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This paper presents the first robust causal estimates of the effect of weather on the allocation of children's time. It uses individual-level data from over 45,000 time-use diaries of children from two nationally representative cohorts of Australian children whose time-use diaries were surveyed biannually over 10 years to measure the time allocation of children and exploits exogenous variations in local weather conditions observed during the random diary dates. Unfavourable weather conditions, as represented by cold or hot temperature or rain, cause children to switch activities from outdoors to indoors, mainly by reducing the time allocated to active pursuits and travel and increasing the time allocated to media. The effects of weather are more pronounced on weekends and are heterogeneous across different population sub-groups. The results also provide some evidence of adaptation, as temperature tends to have greater impact not only in winter months but also in colder regions. The findings are robust to a wide range of sensitivity checks, including controlling for individual fixed effects and using alternative model specifications.

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1. Introduction

Time is a scarce resource that is extremely valuable. This is particularly true for children as their time allocation among different activities has been found to affect their development and skills (Gentzkow and Shapiro, 2008; Fiorini and Keane, 2014; Zivin and Shrader, 2016; Boca *et al.*, 2017) that, in turn, will have enduring impacts on their human capital and their consequential outcomes later in life (Keane and Wolpin, 1997; Cunha *et al.*, 2005; Huggett *et al.*, 2011). While social scientists have spent a considerable amount of effort uncovering how children use their time, so far no study has investigated the effect of weather on children's allocation of time (Guryan *et al.*, 2008; Aguiar *et al.*, 2012; Andrabi *et al.*, 2012).

The current paper attempts to fill in this gap in the literature by examining the causal impacts of weather on children's time allocation. By doing so, this study contributes to a broader understanding of children's time allocation and provides an insight into an important and unexplored channel through which children's development may be influenced (Graff Zivin and Neidell, 2013; Dell *et al.*, 2014; Carleton and Hsiang, 2016; Hanna and Oliva, 2016; Zivin and Shrader, 2016).

We use individual-level data from over 45,000 time-use diaries of children from two nationally representative cohorts of Australian children whose time-use diaries were surveyed biannually over 10 years to measure the time allocation of children. We then merge these high-quality data with historical weather data from more than 800 monitoring stations throughout Australia and exploit exogenous variations in local weather conditions observed during the random diary dates to estimate the causal impacts of various elements of weather (or, indicators of the latent quality of the "weather") on children's time allocated to several specific types of activities.

These unique datasets allow us to make several contributions to a small literature on the effect of weather on individual's time allocation. First, this paper is the only study, so far, to analyse the impact of weather conditions on the time allocations of children. To date, there have been only two studies, using US data, that have examined the impact of weather on time allocation. Both of those studies (Connolly, 2008; Zivin and Neidell, 2014) were studies of adult time use. A study on the determinants of child time allocation is important because individuals of different ages may respond to weather conditions differently. More importantly, as indicated above, children's allocation of times across various activities has been shown to have important implications for their development (Fiorini and Keane, 2014;

Zivin and Shrader, 2016; Boca *et al.*, 2017). A better understanding of the effect of weather on children's time allocation may help to formulate policies that aim to promote better development outcomes for children. These policies may be of increasing relevance for regions that are affected (either adversely or favourably) by climate change (Dell *et al.*, 2014; Zivin and Shrader, 2016).

Second, unlike the two extant US studies, which exclusively examine the impact of one element of weather (such as precipitation (Connolly, 2008) or temperature (Zivin and Neidell, 2014)), this paper investigates several weather elements, including precipitation and temperature, at the same time. By using rich measures of the prevailing weather conditions taken at local area levels,¹ we are able to explore their joint impact on children's time allocation. Third, by using Australian data, we are able to examine whether previous US findings about the effect of weather on time allocation hold on a different continent (i.e., Australia). As will be shown in this study, average temperature is higher in Australia than in the US. It has been proposed that people who live in more temperate regions may, *ceteris paribus*, be more tolerant to heat (Zivin and Neidell, 2014). These datasets we have assembled enable us to test this hypothesis and to compare our results to those obtained in the US (albeit on adult samples).

Also, whereas the two previous US studies on time allocation and weather conditions used cross-sectional time-use surveys (and hence observed only one time-use survey per respondent), this study employs a rich source of panel data which tracks time-use diaries of the same children over time or: in many cases, for two time-points (*viz.*, one time-use diary collected for a weekday and one collected for a day at the weekend) in a particular year. The panel nature of our data allows us to examine at least three unexplored important aspects of the impact of weather on time allocation. First, we are able to document the evolution of (and hence the impact of weather on) time allocation of the same individuals over a long and important period of child development, from birth to 14/15 years of age. Second, for the first time in this literature, we are able to distinguish the effects of weather on time allocation on weekdays and at weekends.² Previous studies do not make this potentially-important

¹ This also limits the potential omitted variable bias. Note that Zivin and Neidell (2014) also have other weather elements such as precipitation, humidity and minimum temperature in their models. Unfortunately, they do not present estimation results for these weather variables.

² In this study, weekend days include Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays and school holidays while weekdays include the remaining days. We use the response "a holiday or a family celebration" to the question "What kind of day was described in the diary" to identify public and school holidays for diaries completed in waves 1 to 3. Because the above question is not asked in waves 4 or later, we use the official school and public holidays set out by the state/territory to identify public and school holidays for diaries conducted in waves 4 to 6.

distinction, probably due to the small number of diaries that were recorded on weekends in their datasets (Connolly, 2008; Zivin and Neidell, 2014). The distinction may be important as differences between the time allocations observed on weekends and weekdays may be expected for theoretical reasons that concern the time allocation budget constraint. Specifically, most children and their parents may be expected to be more constrained in their time allocations during the week due to, for example, school schedules and/or parental work arrangements. Thus, children (and their parents) may have more freedom to adjust to weather conditions on weekends than weekdays. As such, weather conditions may be expected to have more pronounced marginal impact on children's time allocation on weekends.

Third, this paper uses panel data to control for unobserved individual heterogeneity. Although variations in local weather conditions observed during the random diary dates are plausibly exogenous, estimates of weather in the time allocation regression still may not be causal due to the possibility that the choice of living location is endogenous. Specifically, if people self-select into different climates based on the responsiveness of their behaviours to weather conditions, the weather conditions become endogenous with respect to the model studied (Rappaport, 2007). This paper thus provides an effective test of the robustness of the previous studies in which findings are based on cross-sectional data, that therefore could not account for unobserved individual fixed effects, including living location preferences (Zivin *et al.*, 2018).

We present robust evidence that unfavourable weather conditions, as measured by cold or hot temperature or rain, cause children to shift their activities from outdoors to indoors, mainly by reducing the time allocated to active or travel activities and increasing the time allocated to media activities. We additionally present evidence that daily maximum temperature has non-linear impacts on the time children allocate to such activities. We also show that the impact of weather is more pronounced on weekends than weekdays: a new finding which is consistent with the view that children are likely to have more flexibility adjusting their time allocations on weekends.

Our results also show significant heterogeneity in the effects of weather on children's time allocation. For example, temperature has a much stronger impact for children with asthma while precipitation has no statistically significant effect for them. Furthermore, precipitation has more pronounced effects on the time allocated to activities, particularly related to media and outdoor activities, of children who live in more crowded homes. Our results additionally provide suggestive evidence for acclimatization because children living in colder regions or

surveyed in colder months are more sensitive to warmer temperatures. We also find other indicative evidence for short-run adaptation to weather conditions because children appear to shift activities to more favourable times of the day.

The remainder of the paper is structured as follows. Section 2 describes the data and provides some descriptive analyses on the effects of weather on children's time allocation. Section 3 presents our empirical regression models and Section 4 discusses the regression results. Section 5 reports results from various robustness checks and Section 6 presents heterogeneous weather impacts. Finally, Section 7 concludes.

2. Data and descriptive statistics

2.1. Data

2.1.1. Longitudinal Study of Australian Children data

The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC) is a biannual nationally representative survey that began in 2004. The sampling frame consists of all children born between March 2003 and February 2004 ("Birth" or "B"-Cohort, 5,107 infants aged 0–1 year in 2004) and between March 1999 and February 2000 ("Kindergarten" or "K"-Cohort, 4,983 children aged 4–5 years in 2004). We use the latest release of the LSAC data where children of both cohorts have been surveyed six times over 10 years. For both cohorts the survey collected a very rich set of information about children's development and the demographic and socio-economic backgrounds of their parents. These data will be used with regard to the control for all possible confounders of childhood time allocation. In addition, the LSAC collected time-use diaries of children from both cohorts which we will use to measure children's time allocation among various activities.

2.1.2. Time-use diaries

Time-use diaries (TUD) were surveyed biannually over up to six waves or 10 years of children from both cohorts. The data thus allow us to study the time allocation of children from birth age (0/1 year old) to 10/11 years old for B cohort children or from pre-school ages (4/5 years old) to adolescence (14/15 years old) for K cohort children. Several changes to the TUD during this study period are worth discussing. First, from wave 1 to wave 3, families were given two TUDs to complete each wave so each child had up to two TUDs (one on a weekday and one on a weekend day). However, from wave 4 to wave 6, each child was given one TUD to complete each wave. Second, while the parent completed the TUD in the first

three waves, the study child was supposed to complete the TUD in waves 4 to 6. Third, activities that the study child undertook during the time diary day are listed slightly differently across waves to reflect age-specific activities. Fourth, while children's activities are reported according to the 96 15-minute periods of each 24-hour block in the first three waves of data, children's activities are listed in the form of an "activity episode" diary in the last three waves of data (See Appendix Figure A1, Appendix Figure A2 and Appendix Figure A3 for examples of the diary and its coding). Finally, while K cohort children are asked to complete TUD in all survey waves, B cohort children are not asked to fill in TUD in waves 4 and 5 (when the children were 6/7 and 8/9 years old, respectively).

2.1.3. *Activities*

As was noted previously, activities that the child undertook during the time diary day are listed slightly differently across waves and the number of pre-coded activities increases as the child ages (ranging from 22 activities in wave 1 for B cohort to 135 activities in wave 6 for both cohorts). Therefore, we aggregated the pre-coded activities into a smaller set of activities. Our aggregating is based on previous studies (Corey *et al.*, 2014; Fiorini and Keane, 2014) with some necessary variations to make activities reasonably comparable during 10 years of development of children from the two cohorts. We also attempt to distinguish activities that have been shown to have important implications to the children's development (Malamud and Pop-Eleches, 2011; Fairlie and Robinson, 2013; Fiorini and Keane, 2014; Zivin and Shrader, 2016; Boca *et al.*, 2017). We grouped activities in such a way as to render activity groups that are likely to be affected similarly by weather conditions.

The resulting list of aggregated activities includes: sleep, personal care, school, education, active, chores, media and travel. Specifically, sleep includes time spent on sleeping and napping. Personal care consists of awaking in bed, eating/drinking, showering/bathing and doing non-active non-educational activities. We record activities related to the child's schooling and their education separately. Schooling relates to time allocated to organised school lessons or day care centre/playgroup while education refers to the time spent on the child's own educational activities outside school, including reading or being read to, doing homework and attending private lessons. We include time spent on walking, cycling or attending organised sport/physical activities as active activities. The chore category consists of time allocated to household chores and (paid and unpaid) work. Media includes time watching TV programs or movies/videos, playing video games, using computer and internet

(unrelated to doing homework) and communicating via electronic devices. Travel refers to time spent in transit both by private and public transport. Details of each activity classification appear in Appendix Table A1 and Appendix Table A2.

It should be noted that, because children may undertake several activities concurrently, the total of time allocated to different activities during the diary date may exceed 24 hours. Given that the respondent was not asked to distinguish between the main activity undertaken and any activities being undertaken simultaneously, we follow Fiorini and Keane (2014) and do not differentiate between the main and secondary activities.³ Furthermore, we do not distinguish the child's activities by who is present during each activity because the available information does not provide any clarity about the actual participation intensity of the nearby person(s) (if any) with the child (Baxter, 2007).

While our aggregated activities may be affected differently by weather conditions, we also follow Zivin and Neidell (2014) to construct a separate variable indicating whether an activity was undertaken outdoors. Our data are particularly appealing because they include an indicator of whether activities were performed outdoors, indoors, or both. We therefore use this indicator to identify the time spent outdoors. We also assign a small fraction (about 3% of all activities with indoor/outdoor) of activities reported as undertaken both indoors and outdoors as outdoors and use this direct indicator to identify the time spent outdoors. Possibly because of their inherent outdoor/indoor nature, a question about where the activity took place was not asked for some activities such as “gardening, putting out the bin” or “taking pet for a walk” from wave 4. As these activities are inherently outdoor activities they were coded as such for our purposes in this paper. (See the last panel in Appendix Table A1 and Appendix Table A2 for detailed coding of outdoor activities.⁴)

2.1.4. Weather data

Our historical weather data come from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). These data contain detailed information about meteorological elements at all monitoring sites throughout Australia.⁵ We use the latitude and longitude of over 800 monitoring stations and that of the postcode centroid where the child lives in to identify the spatially-closest three

³ About 20% of TUS included a secondary activity, most commonly eating/drinking (Corey et al., 2014).

⁴ Activities undertaken at “School, after/before school care” or “School lessons” are not identified according to this definition.

⁵ See Appendix Figure A5 for distribution of weather stations. Due to confidentiality requirements, we are unable to publish the residential postcode centroids in Appendix Figure A5 (although we do have access to the de-identified, unit record data).

weather stations to the child's residential postcode centroid.⁶ We thereby assign weather elements from the three monitoring stations as the child's local weather conditions. We use the geographic centroid inverse distance weighted average of weather elements from three nearest weather stations rather than using weather elements from the closest weather station as suggested by Hanigan *et al.* (2006).

Our spatial matching results show that, on average, the first-, second-, and third-closest weather stations are within around 7, 15, and 19 miles, respectively, of the child's residential location. Most of the cases in which we cannot use weather variables from the closest weather stations arise because the required weather variables are not available on the diary dates. Although our data are nationally-representative and Australia is a vast country, our finely spatial distance matching ensures that children's activities in our study are influenced by local weather conditions.

2.1.5. *Weather measures*

Our first weather measure is temperature.⁷ Although temperature is customarily measured in degrees Celsius (⁰C) in Australia, we measure temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (⁰F) in order to render our results comparable to those produced by the US study of Zivin and Neidell (2014). This temperature transformation conveniently also renders all negative ⁰C temperature values in our data to positive ⁰F temperature values, enabling us to introduce a quadratic form of temperature in regressions to examine the possible non-linear impact of temperature on time allocation. This is beneficial as previous studies show that temperature may have non-linear impacts on human performance (Pilcher *et al.*, 2002; Hancock *et al.*, 2007; Trudeau *et al.*, 2016), adults' time allocations (Zivin and Neidell, 2014) or overall economic productivity (Burke *et al.*, 2015). We also follow Zivin and Neidell (2014) to consider the effects of both daily maximum and minimum temperatures on children's time allocation.

Appendix Figure A6 – Panel A represents the distribution of daily maximum and minimum temperatures between 2004 and 2014 for those postcode-dates from which we have observations in our final sample. Average daily temperature ranges (minimum at 48⁰F and

⁶ We use the unconfidentialised version of the LSAC allowing for identification of postcode of residence for each year of the survey. Postcodes are the finest geographical identifiers available in our data. Similar to ZIP codes in the US, postcodes in Australia are used to sort and send mails to the correct address and are often linked with one area.

⁷ Our data also contains dewpoint temperature and station level pressure. However, we do not use dewpoint temperature because it is constructed using temperature and humidity for both of them we control in regressions. Similarly, station level pressure is not used because it entails a lot of missing information.

maximum at 67°F) in this study are quite similar to those reported in the US study by Zivin and Neidell (2014). It should be noted that while diary dates in the US data used by Zivin and Neidell (2014) are concentrated in summer months, those in our data are concentrated in non-summer months,⁸ indicating generally warmer weather conditions in Australia than in the US.

The second weather measure is daily precipitation (in inches). Appendix Figure A6 – Panel B shows that precipitation is observed at some point on approximately 45% of diary days.⁹ Appendix Figure A6 additionally reveals that weekends and weekdays appear identical in the distribution of daily temperature or rain, suggesting these weather conditions are not a function of our defined weekdays or weekends. Other weather variables included are relative humidity (reported as a percentage), wind speed (in miles per hour)¹⁰ and wind direction (in degrees to the north). For these weather variables, we introduce their daily minimum and maximum values in the regressions.

We also control for daylight hours in all regressions because it is plausibly associated with time allocation. To calculate the hours of daylight for every postcode and diary date we use the sunrise and sunset time estimated from an astronomical formula proposed by Forsythe *et al.* (1995) and uses the latitude of the postcode centroid. Daylight is identified as the length of time between sunrise and sunset time where sunrise/sunset is identified when the top of the sun is apparently even with the horizon.

2.1.6. Parental perception about the impact of weather on outdoor activities

This sub-section provides some preliminary evidence on the impact of weather conditions as previously defined on how parents report whether or not the weather conditions that prevailed on the diary date were good enough to engage in outdoor activities. Table 2 shows that parents are less likely to report so on days with unfavourable weather conditions (as measured by days with temperature at the lower or higher ends of the distribution, rain, more humidity or stronger wind).¹¹ These results thus provide an external validity check for our spatial matching of local weather conditions. Table 2 also suggests that, conditional on

⁸ To maximise the return rates, LSAC surveys were implemented outside school summer holidays (December, January and February), including Christmas and New Year holidays (AISF, 2015).

