.59(1.3)	5.02 (1.47)
mother's age at birth	24.6(5.6)	25.6(5.6)	24.3 (5.0)
mother's age at birth missing	.002(.05)	.001(.03)	.00 (0.00)
average # of children	2.74(1.2)	2.56(1.0)	3.03 (1.24)
proportion--- with one parent	.20 (.31)	.14 (.27)	.19 (0.31)
proportion---with non-parent head	.04 (.16)	.02 (.11)	.02 (0.13)

proportion--- with parental marital status changed	.043(.07)	.038(.06)	.03(.07)
marital status change missing	.01(.12)	.00 (.08)	.00(.08)
annual work hrs, father, (1,000 hrs)	2.033 (.63)	2.12(.61)	2.04(.63)
work hours missing, father	.10 (.31)	.05 (.22)	.08(.28)
average annual work hours, mother, (1,000 hours)	.746(.57)	.717(.55)	.714(0.55)
proportion—with mother worked	.55 (.30)	.55 (.29)	.54(.30)
mother worked missing	.01 (.12)	.00 (.08)	.01(.08)
proportion of years moved	.22 (.18)	.20 (.18)	.23(.18)

Sample Size		
High school graduate by age 19		
# of children (families)	2,512	1,561 (671)
Years of schooling by age 23		
# of children (families))	1,219	537 (247)

Source: Panel Study of Income Dynamics