⁹ Defining a rainy day as a day with 0.10 inches of rain or more as has been done by Connolly (2008) results in about 14 % of time diary days classified as rainy days.

¹⁰ Using wind gust in place of wind speed produces similar results.

¹¹ Parental perception about the weather is only available for TUDs in wave 3. In this experiment, we use a more flexible functional form of maximum daily temperature which is defined by separate indicators for various groups of temperature in 2.5°F bands. We also experimented with a separate inclusion of similar weather variables recorded one day before the diary day and one day after the diary day and found little significant impact of these variables. We also found that including postcode dummies had little impact on our estimates.

weather conditions, parental perceptions about the impact of weather is also statistically significantly correlated with some characteristics of the child (such as gender and health condition) or the parent (for example, health status, migrant background and the number of children), suggesting that the effects of weather may differ according to these characteristics.

[Table 2 around here]

2.2. Sample

We exclude TUDs with obviously incorrect entries, incomplete information, incorrect diary time entries, or duplicated diary dates. We also exclude TUDs with missing information on weather and basic explanatory variables that we control for in the regressions (see Section 3). Our final sample includes 45,347 complete time-use diaries from 8,569 unique children. Among these, 4,272 children come from the LSAC B cohort.

2.3. Sample representativeness

In the LSAC survey, the TUD dates are likely to be random because these dates were selected by the interviewers to ensure a random distribution of weekdays and a random distribution of weekend days (Baxter, 2007). The realization of weather on different diary dates is also plausibly random. While the degree of nonresponse bias with respect to socio-economic backgrounds has been assessed (Baxter, 2007; Corey *et al.*, 2014), a related concern in our study design is that the weather could affect participants' propensity to complete a diary that is then included in our final sample. We examine this possibility by running a probit model where the dependent variable is equal to one if the child is in our sample and zero otherwise. The explanatory variables are basic demographic characteristics and the weather variables on the scheduled time diary dates. The scheduled time diary dates are available for all children who completed the main LSAC surveys, regardless whether their time diaries are completed and hence were included in our final sample.¹² Because we only know the scheduled diary dates from wave 4, we apply this regression to a sample of children surveyed in wave 4 or later. Appendix Table B1 presents the results. There is evidence of statistically significant selection on some observables. For instance, children in our sample tend to be younger, are more likely to be female, or healthier, or come from families with more advantageous socio-economic background (as measured by living in an owned home, living with both parents or having more educated mothers). However, the pseudo- R^2 value is small, indicating that

¹² Specifically, from wave 4, the scheduled time diary date is the day prior to the survey date which is known for all participants.

selection on observable characteristics is quantitatively weak. More importantly, the estimates of all included weather variables are individually or jointly statistically insignificant, alleviating concern that our results may be driven by sample selection due to weather conditions.

2.4. *Descriptive analyses*

Table 1 suggests that the time allocated to some activities apparently differs by weekdays and weekends. Specifically, children spend more time on active and media activities and hence less time on school on weekends than on weekdays. They also appear to spend more time outdoors on weekends (172 minutes) than on weekdays (104 minutes). Appendix Figure A4 which represents allocation of children's time among various activities over a 24-hour period also indicates a similar time-use pattern by children. In particular, we still observe higher frequencies of time allocated to active and media activities or outdoor activities on weekends than on weekdays, especially in the 8-18 time windows. Appendix Figure A4 also shows that children tend to undertake a particular activity at specific time windows. For instance, sleep time has the usual U-shape pattern. There are two daily spikes in personal care activities, with a surge of morning activities starting in the one hour segment from 7:00 and another surge of night activities in the two hour segment from 18:00. As expected, school activities are most frequent in the 9-16 time windows during weekdays. Consistent with school activities, travel activities, no doubt associated with travelling to and from school, during weekdays are most frequent before the school opening hour (9:00) or after the school closing hour (15:00). Similarly, active pursuits, which are often undertaken outdoors, are most frequent from 9:00 to 17:00. Appendix Figure A4 also reveals that children tend to have more freedom on weekends than weekdays since they appear to wake up later and hence undertake active and media activities later on weekends. These time allocation patterns lend face validity to the diary data entries, but they also suggest that separate analyses of time allocation by weekends and weekdays may be warranted.

[Table 1 around here]

3. **Empirical regression models**

The following econometric model is employed to investigate the impact of weather on the time allocated to activity j by the child i :

$$Y_i^j = \alpha^j + Z_{p(i),t(i)}^j \beta^j + X_{it}^j \gamma^j + p_i^j \delta^j + \tau_i^j \epsilon^j + \varepsilon_i^j \quad (1)$$

where the variable Y^j is the amount of time allocated to activity j on the observed time diary date t of the child i who resides in the postcode p . X_{it}^j is a set of control variables and ε_i is the random error term.

When selecting controls (X_i^j), besides common variables representing the child's characteristics such as age, gender, Aboriginal status and health status, we wished to account for parental time and income constraints. As proxies for the parental time endowment we use dummies to indicate maternal employment status (working full-time, working part-time or unemployed), maternal health status and household structures (whether the child lives with both biological parents, the number of siblings at different ages). To capture parental income, we include household income and home ownership status¹³ (living in a rental or an owned home) in all regressions. Maternal education is likely to affect the child's time allocation, either through its relationship with maternal time allocations with the child or through its effect on the child's time preferences (Guryan *et al.*, 2008). We therefore control for maternal education as well as migration status. We control for a rich list of local level variables that may be correlated with weather and potentially children time allocations. Local variables include percentages of individuals of various ages, year 12 completions, working, speaking English, being born in Australia, or having an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islands origin in linked areas, percentages of households with household income less than AU\$1,000/week in linked areas, a metropolitan dummy and state/territory dummies.

We include in τ_i^j a series of day-of-week dummies to capture possible changes in time allocation throughout the week, and month and year indicators to control for trends in weather and time use over seasons and years.¹⁴ Including year dummies (which also represent the wave where the TUD was recorded) also helps us to account for the differences in diary structures across waves that were discussed in Section 2. Finally, postcode dummies (for about 300 postcodes in our datasets) are included in the regression to capture all time-invariant observable and non-observable factors within postcodes (p_i^j) that may influence the child's time allocation. Therefore, our estimates of the impact of weather on time allocations (β^j) are identified from daily fluctuations in weather within a postcode.

¹³ Following some previous studies using the LSAC data to investigate the intergenerational transmission of human capital (Nghiem *et al.*, 2015; Le and Nguyen, 2017a), we mainly focus on the characteristics of the mother of the child because these characteristics are more widely available for mothers than for fathers. We also experimented with the whether the residential home is a separate house and found statistically insignificant impact of this variable. This variable has some missing values so we do not include it in the final regressions.

¹⁴ Including week-of-year dummies instead of month-of-year dummies has little effect on our estimates.

We estimate equation (1) separately for each of the aforementioned grouped activities. As mentioned previously, in order to account for multi-tasking, we do not impose any restriction on the total time spent on all activities during the time diary date. We also estimate equation (1) separately for activities undertaken during weekdays and weekends. For ease of interpretation, we apply the Ordinary Least Squared (OLS) regression method because the proportions with zero time duration for some particular grouped activities appear to be small (See Appendix Table B4). We estimate robust standard errors that allow for clustering at the postcode - month - year level to deal with any concerns that weather may be spatially correlated across postcodes within a given year - month and additionally serially correlated within a postcode over time.¹⁵

4. Empirical regression results

4.1. Factors associating with children's time allocation

Before examining the impacts of weather on children's time allocation, we consider the effects of other control variables. The results (reported in Appendix Table B2) show that, as children age, they tend to spend less time on sleeping and personal care and therefore more time on educational activities (weekdays only), chores (weekdays only) and media (weekends only). Furthermore, males spend more time on active and media activities and hence less time on non-active activities, including sleeping (weekends only), personal care, educational activities and chores. As expected, children with worse health (as measured by a higher self-reported health index)¹⁶ tend to spend less time on sleeping (weekdays only), school (weekdays only) and active pursuits and hence more time on media. Children of mothers with worse health (as represented by a higher health scale index) also allocate less time to sleeping, active pursuits and travel (weekends only) and therefore more time on personal care and media. In line with the international literature (Guryan *et al.*, 2008; Andrabi *et al.*, 2012), we also find that Australian children of more educated mothers also spend significantly more time on educational or active pursuits and less time on media.

Turning to the effects of maternal working status, the child's time allocation reflects the mother's time constraint quite well. For example, children of working mothers spend

¹⁵ This two-way clustering is not clearly more conservative than clustering on the postcode level alone; in some cases, two-way clustering reduces the standard errors and while in other cases, it increases the standard errors. Nevertheless, other alternative clustering approaches such as clustering on the individual child or clustering on the postcode level produce similar results.

¹⁶ Child health index bases on responses to the question "In general, how would you say child current's health is: 1 Excellent; 2 Very good; 3 Good; 4 Fair; 5 Poor". Maternal health scale is defined similarly. For details about other measures of child and parent health, see, for example, Le and Nguyen (2017b).

significantly more time at school (weekdays only) and hence less time on sleeping (weekdays for children of mothers working full-time only), educational activities, active pursuits (weekdays only) and media. It is interesting to observe the associations between maternal working status and children's time allocation is apparently different by weekdays and weekends. For instance, for some activities such as sleep, school, education and media, the associations appear to be more pronounced (in terms of the statistical significance level or magnitude) on weekdays than on weekends. Furthermore, as compared to children of unemployed mothers, those of working mothers are less active on weekdays but more active on weekends. We also observe children of working mothers spend more time on travel (about 5 minutes) and outdoor activities (about 10 minutes) on weekends only.

Although there is no statistical difference in time-use patterns between children of Australian-born and English-speaking-background (ESB) immigrant mothers, children of non-English-speaking-background (NESB) immigrant mothers do appear to use their time differently. In particular, NESB children spend more time on educational activities (educational activities on weekdays and weekends and schooling on weekends). They therefore spend less time on sleeping, chores (weekends only), active activities or outdoors. The fact that educational activities are more likely to be undertaken by NESB immigrant children may arise for two reasons. First, NESB children may need to work harder to compensate for their language disadvantages (Bleakley and Chin, 2008). Second, it may be that the cultural norms for these groups include a pro-education "bias" that renders them to spend more time on educational activities. The latter thesis finds some support from evidence that young Australians from NESB immigrant families have an educational advantage over their ESB immigrant and Australian-born peers (Cobb-Clark and Nguyen, 2012; Le and Nguyen, 2018). Conversely, we observe that children identified as indigenous allocate less time (about 21 minutes per day on weekdays and 10 minutes on weekends) on educational activities than their non-indigenous peers.

Appendix Table B2 suggests that children's time allocation is also affected by other household-level factors including household structure, parental income or home ownership status. Specifically, as compared to children not living with both parents, those living with both parents allocate less time on school (weekdays only) and media (weekends only) and hence more time on educational or active activities or chores (weekends only). Furthermore, children with more siblings tend to spend less time on sleeping, personal care and media (weekends only) and therefore more time on educational (for children with younger siblings

only) or active (weekends only) activities or outdoors. Household weekly income, which is closely related to maternal working status, also affects children's time allocation. In particular, in line with the previously observed associations between maternal working status and children's time allocation, we observe that children from households with higher income spend less time on sleeping (weekends only), personal care, education (weekends only) and chores (weekends only) and therefore more time on school (weekdays only) and travel (weekdays only). Children living in homes that are owned by their parents and children who live in rented homes also allocate their time differently: the former tend to spend more time on sleeping (weekdays only), educational or active (weekends only) pursuits or outdoors (weekends only) and hence less time on media.

Lastly, the statistically significant differences in time-use patterns by time (day-of-week, month and year) and location (state and postcode) justify our empirical strategy to control for them in the regressions. The above results also suggest that children's time allocation should be modelled separately by weekdays and weekends.¹⁷

4.2. *Impact of weather on children's time allocation*

We next discuss the effects of various weather elements on children's time allocation (results are reported in Table 3). We begin with a focus on the impacts of daily maximum temperature. The results (reported in the first two rows in Table 3) show that the daily maximum temperature has statistically significant (at least at the 5% level) effects on the time allocated by children to active, media, travel and outdoor activities (only). Furthermore, the impact of temperature on time allocated to these activities is non-linear: the estimates of the quadratic-term for temperature are also highly statistically significant (at least at the 5% level) and have the opposite sign to the estimates of the first-order term for temperature. In particular, the results show the relationship between temperature and active, travel and outdoor activities follows an inverted U-shaped pattern while the relationship between temperature and media activities exhibits a U-shaped pattern (See Figure 1 – Panel A). Intuitively, the results suggest that time allocated to active, travel and outdoor activities first increases with temperature before starting to decrease after some inflection point (more on this below). By contrast, time spent on media activities (weekends only) first decreases with temperature before starting to increase after 67°F.

[Table 3 around here]

¹⁷ Indeed, in our data, unreported results from a Hausman - type test reject the null hypothesis of the equality of the estimates for weekdays and weekends at the 1 % level for all regressions.

[Figure 1 around here]

The results in Table 3 and Figure 1 also exhibit heterogeneity in the temperature impact by weekdays and weekends. Specifically, temperature has a statistically significant impact on media and travel activities undertaken on weekends only (also see Figure 1 – Panel B). Furthermore, when the estimates are statistically significant for both weekdays and weekends (i.e. active and outdoor activities), they are of a larger magnitude for weekends. Graphically, it is illustrated in Figure 1 – Panel B that the absolute marginal effects of temperature on time allocated to these activities are uniformly greater on weekends. Particularly, at the lower end of the daily maximum temperature distribution, the impact of a one °F increase in temperature from 26°F on time allocated to outdoor activities is roughly three times greater on weekends (an increase of 7.22 minutes) than on weekdays (an increase of 2.46 minutes). Likewise, at the higher end of the daily maximum temperature distribution, an increase of one °F from 105°F has a negative impact on time allocated to outdoor activities and the impact is about 22 times greater on weekends (a reduction of 2.69 minutes and the impact is statistically significant at the 1 % level) than on weekdays (a decrease of 0.12 minutes and the impact is statistically insignificant). By contrast, the turning points are always lower for weekends. In particular, while the turning point for active activities is 87°F for weekends, it is 89°F for weekdays. Similarly, the turning point for outdoor activities is 84°F for weekends; it is as high as 101°F for weekdays. Our finding that temperature has a greater impact on children’s time allocations on weekends is consistent with our hypothesis that children may have more freedom to adjust to weather conditions on weekends than weekdays. To the best of our knowledge, this is a novel finding.

Results from row 3 in Table 3 suggest that daily minimum temperature also has a statistically significant and negative effect on children’s time allocated to some activities such as active (weekdays only), chore (weekends only) or outdoor (weekends only) activities. However, as compared to the estimates of daily maximum temperature, the estimates of daily minimum temperature are much less pronounced, both in terms of their statistical significance levels (the highest statistical significance level is 5 %) and magnitudes.

Turning to the impact of daily precipitation (Table 3 – row 4), we also observe some statistically significant (at least at the 5 % level) estimates of this weather element on children’s time allocated to sleeping, school, active, media, travel and outdoor activities. In particular, children respond to daily precipitation by sleeping more (weekdays only), spending more time on media activities (weekends only) and participating less in school

(weekends only), active and outdoor activities. We also find some heterogeneity in the impact of daily precipitation by weekdays and weekends because for some activities the estimates are statistically significant for weekdays (sleeping and travel) or weekends (school and media) only. Furthermore, although daily precipitation has a statistically significant and negative impact on time allocated to outdoor activities undertaken on both weekends and weekdays, the impact is slightly greater for weekends (i.e. an increase of one inch in daily precipitation is associated with a decrease of 24.52 minutes in time spent outdoors) than weekdays (22.90 minutes). The finding that daily precipitation has more pronounced effects on weekends (i.e. more statistically significant as in the estimates on school and media activities or of a higher magnitude as in the estimates on outdoor activities) is also consistent with the hypothesis that children are likely to have more flexibility adjusting their time allocations on weekends.

It should be noted that our findings on the impact of daily precipitation and temperature are not directly comparable to those presented by Connolly (2008) or Zivin and Neidell (2014) due to our apparent differences, for example, in the grouping of activities undertaken by individuals of very different ages. (Of course, the time allocations of those adults who are parents, and those of their children, should be expected to be highly correlated for obvious reasons.) Despite the differences between these three studies they do, however, appear to share some common findings. For instance, one of the findings in this paper that children spend less time on active pursuits, mostly consisting of “leisure” activities, on rainy days is in line with the finding presented by Connolly (2008): working age males allocate less time to leisure activities on rainy days. As another example, the current study and that by Zivin and Neidell (2014) both uncover an inverted U-shaped relationship between daily maximum temperature and time spent outdoors. However, it is interesting to observe that the turning points in the impacts of temperature on outdoor activities found in this study (84°F for weekends and 101°F for weekdays) are much higher than that found in the US study (76°F-80°F). Again, the differences in climates and individuals between the two studies may explain the differences in turning points. The higher turning point for Australia when viewed with the fact that Australia has warmer climate thus give support to the thesis that individuals who live in more temperate climates may also be more tolerant to warmer temperatures.

The next seven rows from 5 to 11 of Table 3 turn our attention to the impacts of other weather characteristics on children’s time allocation. Most of the estimates are not highly statistically significant. However, two noticeable exceptions are observed. First, the

maximum daily wind speed has a statistically significant impact (at least at the 10 % level) on the time allocated to outdoor activities: children tend to switch to indoor activities when wind is stronger. We also observe that maximum daily wind speed has stronger effects on weekends since the estimates are more statistically significant (at the 1 % level as compared to the 10 % level on weekdays) and about three times greater in magnitude for weekends ($= -0.63/-0.23$). Second, hours of daylight on the diary dates are also found to influence how children allocate their time across some activities. Again, the impact of daylight appears to be different by weekdays and weekends. Specifically, on weekends, children allocate slightly more time to chore and outdoor activities when daylight durations are longer. By contrast, on weekdays, children respond to longer daylight by spending more time on school-related activities and hence less time on sleeping and travel. Our finding of the statistically significant impact of temperature and precipitation and little impact of other weather variables such as wind direction and humidity on outdoor activities are consistent with the parental perception about the impact of weather on outdoor activities found earlier (Section 2.1.6).

In sum, our results so far reveal that unfavourable weather conditions (i.e. cold or hot temperature, or rain) cause children to switch their activities from outdoors to indoors, mainly by reducing the time allocated to active or travel activities and hence increasing the time allocated to media activities. We also present evidence that daily maximum temperature has non-linear impacts on the time children allocate to active, media, travel and outdoor activities. The finding that temperature has non-linear impacts is comparable to that presented in previous studies on adult individuals' time allocations (Zivin and Neidell, 2014), human performance (Pilcher *et al.*, 2002; Hancock *et al.*, 2007; Deschênes and Greenstone, 2011; Trudeau *et al.*, 2016) or economic production (Burke *et al.*, 2015). We additionally uncover that the impact of weather is more pronounced on weekends than weekdays, a finding which is in line with the view that children may have more freedom to adjust to weather conditions on weekends. Because we have found more statistically significant impacts of daily maximum temperature and daily precipitation on children's time allocation, we will focus on these weather elements in the rest of the paper.

4.3. *Adaptation*

Above, we have investigated the effects of contemporaneous weather conditions on children's time allocation. This may be characterised as an examination of the effect of weather on the "intensive margin" in respect of child time allocation. Yet it is also possible

that children may shift activities to days with more suitable weather conditions (inter-day substitution) or reschedule activities to more favourable times of the day (intra-day substitution). In other words, concentrating only on the intensive margin does not address the question of whether or not weather conditions affect the extensive margin (e.g., the total time allocated to active pursuits). In this section we explore the possibility of short-run adaptation/acclimatization to shed light on the question of the effect of weather on the extensive margin.

We first follow Zivin and Neidell (2014) to investigate the scope of inter-day substitution by including lagged or leaded weather conditions as well as current weather conditions in equation (1). If children shift activities across days, we then expect unfavourable lagged (leaded) weather conditions to increase the time allocated to current activities. We then examine the possibility of intra-day adaptation by exploring the impact of daily weather conditions on activities undertaken within different time windows during the day.

Table 4 reports estimates of current and lagged (measured over the previous 6 days) weather variables on children's time allocation.¹⁸ The results show little evidence of inter-day substitutions with respect to temperature since estimates of almost all lagged temperature variables are statistically insignificant. On the contrary, the estimates of lagged precipitation are negative and statistically significant for some activities, indicating that precipitation during the last 6 days actually reduces the time children spent outdoors (on weekdays only), mainly by reducing active time and hence increasing school and education time. Although this temporal impact of precipitation does not support the thesis that inter-day substitution preserve time allocations across activities, it is consistent with the view that wet weather in previous days also makes current conditions for outdoor related activities less favourable (e.g. if the playground is still wet in the following days). Turning to the impact of leaded weather (measured over the following day, results are reported in Appendix Table B3), we also find little evidence about inter-day substitutions in relation to temperature because all estimates of leaded temperature are statistically insignificant. Although the estimates on leaded precipitation are not highly statistically significant, they usually have the same sign as that of current precipitation, a pattern which is highly consistent with the ideas that precipitation may be highly correlated across adjacent days. Again, the estimates of leaded precipitation are not

¹⁸ Measuring weather over the previous day or the same day in the week before the diary date produces similar results. Consistent with the baseline estimates reported in Section 4, estimates of weather variables on other grouped activities are usually statistically insignificant. For brevity, they are not reported and will be available upon request.

interpreted as evidence of inter-day substitution with respect to precipitation. Thus, we do find evidence that precipitation not only affects the intensive margin but the extensive margin with respect to children's time allocations.

[Table 4 around here]

Following Zivin and Neidell (2014), we then explore whether children shift the timing of activities within the day in response to weather conditions by estimating the weather impacts by twilight and daylight (results are reported in Table 5). The estimates of daily maximum temperature convey that time allocated to active, media, travel and outdoor activities is much more responsive to temperature (both in terms of the magnitude and statistical significance level) during daylight than twilight. Furthermore, the differences in temperature impact by daylight and twilight are statistically significant, particularly for active, media and outdoor activities undertaken on weekends. The greater effects of temperature observed during daylight are consistent with the fact that daily temperature usually reaches its peak within these time windows (i.e. from 9:00 to 17:00). These patterns are suggestive of the view that children shift activities to more favourable times of the day. Table 5 also shows that the effects of precipitation are usually more pronounced during daylight, suggesting that the precipitation effects observed earlier in the baseline analyses are mainly driven by activities undertaken within these time windows.

[Table 5 around here]

5. Robustness checks

This section presents the results of a number of robustness checks of our estimation strategy. A first set of robustness checks involves testing our baseline model against alternative sample choices (Sub-sections 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3). We also check the robustness of our results using different econometric models for the time allocation variables in Sub-sections 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6. The third set of tests (Sub-section 5.7) is designed to gauge the sensitivity of the results when alternative functional forms of weather variables are employed.

5.1. Results for a pooled sample of weekdays and weekends

For comparison purposes with the US studies (Connolly, 2008; Zivin and Neidell, 2014), we also report weather effects where we do not separate the sample by weekdays and weekends. Results from this exercise (reported in Appendix Table B5) confirm the well-defined weather impacts on children's time allocation found earlier in Section 4. Specifically, daily maximum temperature and daily precipitation remain the main weather elements driving children's time

allocation, particularly to active, media and outdoor activities. Furthermore, as expected, the estimates from the pooled sample are bounded between the estimates obtained separately for weekdays and weekends. Finally, the estimates for the weekend dummy are highly statistically significant (at the 1% level) in all regressions, supporting our empirical strategy to examine children’s time allocation separately by weekends and weekdays.

5.2. *Excluding time-use diaries completed on unscheduled dates*

In the baseline models, we used a sample of all completed TUDs with about 17 % of them completed not as scheduled.¹⁹ Concerns may arise because the unscheduled diary dates may not be random. We check the robustness of our results by excluding TUDs completed on unscheduled dates and find that the results (reported in Appendix Table B6) are very similar to those obtained from our baseline specification.

5.3. *Including only Saturdays and Sundays in weekends*

Above, weekends are defined to include Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays and school holidays to reflect the fact that children typically do not attend school during these days. It is possible that, on school holidays, parents may not be on holidays and this may influence the time allocation by parents and children (e.g., resulting in some children being in “out-of-school care”, which is provided by many schools during school holidays for such contingencies). We check the sensitivity of our results by including only Saturdays and Sundays in weekends. The results (Appendix Table B7) are quantitatively similar to those reported above.

5.4. *Controlling for individual fixed effects or excluding the individual and household level explanatory variables*

As discussed in Section 1, if children self-select into different climates based on the responsiveness of their behaviours to weather conditions, then the climate becomes endogenous with respect to the children’s time allocation (Rappaport, 2007). One effective way to test whether individual residential location preferences affect our results is to directly control for such preferences (if any) in the regression. We do so by applying an individual child fixed effects (FE) regression technique which controls for individual fixed effects, including individual residential location preferences, to equation (1). Results of this

¹⁹ Unscheduled dates are identified by comparing scheduled and actual completion dates of TUDs. As expected, the proportion of TUDs completed on unscheduled dates is largest in wave 1 (the first wave of the LSAC and TUD, 43 %) and wave 4 (when the child completed the TUD for the first time, 47 %).

experiment are reported in Appendix Table B8. While the sample size is reduced by the inclusion of FEs (due to the fact that we must observe an individual child at least twice to apply the FE regression technique), the results are largely similar in terms of the magnitude and statistical significance to the pooled regression results reported in Table 3. The similarity between the two specifications (i.e. pooled and FE) indicates that (i) we control for a rich set of explanatory variables in the pooled model, (ii) there is little evidence of location selection in our data, or (iii) both. We explore possibility (i) by excluding the list of the individual and household level explanatory variables from equation (1). The estimates from this modified model (reported in Appendix Table B9) are very similar to that from the baseline model, suggesting that confounding is unlikely to influence our results. These results therefore suggest little evidence of location selection in our data and weather conditions are genuinely exogenous in the children's time-use equations in our case. These findings also lend support to the identification strategy using cross-sectional data by Connolly (2008) and Zivin and Neidell (2014).

5.5. Accounting for zeros in time allocation

While all children in our sample allocated non-zero time to sleeping or personal care each day, not all of them participated in some aggregated activities. Appendix Table B4 shows that, on time-use diary dates, the proportion of children did not undertake active, media or travel activities is relatively small, suggesting that linear models are appropriate in modelling the amount of time allocated to these activities. However, Appendix Table B4 also indicates that a large proportion (> 20 %) of children did not allocate any time to school, educational and chore activities on the time-use diary dates. (This is not particularly surprising because, at very young ages, children are not eligible to participate in school.) We further check the robustness of our results to the mass of zeros observed for these activities by employing a two-part model which account for the mass of zeros (Cameron and Trivedi, 2005).²⁰ The results from the two-part model (reported in Appendix Table B10) are very similar to the baseline results, suggesting that our results are not sensitive to the mass of zeros for some activities.

²⁰ Specifically, we separately estimated a probit model for the probability of observing a positive-versus-zero time use and, conditional on a positive time allocation, a linear model for the positive time use. We then calculated unconditional marginal effects for weather variables from these two-part models. We did not apply these models to the total time allocated to sleeping or personal care because these activities do not have mass zero issues. Using Tobit models which also accommodate the mass of zeros produces comparable results.

5.6. Using a seemingly unrelated regression to account for inter-correlation among activities

Above we estimated equation (1) separately for each of the aforementioned grouped activities to account for multi-tasks. However, these activities may be highly inter-correlated, possibly due to the fact that children only have 24 hours to spend each day (Zivin and Neidell, 2014). To account for such possible inter-correlation among all aggregated activities, we jointly estimate their equations using a seemingly unrelated regression model which allows for error terms associated with the dependent variables to be correlated (Zellner, 1962). While the results of a Breusch–Pagan test (reported at the bottom of Appendix Table B11) suggest the hypothesis that the disturbance covariance matrix is diagonal can be rejected (Breusch and Pagan, 1980), the estimates of weather impacts from this exercise are largely similar to the baseline estimates.

5.7. Using different functional forms of weather variables

Previously, we included weather variables as continuous in the regressions. In this section, we check the robustness of our results to different functional forms of weather variables that have been used elsewhere in the literature. In particular, we follow Zivin and Neidell (2014) to include separate indicators for various groups of temperature in 2.5°F bands, using 81.0°F - 83.5°F (27.2°C-28.6°C) as the base, resulting all other temperature estimates are compared to this temperature band. We also follow Connolly (2008) to introduce a dummy variable indicating a rainy day with 0.1 inches of precipitation or more in the regressions. The results from this experiment (reported in Appendix Table B12) confirm the well-defined non-linear relationships between temperature and the time allocated to active, media, travel or outdoor activities. We also observe that although the estimates for temperature bands at the higher end of the temperature distribution on active and outdoor activities are negative, they lack statistical power, possibly because the TUD dates are concentrated in non-summer months when high temperatures are not frequent. Similarly, the estimates of precipitation suggest that, on rainy days, children spend less time outdoors, mainly by reducing the time allocated to active pursuits and increasing the time to media.

Above, we examined the impact of daily maximum temperature because maximum temperatures are likely to be highly correlated with other daily temperature measures and hence may capture temperature exposure reasonably well. Furthermore, as demonstrated in Appendix Figure A4, most children sleep when minimum temperatures (which we also

control for in regressions) usually occur, so including daily maximum temperature in regressions is expected to affect the time spent on activities rather than sleeping. As further checks of the sensitivity of our results, we conduct three experiments. First, we exclude minimum temperature and find our estimates are largely unchanged (results are reported in Appendix Table B13). Second, we use average daily temperature instead of daily maximum temperature and reach similar findings, although the temperature estimates are slightly smaller (see Appendix Table B14). Third, we include precipitation which is now calculated over a shorter time windows from 5:00 to 23:59 during the diary date in place of daily precipitation over the whole day (i.e. from 0:00 to 23:59). The results (represented in Appendix Table B15) show that although the estimates of daily maximum temperature are literally the same as observed in the baseline regressions, estimates of the newly derived precipitation are more pronounced in magnitude. This is expected because most of children undertake active, travel, media and outdoor activities within the 5:00-23:59 time window (see Appendix Figure A4) and precipitation outside this time window may not affect such activities. These results are also consistent with our earlier evidence of intra-day effects of temperature and precipitation on children's time allocation (see Sub-section 4.3).

6. Heterogeneity

The main results show that children statistically significantly adjust their time allocated to active, media, travel and outdoor activities in response to weather conditions.²¹ It may be that children with different characteristics respond differently to weather conditions. We investigate the heterogeneity of the effect by estimating equation (1) for two sub-populations, separated by each variable of a series of characteristics of the children and their parents. Some of these characteristics are considered following our findings on the differences in parental perceptions about the suitability of weather on the time-use diary date for outdoor activities (Table 2). Specifically, these characteristics include gender, birth cohort (which represents child ages), health status (represented by having asthma),²² maternal employment status (unemployed or full-time employed), maternal education, family income (in the bottom or top quarter of the income distribution) and housing conditions. Our *a priori* expectation is that unfavourable weather conditions will have a larger impact on sub-populations who are

²¹ For brevity, we present heterogeneous analyses for these four grouped activities. We also conducted similar heterogeneous analyses for other grouped activities and found largely similar results as reported in Section 4. Results on other grouped activities are available upon request.

²² The child's asthma condition is constructed using responses to the question "Has a doctor ever told you that child has asthma?", which is asked in all waves except wave 1 for B cohort. About a quarter of children in our sample are reported having asthma.

more sensitive to such weather conditions. For example, it is likely that children with asthma are more sensitive to extreme temperatures (i.e. too hot or too cold) because extreme temperatures are common asthma triggers (D'Amato *et al.*, 2015).

In addition to the above individual and household level characteristics, we also consider whether the child lives in colder regions and whether the child was surveyed during winter months. We define colder regions as those with latitude in the lowest third²³ of all latitudes of postcode centroids observed in our main sample and warmer regions as those in the highest third. In our data, regions with a lower latitude (and hence are located further from the equator) have statistically significantly lower historical temperatures. It is possible that children in colder regions are more sensitive to warmer temperatures. Similarly, children surveyed during non-winter months are possibly less responsive to warmer temperatures because they are more accustomed to warmer temperatures. As such, heterogeneous analyses by seasons (or climate regions) also provide an effective test for short-run (or longer-run) adaptation to weather conditions (Zivin and Neidell, 2014).

Appendix Table B16 - Panel A suggests some heterogeneous weather impacts by gender. For instance, daily maximum temperature appears to have more visible impacts on time allocated to active activities by females as its estimates are more statistically significant (e.g. the estimate of the first-order term for temperature is statistically significant at the 1 % level for females and at the 5 % level for males) or of a higher magnitude for them (e.g. on weekdays, the estimate of the first-order term for temperature is 5.57 for females and only 3.88 for males). By contrast, daily precipitation has a much more pronounced effect on time allocated to active pursuits by males since its estimates are more statistically significant (e.g. estimates are highly statistically significant for males and marginally statistically significant for females) and greater in magnitude. Likewise, the impacts of temperature and precipitation on time allocated to media (on weekends only) appear to be greater for males. We also observe that the impact of temperature on travel time is statistically significant for females on weekends only. By contrast, on weekdays, temperature has a statistically significant impact on outdoor activities undertaken by males only. These differential weather impacts by gender suggest that males and females may respond differently to weather conditions. It is also possible that these differential impacts simply reflect a fact that males and females may

²³ We use the tertile to ensure that the size of each sub-sample is relatively comparable and sufficiently large to achieve reliable estimates. Similarly, we only define two sub-groups by winter seasons (from June to August) to ensure that the size of each sub-sample is sufficiently large to get precise estimates.

undertake gender-specific activities and these activities may exposure to weather conditions differently.

Estimates of weather effects by age cohort are also reported in Appendix Table B16 - Panel B. The results suggest that temperature has a greater effect on active pursuits undertaken by younger children (i.e. B cohort), particularly on weekdays. By contrast, only children of K cohort statistically significantly adjust their weekend media time in response to temperature. Similarly, precipitation has a statistically significant impact on weekend time allocated to active and outdoor activities by K cohort children only.

Appendix Table B17 - Panel A indicates that temperature has a much stronger impact for children with asthma as the estimates are usually more statistically significant or of a higher magnitude for them. In particular, the estimates of first-order term for temperature on active (on weekends) and media (on weekends) activities are twice as large for children with asthma. Furthermore, the estimates of temperature on media (on weekdays) and travel (on weekends) are only statistically significant for children with asthma. Consistent with our earlier finding of a stronger temperature impact on weekends, the differences in temperature impact by the child's asthma morbidity are also more pronounced for activities undertaken on weekends. The finding that temperature has more noticeable impacts for children with asthma is consistent with our early prediction that they are more sensitive to extreme temperatures (D'Amato et al., 2015). By contrast, precipitation has a statistically significant impact on time allocated to active, media (weekends only), travel (weekdays only) and outdoor activities undertaken by children without asthma morbidity only. The finding that precipitation does not statistically significantly affect the time that children with asthma allocate to the above activities is in line with the ideas that rainfall clears the air from pollen or pollution, thus reducing the risk of asthma (D'Amato et al., 2015).²⁴

The estimates by maternal nativity status (NESB mothers versus native and ESB mothers) reveal some differential weather impacts (Appendix Table B17 – Panel B). Particularly, children of NESB mothers do not statistically significantly adjust their active and outdoor (weekdays only) activities with respect to temperature. Note, estimates for NESB are of the same sign but not precisely estimated, possibly due to the small sample size.

²⁴ Consistent with the heterogeneous weather impact by the child's asthma status, unreported results show that temperature has a statistically significant (at the 1 % level) and an inverted U-shaped impact on sleeping time (weekdays only) of children with asthma only. By contrast, daily precipitation has a statistically significant (at the 1 % level) and positive impact on sleeping time (weekdays only) of children without asthma only.

The estimates by the mother's employment status (i.e. full-time versus unemployed – see Appendix Table B18 – Panel A) also suggest some heterogeneous effects of weather. Again, the differential weather impact appears to vary by weekdays and weekends. In particular, on weekdays, temperature tends to have a stronger impact on time allocated to active, media and outdoor activities undertaken by children of unemployed mothers because the estimates are more statistically significant for them. Similarly, also on weekdays, precipitation has a greater effect on time spent on travel and outdoor activities by children of unemployed mothers. On weekends, temperature has a greater (smaller) impact on active and outdoor (media) activities by children of full-time working mothers. Furthermore, also on weekends, precipitation has a statistically significant effect on the time allocated to media and outdoor activities undertaken by children of unemployed mothers only. Our finding of a greater weather impact for children of unemployed mothers is consistent with the view that unemployed mothers (and hence their children) are more flexible in terms of time, especially on weekdays. As unemployed mothers are much more likely to have lower educational attainment, the heterogeneity in weather impact by the maternal employment status can also be explained by the possible difference in maternal preferences toward their children's time allocation, possibly due to the influence of maternal education. We turn to explore the heterogeneity of weather impact by maternal education below.

Estimation results by maternal education (Appendix Table B18 – Panel B) suggest that outdoor activities undertaken by children of mothers with lower education (measured by having completed a certificate or no qualification) are more responsive to temperature on weekends but less responsive on weekdays. Furthermore, while there is no discernible difference in temperature impact on weekend active activities, weekday active activities by children of uneducated mothers are visibly less responsive to temperature. The results also reveal that children of low-education mothers not only spend more time on media activities but their media time is also more responsive to temperature and precipitation (weekends only). As projected above, the differential weather impacts on children's time allocation by maternal education may reflect the differences in mothers' preferences and time constraint toward their children's time allocation.

Appendix Table B19 – Panel A reports estimates by household income. It reveals that while there is no noticeable difference in the temperature impact on outdoor activities between children from poor families and those from rich families, there are apparently striking heterogeneities in temperature impact on active and media activities undertaken by them on

weekends. In particular, while temperature has a statistically significant impact on the active pursuits undertaken by children from rich households, it has a statistically significant effect on media activities by children from poor families only. Furthermore, precipitation has a much greater impact (in terms of the statistical significance level or magnitude) on active, media (weekend only) and outdoor activities undertaken by children from rich households. As explained above, socio-economic traits of parents such as working status, education, or migration background which are often associated with household income levels may be one of possible factors behind our findings of the differential impacts of different weather elements on time allocation of children from poor and rich families.

Sub-group estimates by housing condition (as presented by the number of rooms per person with results reported in Appendix Table B19 – Panel B) convey that while temperature has no noticeable differential impact by housing condition, precipitation has a greater impact on time spent on outdoor activities, particularly on weekends, for children living in more crowded homes. In turn, this is mainly driven by media activities. The differential impact of precipitation by housing condition is consistent with a view that children in more crowded homes may have lower ability to engage in compensating behaviours in response to wet weather (e.g. their homes may not accommodate indoor active activities as well as those of children from less crowded homes).

Appendix Table B20 – Panel A indicates that children’s time allocation to weekend outdoor activities is much more sensitive to temperature in winter months as the temperature estimates are statistically significantly higher in winter months than in non-winter months. The greater impacts of temperature in winter months viewed with one of our earlier findings that the temperature impact is mainly concentrated at the lower end of the temperature distribution (Sub-section 5.7) suggest that children surveyed during winter months are more responsive to temperature increases than those surveyed in warmer months. This pattern is consistent with the hypothesis of short-run acclimatization outlined above. By contrast, children are more responsive to rain in non-winter months, particularly for active, media and outdoor activities undertaken on weekends, as the estimates of precipitation are more statistically significant or of a higher magnitude for activities undertaken during non-winter seasons. The greater impact of precipitation in non-winter months can be explained by the fact that there is statistically significant more rain in non-winter months than in winter months in Australia. Again, differences in temperature and precipitation impact by seasons

appear to be more noticeable on weekends, a pattern which is highly consistent with predictions that children are more flexible on weekends.

Turning to the estimates of temperature by climate regions (Appendix Table B20 – Panel B), we continue to observe evidence of longer-run adjustments as temperature has a discernibly-greater impact (in terms of the statistical significance level and magnitude of the estimates) on the time spent on outdoor (weekends only), media (weekends only) and active (weekdays only) pursuits by children in colder regions. However, there is no clear pattern in the impacts of precipitation, which is not statistically different between the two defined climate regions, by climate regions. In particular, while precipitation has more noticeable effects on media (weekends only) and outdoor (weekends only) activities by children in colder regions, it has a greater impact on active activities (weekdays only) of children in warmer regions.

7. Conclusion

This paper sheds new light on how weather influences children' and adolescents' time allocations. Our results show that unfavourable weather conditions, as represented by cold or hot temperature or rain, cause children to shift their activities from outdoors to indoors, mainly by reducing the time allocated to active or travel activities and hence increasing the time allocated to media activities. We additionally uncover that the impact of weather is more pronounced on weekends than weekdays, a novel finding which is consistent with the notion that children may have more freedom to adjust to weather conditions on weekends.

Our results also reveal separate sub-groups of the population appear to allocate their time differently in response to weather conditions. For example, as compared to children without asthma, those with asthma are significantly more responsive to temperature and less affected by precipitation. Similarly, activities, particularly related to media and outdoors, of children living in more crowded homes are much more influenced by precipitation. Furthermore, the impacts of temperature vary greatly by regions, with colder regions showing the greater impact of temperature on time allocations. Likewise, children surveyed in colder months are more sensitive to warmer temperatures. These differential temperature impacts by seasons (or climate regions) can be viewed as supportive of the short-run (or longer-run) adaptation to weather conditions. Our analyses also provide other suggestive evidence for short-run adaptation to weather conditions because children tend to shift activities to more favourable times of the day.

Our findings of the negative impacts of unfavourable weather conditions on children's physically active time --viewed in the light of evidence that physically active activities improve child health and academic performance (Janssen and LeBlanc, 2010; Donnelly *et al.*, 2016) --suggests that policies increasing access to indoor active activities are a step in the right direction, in terms of getting children to participate in physically active activities on dates with unfavourable weather conditions. Furthermore, our findings of the differential weather impacts suggest that such policies would be more beneficial to children who are found to be affected more by unfavourable weather conditions, including children with asthma or those living in more crowded homes.

While this study offers insight into the role of weather on children's time allocation, future research could investigate several important questions. For example, it would be useful to study the long-term impact of weather on children's time allocation. It would also be interesting to examine the long-term effects of children's time allocation on their development outcomes. Answers to these questions would offer valuable insight into the effects of weather conditions, through their effects on children's time allocation, on children's development and long-term achievements.

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Table 1. Summary statistics

| | Weekday | | Weekend | | All | |
|--|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| | (N = 22,944) | | (N = 22,403) | | (N = 45,347) | |
| | Mean | SD | Mean | SD | Mean | SD |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Sleep (minutes per day) | 645.06 | 135.72 | 657.36 | 129.65 | 651.14 | 132.90 |
| Personal care (minutes per day) | 320.66 | 167.83 | 313.38 | 144.34 | 317.06 | 156.71 |
| School (minutes per day) | 196.49 | 188.39 | 12.15 | 60.94 | 105.42 | 168.18 |
| Educational (minutes per day) | 108.18 | 130.33 | 97.14 | 114.10 | 102.72 | 122.70 |
| Active (minutes per day) | 136.85 | 127.87 | 225.48 | 159.85 | 180.64 | 151.19 |
| Chore (minutes per day) | 14.11 | 33.21 | 24.37 | 51.81 | 19.18 | 43.71 |
| Media (minutes per day) | 114.00 | 104.52 | 167.73 | 137.56 | 140.54 | 124.89 |
| Travel (minutes per day) | 79.80 | 76.18 | 89.26 | 95.25 | 84.47 | 86.26 |
| All (minutes per day) | 1615.13 | 264.11 | 1586.87 | 238.95 | 1601.17 | 252.39 |
| Outdoor (minutes per day) | 103.78 | 116.03 | 171.54 | 165.41 | 137.25 | 146.55 |
| Maximum temperature (° F) | 66.97 | 9.89 | 66.57 | 10.07 | 66.77 | 9.98 |
| Minimum temperature (° F) | 48.21 | 9.04 | 48.01 | 9.18 | 48.11 | 9.11 |
| Precipitation (inches) | 0.06 | 0.21 | 0.06 | 0.20 | 0.06 | 0.20 |
| Maximum relative humidity (%) | 90.36 | 9.04 | 90.14 | 9.17 | 90.25 | 9.10 |
| Minimum relative humidity (%) | 47.34 | 16.39 | 47.58 | 16.65 | 47.46 | 16.52 |
| Maximum wind speed (miles per hour) | 24.14 | 8.91 | 24.29 | 8.81 | 24.21 | 8.86 |
| Minimum wind speed (miles per hour) | 3.51 | 4.45 | 3.65 | 4.55 | 3.57 | 4.50 |
| Maximum wind direction (° to the north) | 312.50 | 57.22 | 311.04 | 58.34 | 311.78 | 57.78 |
| Minimum wind direction (° to the north) | 43.87 | 66.35 | 45.28 | 67.27 | 44.57 | 66.81 |
| Daylight (hours) | 10.93 | 1.05 | 10.89 | 1.02 | 10.91 | 1.03 |
| Child age (months) | 78.89 | 50.43 | 80.19 | 48.03 | 79.53 | 49.26 |
| Male ^(a) | 0.51 | 0.50 | 0.51 | 0.50 | 0.51 | 0.50 |
| Aboriginal ^(a) | 0.02 | 0.15 | 0.02 | 0.15 | 0.02 | 0.15 |
| Child health | 1.59 | 0.76 | 1.59 | 0.76 | 1.59 | 0.76 |
| Low birth weight ^(a) | 0.06 | 0.24 | 0.06 | 0.24 | 0.06 | 0.24 |
| Mother age (years) | 37.16 | 6.52 | 37.39 | 6.33 | 37.28 | 6.43 |
| Mother education: Certificate/Diploma ^(a) | 0.26 | 0.44 | 0.25 | 0.43 | 0.25 | 0.43 |
| Mother education: Bachelor or higher ^(a) | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.39 | 0.49 |
| Maternal general health | 2.25 | 0.88 | 2.24 | 0.87 | 2.25 | 0.87 |
| Mother employed part time ^(a) | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.48 | 0.50 |
| Mother employed full time ^(a) | 0.20 | 0.40 | 0.20 | 0.40 | 0.20 | 0.40 |
| Mother ESB migrant ^(a) | 0.09 | 0.29 | 0.09 | 0.29 | 0.09 | 0.29 |
| Mother NESB migrant ^(a) | 0.11 | 0.32 | 0.11 | 0.32 | 0.11 | 0.32 |
| Number of household members | 4.40 | 1.14 | 4.41 | 1.11 | 4.41 | 1.13 |
| Living with both parent ^(a) | 0.85 | 0.35 | 0.87 | 0.34 | 0.86 | 0.35 |
| Weekly family income (AUS\$ 1,000) | 1.92 | 1.46 | 1.99 | 1.56 | 1.96 | 1.51 |
| Homeowner ^(a) | 0.76 | 0.42 | 0.78 | 0.42 | 0.77 | 0.42 |

Notes: This table reports summary statistics (means in odd columns and standard deviations (SD) in even columns) of main variables using individual level data from the Longitudinal Survey of Australian Children (LSAC) – Release 6 and weather data from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology. ^(a) indicates dummy variables.

Table 2. Is weather good enough for outdoor activities?

| | Weekday | Weekend | All |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Child age (months) | 0.36 | 0.07 | 0.20 |
| Male | 2.50** | 1.88* | 2.19*** |
| Aboriginal | 4.67 | 2.24 | 3.36 |
| Child health | -1.42 | -1.22 | -1.29** |
| Low birth weight | 4.23 | -0.51 | 1.57 |
| Mother age (years) | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| Mother education: Certificate/Diploma ^(a) | -2.02 | 0.80 | -0.21 |
| Mother education: Bachelor or higher ^(a) | 1.65 | 2.11 | 2.10* |
| Maternal general health | -1.58** | -0.71 | -1.07** |
| Mother employed part time ^(b) | 2.00 | 1.40 | 1.68* |
| Mother employed full time ^(b) | -0.39 | 2.34 | 1.11 |
| Mother ESB migrant ^(c) | 1.88 | -0.32 | 0.58 |
| Mother NESB migrant ^(c) | 0.46 | -5.88*** | -3.30** |
| Number of household members | -0.45 | -1.15 | -0.73 |
| Number of younger siblings | -0.07 | 0.86 | 0.33 |
| Number of older siblings | 1.90 | 2.00 | 1.84* |
| Living with both parents | 3.30 | 1.86 | 2.52* |
| Weekly family income (AUS\$ 1,000) | -0.29 | -0.36 | -0.34 |
| Homeowner | -0.85 | 1.35 | 0.39 |
| Maximum temperature (81-83.5 °F is the base group) | | | |
| < 56.0 ^(d) | -35.07*** | -19.47*** | -27.08*** |
| 56.0- ^(d) | -25.97*** | -16.27*** | -21.11*** |
| 58.5- ^(d) | -21.50*** | -15.52*** | -18.52*** |
| 61.0- ^(d) | -21.03*** | -10.29*** | -15.26*** |
| 63.5 ^(d) | -15.86*** | -12.78*** | -14.65*** |
| 66.0- ^(d) | -15.78*** | -10.88*** | -13.48*** |
| 68.5- ^(d) | -9.53*** | -11.77*** | -11.63*** |
| 71.0- ^(d) | -8.60*** | -9.14*** | -9.29*** |
| 73.5- ^(d) | -8.34*** | -4.38 | -6.73*** |
| 76.0- ^(d) | 3.29 | -6.59* | -2.24 |
| 78.5-81.0 ^(d) | -1.91 | 1.08 | -0.30 |
| 83.5- ^(d) | -7.65 | -8.87 | -8.46** |
| >86.0 ^(d) | -8.14* | -2.98 | -5.47 |
| Minimum temperature (° F) | -0.68*** | -0.51*** | -0.59*** |
| Precipitation (inches) | -14.74*** | -24.29*** | -19.07*** |
| Maximum relative humidity (%) | -0.24** | -0.25*** | -0.23*** |
| Minimum relative humidity (%) | -0.26*** | -0.36*** | -0.32*** |
| Maximum wind speed (miles per hour) | -0.58*** | -0.46*** | -0.51*** |
| Minimum wind speed (miles per hour) | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.17 |
| Maximum wind direction (degrees to the north) | -0.02 | 0.02* | 0.00 |
| Minimum wind direction (degrees to the north) | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01* |
| Daylight (hours) | -0.79 | 1.86 | 0.40 |
| Observations | 4,161 | 5,450 | 9,620 |

Notes: Results (marginal effects) are from a probit model. Marginal effects (multiplied by 100 for aesthetic purposes) are calculated at the means of continuous variables and from zero to one for dummy variables. The dependent variable is equal to one if the respondent reporting “Yes” to the question “Was the weather good enough for outdoor activities?” and zero otherwise. ^(a), ^(b), ^(c) and ^(d) denote no qualification, unemployed, native and 81-83.5 °F as the base group, respectively. Other explanatory variables include local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level are not reported for brevity. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Table 3. Weather conditions and children's time allocation

| | Bed | | Personal care | | School | | Education | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 1.62 | 1.47 | -1.63 | -2.57** | 0.36 | 0.26 | 1.48 | 1.17 |
| | [1.10] | [1.02] | [1.46] | [1.27] | [1.34] | [0.55] | [1.13] | [1.01] |
| Max temperature squared | -0.01* | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.00 | -0.00 | -0.01 | -0.01 |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.00] | [0.01] | [0.01] |
| Min temperature (°F) | -0.13 | -0.27 | -0.13 | 0.63** | 0.12 | -0.00 | 0.22 | -0.38* |
| | [0.21] | [0.21] | [0.29] | [0.26] | [0.27] | [0.11] | [0.22] | [0.21] |
| Precipitation (inches) | 6.30** | 1.07 | 3.02 | 5.00 | -1.98 | -3.78** | 2.15 | -0.85 |
| | [3.01] | [3.95] | [5.44] | [5.56] | [5.37] | [1.63] | [5.38] | [3.92] |
| Max humidity (%) | 0.03 | -0.25** | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.37** | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.14 |
| | [0.11] | [0.12] | [0.16] | [0.15] | [0.16] | [0.06] | [0.13] | [0.11] |
| Min humidity (%) | -0.20** | 0.12 | 0.12 | -0.16 | 0.02 | -0.05 | 0.03 | -0.00 |
| | [0.10] | [0.10] | [0.14] | [0.12] | [0.13] | [0.05] | [0.10] | [0.09] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | 0.03 | 0.25* | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.04 | -0.04 | -0.04 |
| | [0.13] | [0.14] | [0.19] | [0.17] | [0.19] | [0.07] | [0.14] | [0.13] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.20 | -0.39 | 0.39 | 0.39 | -0.21 | 0.15 | -0.47 | 0.26 |
| | [0.28] | [0.31] | [0.41] | [0.36] | [0.40] | [0.16] | [0.31] | [0.28] |
| Max wind direction | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.03* | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 |
| | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] |
| Min wind direction | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.03 | -0.01 | -0.03 | 0.01 | 0.03* | 0.00 |
| | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] |
| Daylight (hours) | -5.85** | -2.46 | -0.96 | -3.72 | 8.70*** | 1.36 | 2.68 | 1.51 |
| | [2.37] | [2.11] | [2.85] | [2.46] | [3.12] | [1.19] | [2.26] | [1.89] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 |
| R-squared | 0.338 | 0.226 | 0.154 | 0.135 | 0.360 | 0.097 | 0.133 | 0.161 |
| Sample mean | 645.1 | 657.4 | 320.7 | 313.4 | 196.5 | 12.15 | 108.2 | 97.14 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various weather conditions on children's time allocation based on equation (1). Other explanatory variables include the child's characteristics, the mother's characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Table 3. Weather conditions and children's time allocation (continued)

| | Active | | Chores | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Weekday (9) | Weekend (10) | Weekday (11) | Weekend (12) | Weekday (13) | Weekend (14) | Weekday (15) | Weekend (16) | Weekday (17) | Weekend (18) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 4.06*** [1.05] | 4.79*** [1.31] | -0.01 [0.29] | 0.15 [0.44] | -1.66 [1.14] | -4.22*** [1.13] | 0.31 [0.68] | 1.80** [0.80] | 3.30*** [0.92] | 10.48*** [1.31] |
| Max temperature squared | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.03*** [0.01] | 0.00 [0.00] | -0.00 [0.00] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.03*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.01*** [0.01] | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.06*** [0.01] |
| Min temperature (°F) | -0.41* [0.21] | -0.37 [0.29] | -0.03 [0.06] | -0.25*** [0.09] | 0.27 [0.19] | 0.03 [0.23] | -0.16 [0.14] | -0.32* [0.17] | -0.28 [0.20] | -0.75** [0.30] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -13.29*** [3.51] | -13.25** [6.09] | -0.37 [0.98] | -0.10 [1.87] | 1.50 [3.23] | 17.02*** [5.02] | -7.69*** [2.10] | -1.38 [4.83] | -22.90*** [3.22] | -24.52*** [7.14] |
| Max humidity (%) | -0.03 [0.12] | -0.01 [0.15] | -0.01 [0.03] | -0.05 [0.05] | 0.10 [0.11] | -0.15 [0.12] | -0.03 [0.08] | 0.01 [0.10] | -0.19* [0.11] | -0.26 [0.16] |
| Min humidity (%) | 0.07 [0.10] | -0.06 [0.13] | 0.03 [0.03] | 0.08** [0.04] | -0.17* [0.09] | 0.20* [0.11] | 0.05 [0.07] | -0.04 [0.08] | 0.13 [0.09] | -0.14 [0.13] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | -0.04 [0.13] | -0.26 [0.18] | 0.06* [0.04] | 0.04 [0.06] | -0.17 [0.12] | -0.10 [0.14] | 0.07 [0.09] | -0.17 [0.11] | -0.23* [0.12] | -0.63*** [0.19] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.49* [0.29] | -0.22 [0.39] | -0.08 [0.08] | -0.01 [0.12] | 0.47* [0.27] | 0.21 [0.31] | -0.08 [0.19] | 0.38 [0.23] | 0.21 [0.28] | -0.88** [0.39] |
| Max wind direction | -0.01 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.02] | -0.00 [0.00] | 0.00 [0.01] | 0.02 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.01] | -0.02 [0.02] | -0.02 [0.02] |
| Min wind direction | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.02] | -0.00 [0.00] | 0.00 [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.01 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.02* [0.01] | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.02] |
| Daylight (hours) | -0.90 [2.10] | 2.24 [2.64] | -0.56 [0.48] | 1.67** [0.81] | 0.48 [1.92] | -2.42 [2.01] | -2.51** [1.24] | 3.09* [1.69] | 0.51 [2.07] | 7.29** [2.91] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 |
| R-squared | 0.195 | 0.145 | 0.131 | 0.165 | 0.088 | 0.247 | 0.074 | 0.068 | 0.100 | 0.133 |
| Sample mean | 136.8 | 225.5 | 14.11 | 24.37 | 114.0 | 167.7 | 79.80 | 89.26 | 103.8 | 171.5 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various weather conditions on children's time allocation based on equation (1). Other explanatory variables include the child's characteristics, the mother's characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Table 4. Inter-day substitution – Impacts of weather conditions over the previous 6 days

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Current max temperature (° F) | 3.30*** [1.28] | 5.15*** [1.71] | -2.43* [1.35] | -4.29*** [1.44] | 0.60 [0.86] | 1.86* [1.05] | 2.50** [1.26] | 9.82*** [1.73] |
| Current max temperature sq. | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.03*** [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.03*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.01] | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.06*** [0.01] |
| Current precipitation (inches) | -9.44** [4.45] | -14.34** [7.12] | 0.41 [4.03] | 13.97** [5.62] | -5.90** [2.72] | 1.74 [5.29] | -16.88*** [3.97] | -19.47** [8.20] |
| Lagged max temperature (° F) | 0.89 [1.37] | -0.65 [1.94] | 0.71 [1.26] | -0.15 [1.59] | -0.73 [0.90] | -0.04 [1.30] | 1.34 [1.42] | 1.33 [2.01] |
| Lagged max temperature sq. | -0.01 [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.01] |
| Lagged precipitation (inches) | -17.90 [10.96] | 2.34 [13.39] | 0.36 [8.96] | 10.36 [8.40] | -7.01 [7.15] | -11.42* [6.85] | -27.08*** [9.79] | -22.08 [15.70] |
| Observations | 22,934 | 22,393 | 22,934 | 22,393 | 22,934 | 22,393 | 22,934 | 22,393 |
| R-squared | 0.196 | 0.145 | 0.089 | 0.247 | 0.074 | 0.068 | 0.100 | 0.133 |

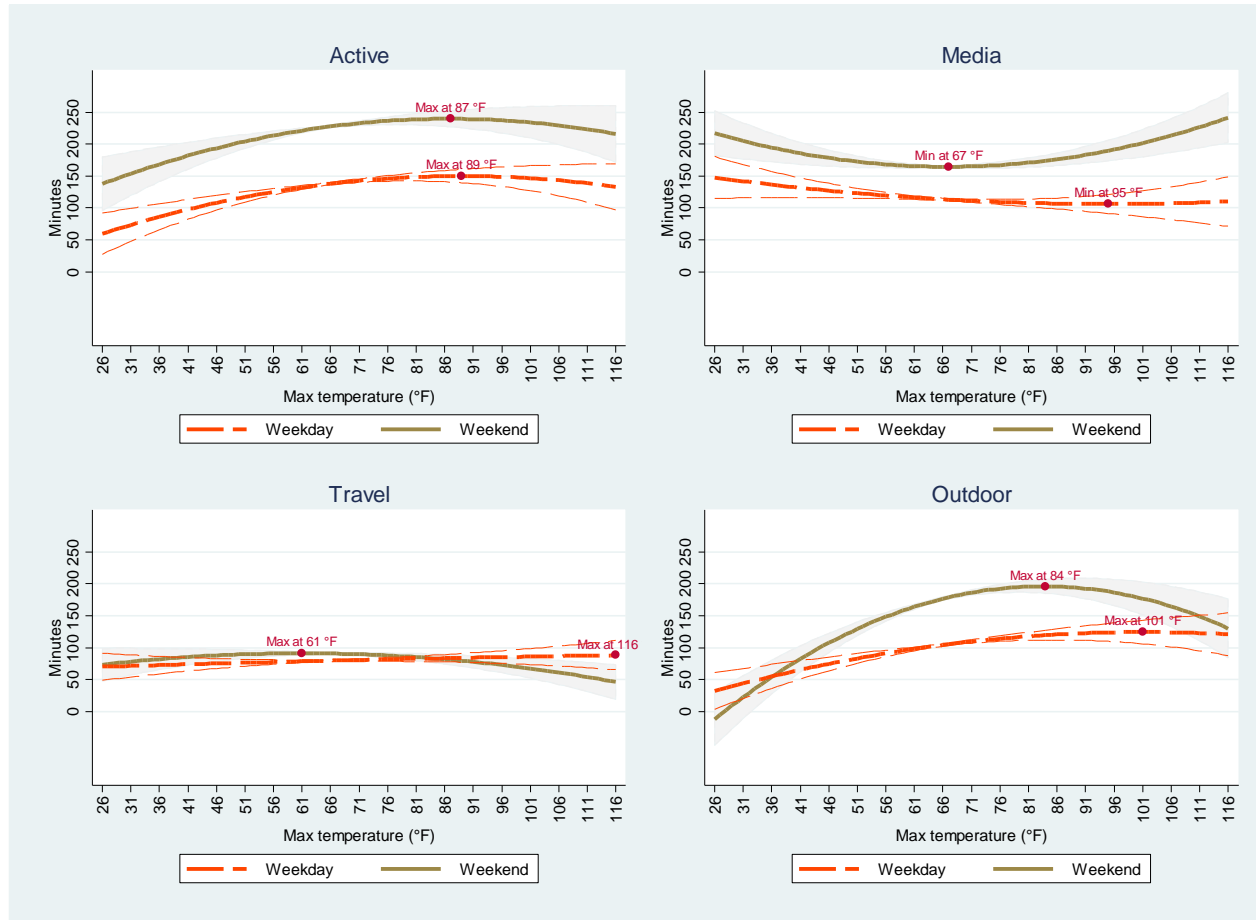
Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various (both contemporaneous and lagged) weather conditions on children’s time allocation based on equation (1). Lagged weather conditions are defined over the previous 6 days. The list of covariates includes other (both contemporaneous and lagged) weather variables such as minimum daily temperature, humidity, wind speed, wind direction and (contemporaneous) daylight. Other explanatory variables include the child’s characteristics, the mother’s characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Table 5. Intra-day substitution – Impacts of weather conditions by time of day

| | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | Twilight | Daylight | Twilight | Daylight | Twilight | Daylight | Twilight | Daylight |
| | Active activity | | | | Media | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 0.92** [0.40] | 2.92*** [0.78] | 0.39 [0.46] | 4.51*** [0.97] | 0.07 [0.49] | -1.09* [0.58] | -0.19 [0.48] | -4.09*** [0.69] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.03*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.00] | 0.01 [0.00] | 0.00 [0.00] | 0.03*** [0.00] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -6.42*** [1.36] | -6.59** [2.82] | -1.88 [1.98] | -13.38*** [4.44] | -0.10 [1.57] | 2.74 [1.98] | 1.24 [1.87] | 11.95*** [3.31] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,403 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 41.80 | 87.51 | 45.69 | 166.29 | 52.40 | 40.10 | 62.36 | 76.07 |
| | Travel | | | | Outdoor | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | 0.18 [0.25] | 0.24 [0.53] | 0.55** [0.26] | 1.11* [0.64] | 0.32 [0.32] | 3.42*** [0.72] | 0.63 [0.39] | 8.79*** [0.99] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.00** [0.00] | -0.01** [0.00] | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.05*** [0.01] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -1.61* [0.84] | -5.52*** [1.76] | -1.64 [1.29] | 0.51 [3.61] | -5.87*** [0.97] | -13.49*** [2.48] | -4.44** [2.00] | -23.42*** [4.65] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,403 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 24.70 | 52.25 | 16.02 | 69.21 | 24.37 | 72.88 | 26.81 | 132.28 |

Notes: This table reports the impact of temperature and precipitation on children’s time allocation by time of day. Results are obtained from equation (1). Twilight is defined as the time before 2 hours after 7:00 and after 2 hours before 19:00. Daylight includes the time between 9:00 and 17:00. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Weather variables such as daily minimum temperature, humidity, wind speed, wind direction and daylight are included. Other explanatory variables include the child’s characteristics, the mother’s characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

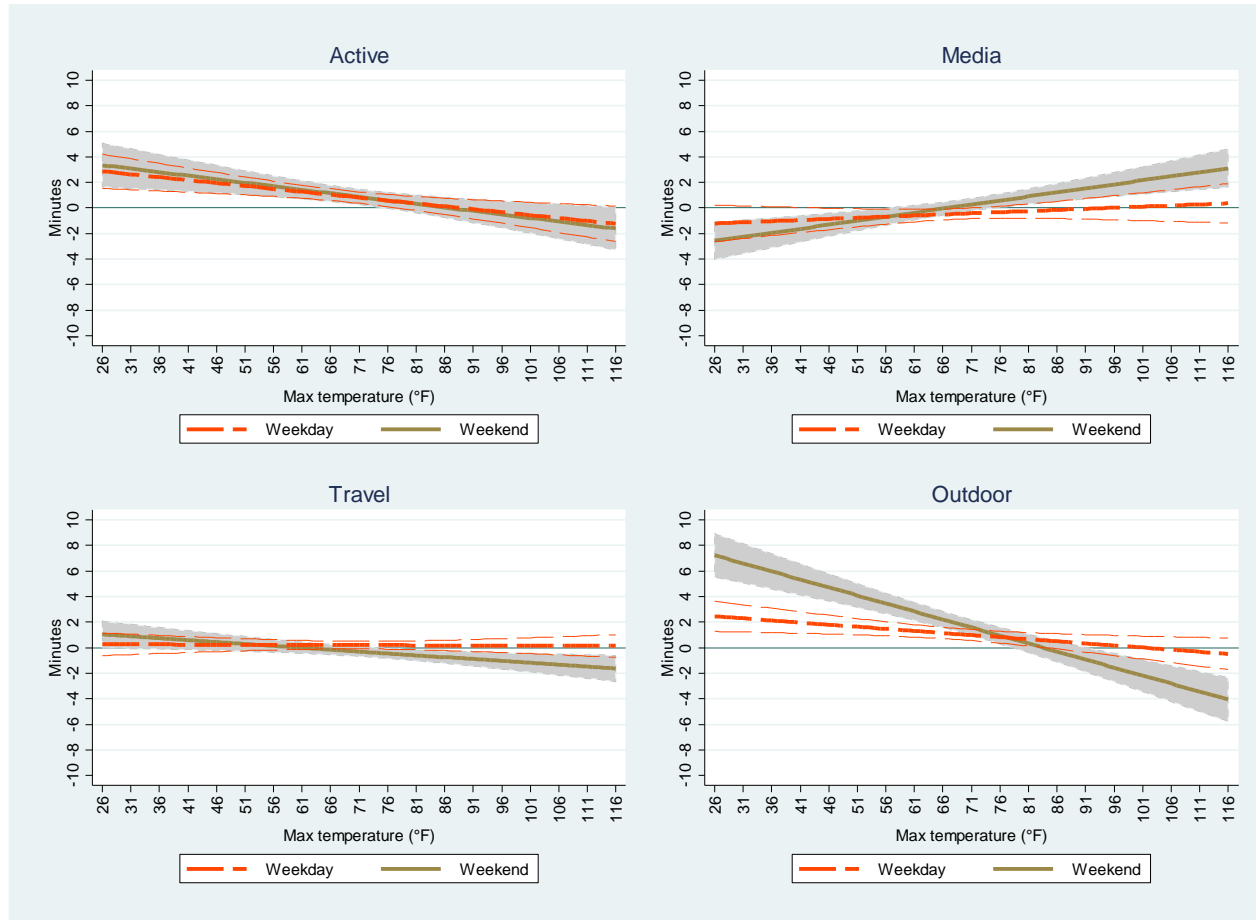
Figure 1. Relationship between temperature and time allocation
 Panel A. Predicted time allocation by daily maximum temperatures



Notes: This figure plots the predicted daily time (in minutes) allocated to various grouped activities by daily maximum temperatures. Thick solid (long dotted) line displays the predicted time allocation during weekends (weekdays) based on equation (1). The 95% confidence interval is shaded in grey for weekends or between thin long dotted lines for weekdays. Full regression results are presented in Table 3 and Appendix Table B2.

Figure 1. Relationship between temperature and time allocation (continued)

Panel B. Marginal effects of daily maximum temperature on children's time allocation



Notes: This figure plots the marginal effects of daily maximum temperature on time allocated to various grouped activities. Thick solid (long dotted) line displays the predicted time allocation during weekends (weekdays) based on equation (1). The 95% confidence interval is shaded in grey for weekends or between thin long dotted lines for weekdays. Full regression results are presented in Table 3 and Appendix Table B2.

Online Appendix A: Data description

Appendix Figure A1. Sample of Time-use Diary and activity codes – wave 2

EXAMPLE

Below is an example of how the diary would be filled in for a child’s morning.

Joshua woke at 6.30am and dressed himself. He then watched the morning news with his father. At 7.00am he had breakfast with his parents and baby brother. After breakfast he helped his mother clear the breakfast dishes from the table and at 7:45am went outside to play with the family dog. At 8.15am his father went outside to tell Joshua it was time to leave for school. Joshua became upset because he didn’t want to stop playing with the dog. His father calmed him down and they left home at 8.30am to drive to school. During the drive to school Joshua read out loud to his father from a book he had brought home from school the previous day. His father dropped him off at school ten minutes later and gave him a hug goodbye before going on to work.

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| | | Night | | | | Morning | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|------|------|------|---------|------|------|----|------|----|------|----|---|----|----|----|--|
| | | 4 am | | 5 am | | 6 am | | 7 am | | 8 am | | 9 am | | | | | | |
| | | 0 | 15 | 30 | 45 | 0 | 15 | 30 | 45 | 0 | 15 | 30 | 45 | 0 | 15 | 30 | 45 | |
| What was the child doing? | Not sure what child was doing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sleeping, napping | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| | Awake in bed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Eating and drinking | | | | | | | | ● | ● | | | | | | | | |
| | Bathing, dressing, hair care, health care | | | | | | | | ● | ● | | | | | | | | |
| | Doing nothing, bored/restless | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Crying, upset, tantrum | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Arguing, fighting, destroying things | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Being held, cuddled, comforted, soothed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Being reprimanded, corrected | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Watching TV, video, DVD, movie | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Listening to tapes, CDs, radio, music | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Using computer/computer game | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Being read to, told a story, or sung to | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Reading or looking at book by self | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Quiet free play (e.g. board game, craft, dress-ups) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Active free play (e.g. running, climbing, ball game) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Helping with chores, jobs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Visiting people, special event, outing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Organised sport/physical activity (e.g. swim, dance, Auskick) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other organised lesson/activity (e.g. music, drama) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Travel | Walking (for travel or fun) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Riding bicycle, scooter, roller blades etc. (for travel or fun) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Travel in car | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Travel on public transport | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Being taken places with adult (e.g. shopping) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4 am | 5 am | 6 am | 7 am | 8 am | 9 am | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 0 | 15 | 30 | 45 | 0 | 15 | 30 | 45 | 0 | 15 | 30 | 45 | 0 | 15 | 30 | 45 | |
| Where was the child? | Own home, indoors | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| | Own home, outdoors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | School, after/before school care | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other, indoors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other, outdoors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| In the same room, nearby if outside | Alone | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| | Mother, step mother | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Father, step father | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Grandparent(s)/other adult relative(s) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Brother(s), sister(s), other children | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other adult(s) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Dog, cat or other pet (not fish) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Was this activity done for or as part of homework | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Appendix Figure A2. Sample of Time-use Diary - wave 5

Day _____

Date _____

 What did **you** do today?

What time did you wake up? :

 **Before 9:00am**

Put stickers here if you had something to eat or drink

| What time is it ? | What did you do? | |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Source: Corey *et al.* (2014).

Appendix Figure A3. Sample of activity codes – Time-use Diary wave 5

| Work | Non-Active Activities |
|---|--|
| 00. Retailing (including fast food) | 50. Filling out the diary |
| 01. Pamphlet delivering | 51. Private music lessons/practice, academic tutoring |
| 02. Umpiring/refereeing | 52. Listening to music, Playing musical instruments or singing for leisure |
| 03. Car washing | 53. Reading or being read to for leisure |
| 04. Gardening / lawn mowing | 54. Unstructured non-active play |
| 05. Babysitting | 55. Non-active club activities |
| 06. Animal care | 56. Doing nothing |
| 07. Working in a family business or farm | 57. Sleeping/napping (not end of the day bed-time) |
| 08. Work nec. | 58. Doing homework (not via electronic devices) |
| 09. Volunteering | 59. Non-active activities nec. |
| | |
| Eating/Drinking | Electronic Device Use |
| 10. Eating/drinking | 60. Doing homework |
| | 61. Playing games |
| Personal Care/ Medical/Health Care | 62. Watching TV programs or movies/videos |
| 20. Cleaning teeth | 63. Spending time on social networking sites |
| 21. Showering/bathing | 64. Downloading/posting media (e.g. music, videos, applications) |
| 22. Getting dressed / getting ready | 65. Internet shopping |
| 23. Personal care nec. | 66. General Internet browsing (excluding homework) |
| 24. Doctor | 67. Creating/maintaining websites (excluding social networking profile) |
| 25. Dentist | 68. General application use (e.g. Microsoft Office; excluding homework) |
| 26. Physiotherapist / Chiropractor | 69. Electronic device use nec. |
| 27. Medical/Health care nec. | |
| | |
| Chores | School Lessons |
| 30. Cleaning/tidying | 70. School lessons |
| 31. Laundry/clothes care | |
| 32. Food/drink preparation | Communication |
| 33. Food/drink clean up | 80. Talking face-to-face (in person not via electronic devices) |
| 34. Gardening / lawn mowing | 81. Talking on a landline phone (not video chat) |
| 35. Animal care (excluding active play) | 82. Talking on a mobile phone (not video chat) |
| 36. Home maintenance | 83. Video chatting (e.g. Skype) |
| 37. Taking care of siblings | 84. Texting/emailing |
| 38. Chores nec. | 85. Online chatting / Instant messaging |
| | 86. Non-verbal interaction (e.g. cuddles) |
| | 87. Communication nec. |
| Active Activities | |
| 40. Organised team sports and training | |
| 41. Organised individual sport and training | Travel |
| 42. Unstructured active play | 90. By foot |
| 43. Walking pets / playing with pets | 91. By bike, scooter, skateboard etc. |
| 44. Active club activities | 92. By private motor vehicle/bike |
| 45. Shopping | 93. By public/chartered transport such as bus, taxi or aeroplane |
| 46. Going out to a concert, play, museum, art gallery, community or school event , an amusement park etc. | 94. Travel nec. |
| 47. Religious activities / ritual ceremonies | |
| 48. Attending live sporting events | Others |
| 49. Active activities nec. | 99. Others |

Source: Corey *et al.* (2014).

Appendix Table A1. Coding rules for activities by B cohort children

| Grouping | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 | Wave 6 |
|---------------|--|---|---|--|
| Sleep | Sleeping, napping | Sleeping, napping | Sleeping, napping | Sleeping/napping (not end of the day bed-time); Time between sleep (from response to the question "what time did you go to sleep?") and wake-up (next day, from response to the question "What time did you wake up?") |
| Personal care | Awake in bed / cot; Looking around, doing nothing; Bathe / nappy change, dress / hair care; Breastfeeding; Other eating, drinking, being fed; Crying, upset; Destroy things, create mess; Held, cuddled, comforted, soothed; Not sure what child was doing | Awake in bed; Eating, drinking, being fed; Bathing, dressing, hair care, health care; Doing nothing, bored/restless; Crying, upset, tantrum; Arguing, fighting; Destroy things, create mess; Being reprimanded; Being held, cuddled, comforted, soothed; Quiet free play; Not sure what child was doing | Awake in bed; Eating, drinking, being fed; Bathing, dressing, hair care, health care; Doing nothing, bored/restless; Crying, upset, tantrum; Arguing, fighting; destroying things, creating mess; Being reprimanded; Being held, comforted, soothed; Quiet free play; Not sure what child was doing | Eating/drinking; Cleaning teeth; Showering/bathing; Getting dressed / getting ready; Personal care nec.; Doctor; Dentist/Orthodontist; Physiotherapist / Chiropractor; Medical/Health care; Personal care/Medical/Health Care nec.; Listening to music; Playing musical instruments or singing for leisure; Chess, card, paper and board games / crosswords; Games of chance / gambling; Hobbies, collections; Handwork crafts (excl. clothes making); Arts; Unstructured non-active play nec; Clubs; Religious groups; Doing nothing; Non-active activities nec.; Talking face-to-face; Talking on a landline phone; Non-verbal interaction; Negative face-to-face communication; Communication nec.; Illegal activities; Filling out the diary; Other; Uncodeable activity |
| School | Responses "Day care centre / playgroup" to the question "where was the child?" | Responses "Day care centre / playgroup" to the question "where was the child?" | Responses "Day care centre / playgroup" to the question "where was the child?" | School lessons, excluding Recess and Lunch |

| Grouping | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 | Wave 6 |
|-----------|---|--|---|--|
| Education | Read a story, talked / sung to, sing / talk; Colour / draw, look at book, puzzles; Organised activities / playgroup | Read a story, told a story, sung to; Colour/draw, look at book, educational game; Organised lessons/activities | Read a story, talk/sing, talked/sung to; drawing/labouring, looking at book, etc.; organised lessons/activity | Private music lessons/practice, academic tutoring; Reading or being read to for leisure; Doing homework (not via electronic devices); Doing homework (electronic device); Attend courses (excluding school /university) |
| Active | Crawl, climb, swing arms or legs; Other play, other activities; Visiting people, special event, party | Active free play; Visiting people, special event, party; Walking; Ride bicycle/trike | Active free play; visiting people, special event, outing; walking; travel in pusher/bicycle seat; ride bicycle, trike, etc. | Archery / Shooting sports; Athletics / Gymnastics; Fitness / Gym / Exercise; Ball Sports; Martial arts / Dancing; Motor Sports / Roller Sports / Cycling; Water/Ice/Snow Sports; Organised team sports and training other; Archery / Shooting sports (individual); Athletics / Gymnastics (individual); Fitness / Gym / Exercise (individual); Martial arts / Dancing (individual); Motor Sports / Roller Sports / Cycling (individual); Ball Sports (individual); Water/Ice/Snow Sports (individual); Organised individual sport and training other; Archery / Shooting sports (unstructured); Athletics / Gymnastics (unstructured); Fitness / Gym / Exercise (unstructured); Ball Sports (unstructured); Martial arts / Dancing (unstructured); Motor Sports / Roller Sports / Cycling (unstructured); Water/Ice/Snow Sports (unstructured); Unstructured active play Other; Walking pets/playing with pets; Active club activities; Shopping; Shopping; Purchasing consumer goods; Purchasing durable goods; Window shopping; Purchasing repair services; Purchasing administrative services; Purchasing personal care services; Purchasing other services; Attendance at movies / cinema; Attendance at concert/theatre; Attendance at museum / exhibition / art gallery; Attendance at zoo / animal park / botanic garden; Attendance at other mass events; Going out nec; Religious practice; Weddings, funerals, rites of passage; Religious activities / ritual ceremonies nec; Attending live sporting events; Active activities nec |
| Chore | | Being taught to do chores | Being taught to do chores | Retailing; Hospitality (including fast food); Clerical/office; Labourers and related workers; Gardening / lawn mowing; Babysitting; Apprenticeships/trades persons; Working in a family business or farm; Work Other; Umpiring (work); Car washing (work); Animal care (work); Volunteering (work); Cleaning/tidying; Laundry/clothes care; Clothes making; Food/drink preparation; Food/drink clean up; Gardening (maintenance chores); Cleaning grounds/garage/shed/outside of house (chores); Pool care (chores); Animal care; Home maintenance; Design/Home Improvement; Heat/water/power upkeep; Car/boat/bike care; Selling/disposing of household assets; Rubbish/Recycling; Packing; Household management Other; Taking care of siblings (chores); Chores nec |

| Grouping | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 | Wave 6 |
|----------|---|---|--|--|
| Media | Watching TV, video or DVD; Listening to tapes, CD's, radio, music | Watching TV, video, DVD, movie; Listening to tapes, CDs, radio, music; Using computer, computer game | Watching TV, video, DVD, movie; listening to tapes, CDs, radio, music; using computer, computer game | Playing games (electronic device); Playing games (Electronic device) nfd; Watching TV programs or movies/videos; Spending time on social networking sites; Downloading/posting media; Internet shopping; General Internet browsing; Creating/maintaining websites; General application use; Electronic device use nec.; Talking on a mobile phone; Video chatting; Texting/emailing; Online chatting / Instant messaging |
| Travel | Taken places with adult (e.g. shopping); Taken out in pram or bicycle seat; Travel in car / other household vehicle; Travel on public transport, ferry, plane | Travel in car; Travel in a pusher/bicycle seat; Travel on public transport; Taken places with adult (e.g. Shopping) | Travel in car; travel on public transport; taken places with adult | Travel by foot; by bike, scooter, skateboard etc.; by private motor vehicle/bike; by public/chartered transport; Travel nec. |
| Outdoor | Response "Other, outdoors" to the question "where was the child?" | Responses "Own home, outdoors" or "Other, outdoors" to the question "where was the child?" | Responses "Own home, outdoors" or "Other, outdoors" to the question "where was the child?" | Reponses "Yes" or "Both" to the question "Was the child outside?", plus Gardening / lawn mowing; Gardening (maintenance chores); Cleaning grounds/garage/shed/outside of house (chores); Pool care (chores); Travel by foot; Travel by bike, scooter, skateboard etc.; Travel nec. |

Appendix Table A2. Coding rules for activities by K cohort children

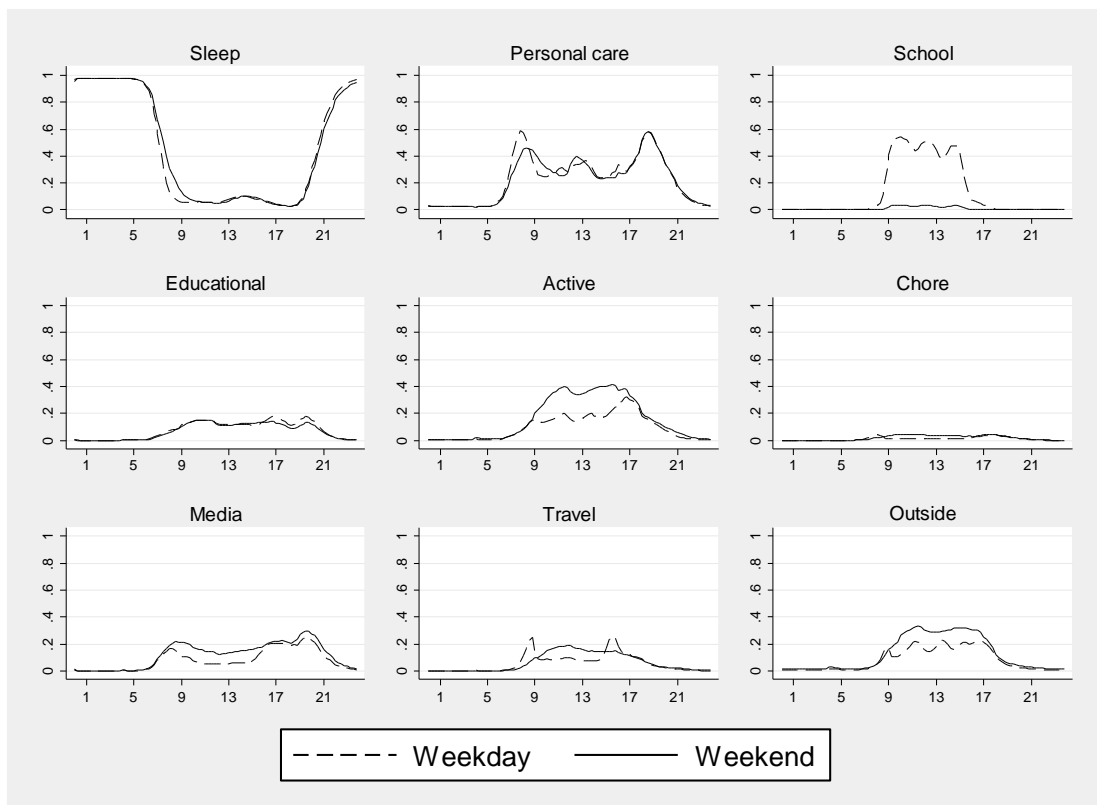
| Grouping | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 | Wave 4 | Wave 5 | Wave 6 |
|---------------|--|---|----------------|--|--|--|
| Sleep | Sleeping, napping | Sleeping, napping | Same as wave 2 | Sleeping/napping; Time between sleep (from response to the question "what time did you go to sleep?") and wake-up (next day, from response to the question "What time did you wake up?") | Sleeping/napping (not end of the day bed-time); Time between sleep (from response to the question "what time did you go to sleep?") and wake-up (next day, from response to the question "What time did you wake up?") | Sleeping/napping (not end of the day bed-time); Time between sleep (from response to the question "what time did you go to sleep?") and wake-up (next day, from response to the question "What time did you wake up?") |
| Personal care | Awake in bed; Eating and drinking; Bathe, dress, hair care, health care; Do nothing, bored/restless; Crying, upset, tantrum; Arguing, fighting, destroy things; Held, cuddled, comforted, soothed; Being reprimanded, corrected; Not sure what child was doing | Awake in bed; Eating and drinking; Bathe, dress, hair care, health care; Do nothing, bored/restless; Crying, upset, tantrum; Arguing, fighting, destroy things; Held, cuddled, comforted, soothed; Being reprimanded, corrected; Quiet free play; Not sure what child was doing | Same as wave 2 | Eating/drinking; Bathing, dressing, toileting, teeth brushing, hair care; Dentist, Doctor, Chiropractor, Physio, Optometrist; Listening to music, CDs, playing music; Board or card games, puzzles, toys, art; Non-Active Club Activities i.e. Chess C; Doing nothing; Talking face to face; Other | Eating/drinking; Cleaning teeth; Showering/bathing; Getting dressed / getting ready; Personal care nec.; Doctor; Dentist; Physiotherapist / Chiropractor; Medical/Health care nec.; Listening to music, playing musical instruments or singing for leisure; Unstructured non-active play; Non-active club activities; Doing nothing; Non-active activities nec.; Talking face-to-face (in person not via electronic devices); Non-verbal interaction (e.g. cuddles); Negative face-to-face communication; Communication nec.; Filling out the diary; Other | Eating/drinking; Cleaning teeth; Showering/bathing; Getting dressed / getting ready; Personal care nec.; Doctor; Dentist/Orthodontist; Physiotherapist / Chiropractor; Medical/Health care; Personal care/Medical/Health Care nec.; Listening to music; Playing musical instruments or singing for leisure; Chess, card, paper and board games / crosswords; Games of chance / gambling; Hobbies, collections; Handwork crafts (excl. clothes making); Arts; Unstructured non-active play nec; Clubs; Religious groups; Doing nothing; Non-active activities nec; Talking face-to-face; Talking on a landline phone; Non-verbal interaction; Negative face-to-face communication; Communication nec; Illegal activities; Filling out the diary; Other; Uncodeable activity |
| School | Responses "Day care centre / playgroup" to the question "where was the child?" | Responses "School, after/ before school; care" to the question "where was the child?" | Same as wave 2 | School Lessons, excluding Recess and Lunch | School Lessons, excluding Recess and Lunch | School Lessons, excluding Recess and Lunch |

| Grouping | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 | Wave 4 | Wave 5 | Wave 6 |
|-----------|---|--|----------------|--|--|---|
| Education | Read a story, talk/sing, talked/sung to; colour, look at book, educational game; being taught to do chores, read, etc.; organised lessons / activities | Use computer/computer games (if this activity done for or as part of homework); Read a story, talk/sing, talked/sung to; Reading looking at book by self; Other organised lessons / activities | Same as wave 2 | Private music, language, religion lessons, tutoring; Reading or being read to for leisure; Homework (not on computer) including music practice; Computer for homework - internet; Computer for homework - not internet | Private music lessons/practice, academic tutoring; Reading or being read to for leisure; Doing homework (not via electronic devices); Doing homework | Private music lessons/practice, academic tutoring; Reading or being read to for leisure; Doing homework (not via electronic devices); Doing homework (excluding school /university) |
| Active | Walk for travel or for fun; ride bicycle, trike etc. (travel or fun); other exercise - swim / dance/ run about; visiting people, special event, party; other play, other activities | Walk for travel or for fun; Ride bicycle, trike etc. (travel for fun); Visiting people, special event, party; Organised sport/physical activity; Other organised lessons / activities | Same as wave 2 | Organised team sports and training i.e.; Organised individual sport i.e. swimming; Ball games, riding a bike, scooter, ska; Taking Pet for a walk; Scouts, girl guides, etc.; Shopping; Going out to museums, cultural events,; Cinema; Live Sporting Events | Organised team sports and training; Organised individual sport and training; Unstructured active play; Walking pets / playing with pets; Active club activities; Shopping; Going out to a concert, play, museum, art gallery, community or school event , an amusement park etc.; Religious activities / ritual ceremonies; Attending live sporting events; Active activities nec. | Archery / Shooting sports; Athletics / Gymnastics; Fitness / Gym / Exercise; Ball Sports; Martial arts / Dancing; Motor Sports / Roller Sports / Cycling; Water/Ice/Snow Sports; Organised team sports and training other; Archery / Shooting sports (individual); Athletics / Gymnastics (individual); Fitness / Gym / Exercise (individual); Martial arts / Dancing (individual); Motor Sports / Roller Sports / Cycling (individual); Ball Sports (individual); Water/Ice/Snow Sports (individual); Organised individual sport and training other; Archery / Shooting sports (unstructured); Athletics / Gymnastics (unstructured); Fitness / Gym / Exercise (unstructured); Ball Sports (unstructured); Martial arts / Dancing (unstructured); Motor Sports / Roller Sports / Cycling (unstructured); Water/Ice/Snow Sports (unstructured); Unstructured active play Other; Walking pets/playing with pets; Active club activities; Shopping; Shopping; Purchasing consumer goods; Purchasing durable goods; Window shopping; Purchasing repair services; Purchasing administrative services; Purchasing personal care services; Purchasing other services; Attendance at |

| Grouping | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 | Wave 4 | Wave 5 | Wave 6 |
|----------|---|--|----------------|--|---|---|
| | | | | | | movies / cinema; Attendance at concert/theatre; Attendance at museum / exhibition / art gallery; Attendance at zoo / animal park / botanic garden; Attendance at other mass events; Going out nec; Religious practice; Weddings, funerals, rites of passage; Religious activities / ritual ceremonies nec; Attending live sporting events; Active activities nec. |
| Chore | | Helping with chores/jobs | Same as wave 2 | Making own bed, tidying own room; Making, preparing own food; Getting self ready, packing own school; Cleaning, tidying other rooms; Cooking, meal preparation, making lunch; Washing dishes, stacking and emptying d; Gardening, putting out the bin; Taking care of siblings, other children; Taking care of pets (excluding Walking pets) | Retailing (including fast food); Pamphlet delivering; Umpiring/refereeing; Car washing; Gardening / lawn mowing; Babysitting; Animal care; Working in a family business or farm; Work nec.; Volunteering; Cleaning/tidying; Laundry/clothes care; Food/drink preparation; Food/drink clean up; Gardening / lawn mowing; Animal care (excluding active play); Home maintenance; Taking care of siblings; Chores nec. | Retailing; Hospitality (including fast food); Clerical/office; Labourers and related workers; Gardening / lawn mowing; Babysitting; Apprenticeships/trades persons; Working in a family business or farm; Work Other; Umpiring (work); Car washing (work); Animal care (work); Volunteering (work); Cleaning/tidying; Laundry/clothes care; Clothes making; Food/drink preparation; Food/drink clean up; Gardening (maintenance chores); Cleaning grounds/garage/shed/outside of house (chores); Pool care (chores); Animal care; Home maintenance; Design/Home Improvement; Heat/water/power upkeep; Car/boat/bike care; Selling/disposing of household assets; Rubbish/Recycling; Packing; Household management Other; Taking care of siblings (chores); Chores nec |
| Media | Watching TV, video, DVD, movie; Listening to tapes, CD's, radio, music; Use computer/computer games | Watching TV, video, DVD, movie; Listening to tapes, CD's, radio, music; Use computer/computer games (if this activity done NOT for or NOT as part of homework) | Same as wave 2 | Electronic media, games, computer use; Computer games - internet; Computer games - not internet; Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo, Wii etc.; Internet not covered elsewhere; TV/DVD; Talking on a landline phone; Talking on a mobile phone; Texting, | Playing games; Watching TV programs or movies/videos; Spending time on social networking sites; Downloading/posting media (e.g. music, videos, applications); Internet shopping (excluding downloading/posting media); General Internet browsing (excluding homework); Creating/maintaining websites (excluding social networking profile); General application use | Playing games (electronic device); Playing games (Electronic device) nfd.; Watching TV programs or movies/videos; Spending time on social networking sites; Downloading/posting media; Internet shopping; General Internet browsing; Creating/maintaining websites; General application use; Electronic device use nec; Talking on a mobile phone; Video chatting; Texting/emailing; Online chatting / Instant messaging |

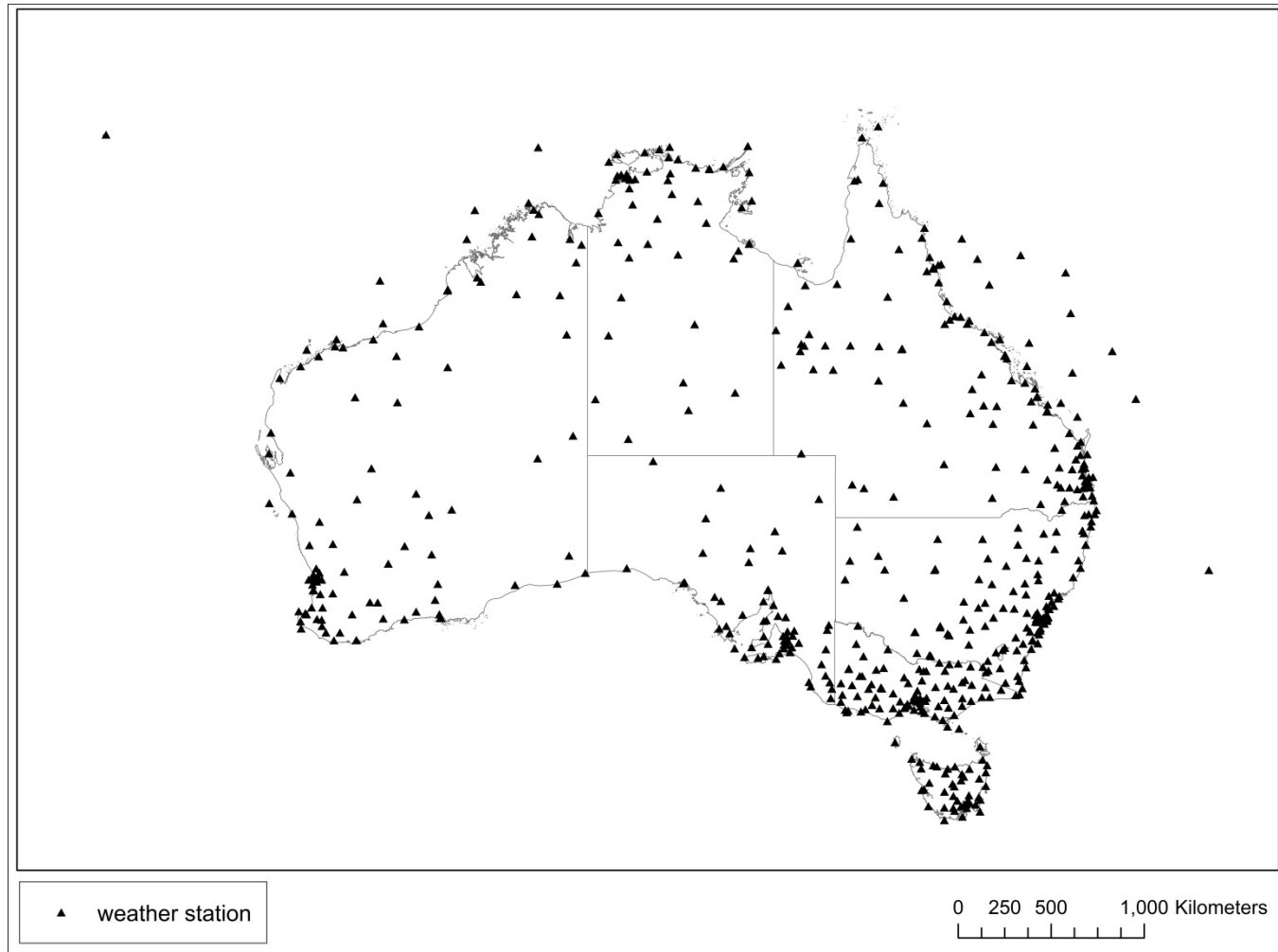
| Grouping | Wave 1 | Wave 2 | Wave 3 | Wave 4 | Wave 5 | Wave 6 |
|----------|---|--|----------------|--|---|---|
| | | | | email, social networking - facebook/twitter; Skype or Webcam | (e.g. Microsoft Office; excluding homework); Electronic device use nec.; Talking on a landline phone (not video chat); Talking on a mobile phone (not video chat); Video chatting (e.g. Skype); Texting/emailing; Online chatting / Instant messaging | |
| Travel | Travel in pusher or on bicycle seat; travel in car / other household vehicle; travel on public transport, ferry, plane; taken places with adult (e.g. shopping) | Travel in car; Travel on public transport; Taken places with adult (e.g. Shopping) | Same as wave 2 | Travel by foot; by bike, scooter, skateboard etc.; by private car; Travel by public transport such as bus | Travel by foot; by bike, scooter, skateboard etc.; by private motor vehicle/bike; by public/chartered transport such as bus, taxi or aeroplane; Travel nec. | Travel by foot; by bike, scooter, skateboard etc.; by private motor vehicle/bike; by public/chartered transport; Travel nec. |
| Outdoor | Response "Other, outdoors" to the question "where was the child?" | Responses "Own home, outdoors" or "Other, outdoors" to the question "where was the child?" | Same as wave 2 | Responses "Yes" or "Both" to the question "Was the child outside?", plus Gardening, putting out the bin; Taking Pet for a walk; Travel by foot; Travel by bike, scooter, skateboard etc. | Responses "Yes" or "Both" to the question "Was the child outside?", plus Pamphlet delivering; Car washing; gardening / lawn mowing; Travel by foot; Travel by bike, scooter, skateboard etc.; Travel nec. | Responses "Yes" or "Both" to the question "Was the child outside?", plus Gardening / lawn mowing; Gardening (maintenance chores); Cleaning grounds/garage/shed/outside of house (chores); Pool care (chores); Travel by foot; Travel by bike, scooter, skateboard etc.; Travel nec. |

Appendix Figure A4. Daily time-use pattern



Notes: This figure presents the allocation of children’s time among various activities over a 24-hour period. Solid lines describe weekend patterns, while dashed lines describe weekday patterns. The vertical axis shows the proportion of children in a specific category, while the horizontal axis displays the time of the day.

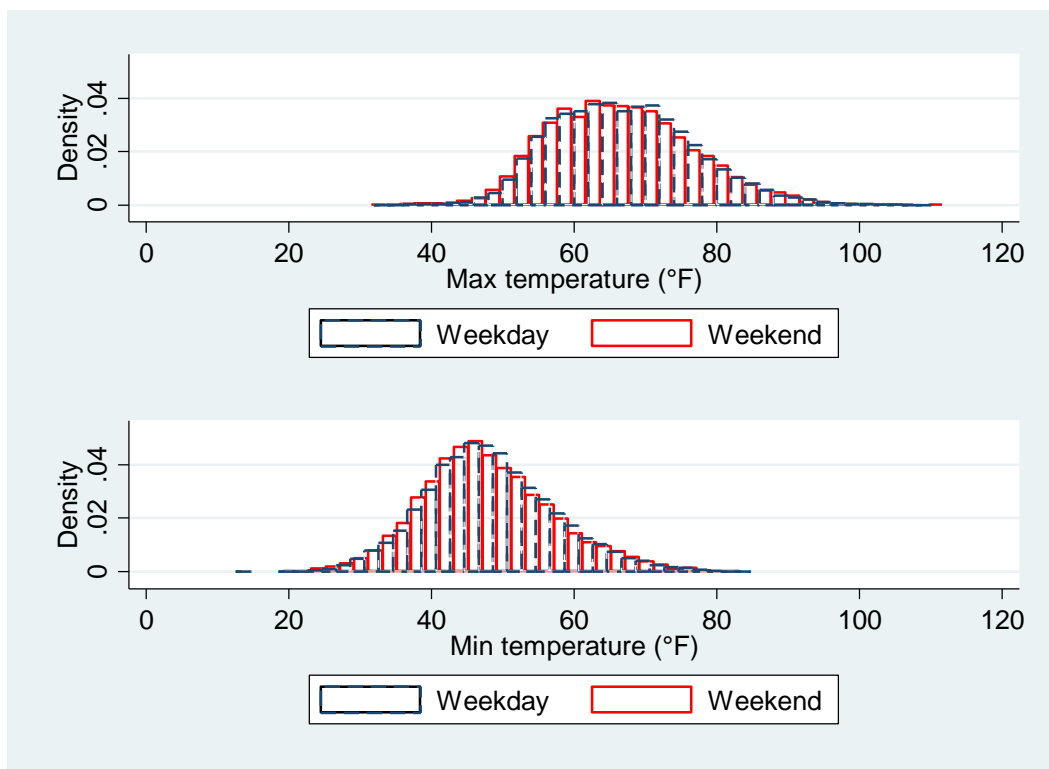
Appendix Figure A5. Distribution of weather stations



Sources: Authors' calculation from the BOM data.

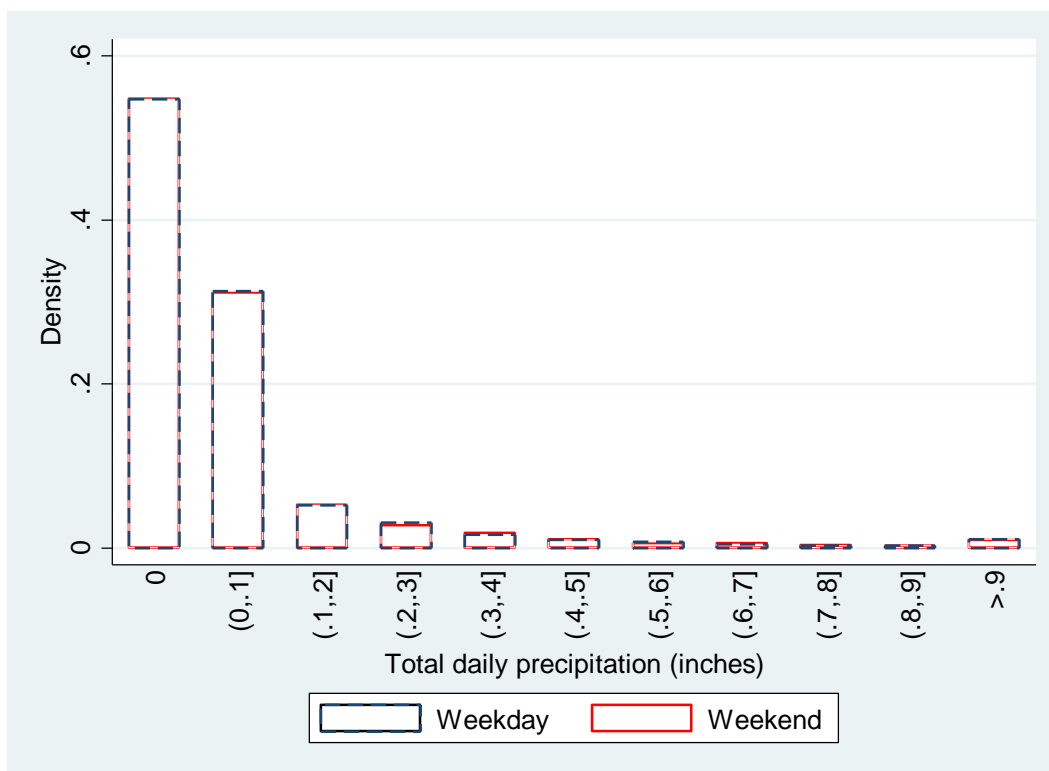
Appendix Figure A6. Histograms of daily temperature and precipitation

Panel A. Distribution of daily temperature



Notes: This figure presents the variations in daily maximum (minimum) temperature between 2004 and 2014 for those postcode-dates from which we have observations in our final sample.

Panel B. Distribution of daily precipitation



Notes: This figure presents the daily precipitation between 2004 and 2014 for those postcode-dates from which we have observations in our final sample.

Online Appendix B: Additional results, robustness checks and heterogeneity

Appendix Table B1. Does weather affect the time diary completion probability?

| Variables | Marginal effects (1) |
|--|-------------------------|
| Child age (months) | -0.17** |
| Male | -2.55*** |
| Aboriginal | -2.15 |
| Child health | -2.08*** |
| Low birth weight | -1.48 |
| Mother age (years) | -0.03 |
| Mother education: Certificate/Diploma ^(a) | 0.64 |
| Mother education: Bachelor or higher ^(a) | 1.33 |
| Maternal general health | -0.34 |
| Mother employed part time ^(b) | 0.31 |
| Mother employed full time ^(b) | 0.40 |
| Mother ESB migrant ^(c) | -1.21 |
| Mother NESB migrant ^(c) | 0.28 |
| Number of household members | -0.06 |
| Number of younger siblings | -0.11 |
| Number of older siblings | 0.10 |
| Living with both parents | 2.75*** |
| Weekly family income (AUS\$ 1,000) | 0.21 |
| Homeowner | 3.20*** |
| Maximum temperature (° F) | -0.65* |
| Maximum temperature squared (° F) | 0.00 |
| Minimum temperature (° F) | -0.02 |
| Precipitation (inches) | -1.37 |
| Maximum relative humidity (%) | -0.07 |
| Minimum relative humidity (%) | -0.01 |
| Maximum wind speed (miles per hour) | -0.10 |
| Minimum wind speed (miles per hour) | 0.08 |
| Maximum wind direction (degrees to the north) | 0.00 |
| Minimum wind direction (degrees to the north) | -0.00 |
| Daylight (hours) | 0.95 |
| Observations | 13,326 |
| Number included in the sample | 11,523 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.10 |
| P t test | 0.42 |

Notes: Results (marginal effects) are from a probit model. Marginal effects (multiplied by 100 for aesthetic purposes) are calculated at the means of continuous variables and from zero to one for dummy variables. The dependent variable is equal to one if the child is in our sample and zero otherwise. Sample: children of both cohorts surveyed in waves 4 to 6. ^(a), ^(b) and ^(c) denote no qualification, unemployed and native as the base group, respectively. Other explanatory variables include local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and postcode dummies. P Chi 2 test: P value of a Chi square test for whether the estimates of all included weather variables are equal to zero. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level are not reported for brevity. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B2. Determinants of children's time allocation - Remaining results

| | Bed | | Personal care | | School | | Education | |
|--|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Child age (months) | -1.52*** | -1.43*** | -2.19*** | -1.77*** | 2.37*** | -0.04 | 1.54*** | 0.03 |
| | [0.24] | [0.27] | [0.37] | [0.33] | [0.36] | [0.16] | [0.27] | [0.24] |
| Male | 1.16 | -5.42*** | -13.33*** | -15.67*** | -0.63 | -1.40* | -5.80*** | -6.86*** |
| | [1.52] | [1.58] | [2.15] | [1.91] | [2.06] | [0.80] | [1.72] | [1.50] |
| Aboriginal | 4.44 | -5.04 | -2.14 | -0.17 | -3.61 | 3.66 | -20.72*** | -10.59** |
| | [5.50] | [6.57] | [7.83] | [7.36] | [6.94] | [3.15] | [5.31] | [4.81] |
| Child general health | -4.10*** | -1.02 | -0.58 | 1.43 | -3.82*** | -0.47 | -1.90* | -0.89 |
| | [1.14] | [1.17] | [1.49] | [1.35] | [1.43] | [0.53] | [1.15] | [1.04] |
| Low birthweight | 4.47 | 4.64 | 5.58 | -2.26 | -2.24 | 0.20 | -7.50** | -2.28 |
| | [3.27] | [3.52] | [4.75] | [4.00] | [4.48] | [1.70] | [3.33] | [3.06] |
| Mother's age (years) | -0.77*** | -0.80*** | -0.30 | 0.66*** | -0.06 | -0.05 | 0.99*** | 0.99*** |
| | [0.18] | [0.19] | [0.25] | [0.22] | [0.24] | [0.09] | [0.19] | [0.17] |
| Mother education: Certificate/Diploma ^(a) | -1.79 | -1.78 | 6.07** | 2.07 | -1.58 | -0.81 | 7.36*** | 5.99*** |
| | [2.00] | [2.16] | [2.76] | [2.56] | [2.55] | [1.04] | [2.12] | [1.86] |
| Mother education: Bachelor or higher ^(a) | -2.19 | -1.12 | 21.51*** | 11.68*** | -1.73 | -1.01 | 29.14*** | 22.81*** |
| | [2.16] | [2.26] | [3.00] | [2.75] | [2.92] | [1.11] | [2.47] | [2.16] |
| Maternal general health | -1.90** | -1.79* | 4.22*** | 4.27*** | 0.58 | 1.26** | 0.77 | 1.20 |
| | [0.92] | [0.99] | [1.28] | [1.18] | [1.23] | [0.51] | [1.06] | [0.90] |
| Mother employed part time ^(b) | -2.20 | -2.40 | -6.77*** | -7.41*** | 32.83*** | 0.05 | -5.39** | -3.63* |
| | [1.94] | [1.97] | [2.55] | [2.32] | [2.49] | [0.92] | [2.10] | [1.87] |
| Mother employed full time ^(b) | -9.94*** | -0.44 | -4.48 | -8.10*** | 53.32*** | 0.90 | -6.54** | -4.60** |
| | [2.30] | [2.56] | [3.36] | [3.00] | [3.33] | [1.25] | [2.65] | [2.33] |
| Mother ESB migrant ^(c) | -2.98 | -2.52 | 3.39 | 1.24 | 1.52 | 1.46 | 4.70 | 2.75 |
| | [2.60] | [2.81] | [3.87] | [3.42] | [3.75] | [1.41] | [2.98] | [2.67] |
| Mother NESB migrant ^(c) | -12.01*** | -5.18* | -1.84 | -1.36 | 4.44 | 3.83** | 8.84*** | 13.91*** |
| | [2.77] | [2.87] | [3.63] | [3.37] | [3.61] | [1.63] | [2.96] | [2.60] |
| Number of household members | 1.82 | 1.32 | 5.24** | 1.07 | -1.73 | -1.49** | -1.48 | -1.41 |
| | [1.60] | [1.61] | [2.31] | [2.07] | [2.01] | [0.70] | [1.60] | [1.43] |

| | Bed | | Personal care | | School | | Education | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Number of younger siblings | -5.35*** [1.93] | -5.70*** [1.97] | -7.94*** [2.81] | 1.12 [2.49] | -0.75 [2.50] | 0.57 [0.94] | 9.96*** [1.94] | 8.69*** [1.77] |
| Number of older siblings | -5.68*** [1.91] | -4.27** [1.87] | -6.26** [2.63] | -2.35 [2.36] | -3.25 [2.31] | 0.98 [0.77] | -2.82 [1.86] | -1.94 [1.66] |
| Biological parents are at home | 0.82 [2.51] | 1.65 [2.79] | 1.43 [3.58] | -1.35 [3.40] | -15.31*** [3.42] | -1.77 [1.51] | 4.63* [2.73] | 6.00** [2.49] |
| Household weekly income | -0.66 [0.56] | -1.17** [0.56] | -1.41* [0.79] | -1.29* [0.67] | 2.34*** [0.81] | 0.37 [0.35] | 1.01 [0.68] | -1.17** [0.47] |
| Owned home | 4.29** [2.05] | 3.16 [2.12] | -2.92 [2.84] | -3.26 [2.58] | -1.29 [2.70] | -0.65 [1.04] | 7.44*** [2.20] | 6.66*** [1.96] |
| Tuesday ^(d) | -1.84 [2.29] | -2.65 [4.23] | 6.93** [3.23] | 2.59 [5.90] | 16.25*** [3.15] | -2.48 [3.45] | 5.43** [2.52] | -2.30 [3.70] |
| Wednesday ^(d) | -0.55 [2.33] | -10.66** [4.41] | 0.58 [3.25] | 4.28 [6.04] | 21.05*** [3.11] | -3.08 [3.41] | 5.89** [2.56] | -1.01 [3.67] |
| Thursday ^(d) | -5.18** [2.41] | -8.88* [4.82] | 0.12 [3.31] | -0.07 [6.37] | 17.94*** [3.23] | 4.40 [3.92] | 6.22** [2.56] | 1.71 [4.16] |
| Friday ^(d) | -19.87*** [2.42] | -23.58*** [5.09] | 2.73 [3.23] | 1.67 [6.74] | 2.68 [3.24] | 11.67** [4.70] | -4.39* [2.56] | 2.26 [4.75] |
| Saturday ^(d) | | -17.57*** [3.52] | | -9.81** [4.36] | | -1.91 [2.76] | | 14.59*** [3.10] |
| Sunday ^(d) | | 8.35** [3.31] | | -5.46 [4.23] | | -5.04* [2.66] | | 10.33*** [2.89] |
| K cohort | -12.37 [11.72] | 2.86 [12.82] | 30.24* [17.60] | 5.74 [15.99] | 16.42 [17.17] | 9.02 [7.69] | -84.74*** [13.05] | -52.71*** [11.90] |

Notes: Results are from the equation (1). Other explanatory variables include weather conditions (results are reported in Table 2), local socio-economic background variables, year dummies, month dummies, state/territory dummies, and postcode dummies. ^(a), ^(b), ^(c), and ^(d) denote no qualification, unemployed, native, and Monday as the base group, respectively. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B2. Determinants of children's time allocation - Remaining results (continued)

| | Active activity | | Chores | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|---|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) | (17) | (18) |
| Child age (months) | -0.46* | 0.67* | 0.19** | 0.05 | 0.12 | 1.73*** | -0.24 | 0.35 | -0.80*** | 0.84** |
| | [0.27] | [0.35] | [0.09] | [0.13] | [0.25] | [0.31] | [0.17] | [0.22] | [0.27] | [0.38] |
| Male | 12.08*** | 12.32*** | -2.09*** | -4.68*** | 15.27*** | 24.40*** | 0.45 | -1.32 | 14.08*** | 19.85*** |
| | [1.61] | [2.06] | [0.43] | [0.67] | [1.40] | [1.71] | [1.02] | [1.29] | [1.51] | [2.21] |
| Aboriginal | 9.76 | 8.82 | -2.88* | 1.02 | 0.65 | 8.28 | -5.13 | -2.02 | -2.11 | 13.15 |
| | [7.22] | [7.90] | [1.52] | [3.05] | [5.01] | [6.41] | [3.74] | [4.51] | [5.61] | [8.49] |
| Child general health | -4.56*** | -5.72*** | -0.23 | -0.89* | 6.18*** | 4.48*** | -0.53 | 0.61 | -1.79* | -6.17*** |
| | [1.09] | [1.50] | [0.30] | [0.47] | [1.03] | [1.20] | [0.70] | [0.91] | [1.06] | [1.50] |
| Low birthweight | -2.63 | -5.56 | -1.06 | -2.99** | -4.65 | 1.22 | -4.02* | -9.35*** | -1.67 | -6.86 |
| | [3.28] | [4.28] | [0.96] | [1.19] | [3.05] | [3.74] | [2.09] | [2.60] | [3.33] | [4.35] |
| Mother's age (years) | 0.36** | -0.27 | -0.09* | -0.05 | 0.22 | 0.33* | 0.33*** | -0.06 | 0.16 | -0.15 |
| | [0.18] | [0.24] | [0.05] | [0.08] | [0.17] | [0.20] | [0.12] | [0.15] | [0.17] | [0.25] |
| Mother education: Certificate/Diploma ^(a) | 1.50 | 2.11 | 1.33** | 0.65 | -2.56 | 1.50 | 2.55* | 1.15 | 2.46 | 2.62 |
| | [2.08] | [2.79] | [0.52] | [0.85] | [1.88] | [2.24] | [1.36] | [1.69] | [1.93] | [2.83] |
| Mother education: Bachelor or higher ^(a) | 8.88*** | 8.89*** | 3.22*** | 3.13*** | -17.24*** | -15.00*** | 5.37*** | 3.29* | 7.18*** | 5.59* |
| | [2.25] | [3.03] | [0.61] | [0.94] | [1.94] | [2.34] | [1.42] | [1.80] | [2.10] | [3.06] |
| Maternal general health | -1.99** | -2.04 | 0.24 | 0.10 | 3.14*** | 5.75*** | 0.29 | -2.39*** | -1.09 | -1.88 |
| | [1.01] | [1.25] | [0.27] | [0.40] | [0.86] | [1.03] | [0.63] | [0.77] | [0.90] | [1.33] |
| Mother employed part time ^(b) | -6.52*** | 11.51*** | -1.14** | 0.22 | -13.41*** | -8.62*** | -0.05 | 4.91*** | -1.35 | 12.67*** |
| | [2.01] | [2.47] | [0.50] | [0.73] | [1.68] | [1.99] | [1.29] | [1.57] | [1.90] | [2.62] |
| Mother employed full time ^(b) | -14.02*** | 4.49 | -0.72 | 3.69*** | -11.38*** | -4.65* | -2.64* | 7.03*** | -4.20* | 9.36*** |
| | [2.47] | [3.14] | [0.69] | [1.02] | [2.19] | [2.66] | [1.57] | [2.06] | [2.35] | [3.46] |
| Mother ESB migrant ^(c) | 4.09 | 0.95 | 0.74 | 0.66 | 2.05 | -1.69 | 1.52 | -0.34 | 3.36 | 5.92 |
| | [2.92] | [3.63] | [0.71] | [1.12] | [2.35] | [2.88] | [1.82] | [2.17] | [2.60] | [3.77] |
| Mother NESB migrant ^(c) | -8.03*** | -25.76*** | 0.14 | -3.21*** | 5.95** | 0.83 | -7.01*** | 3.29 | -5.92** | -18.28*** |
| | [2.74] | [3.50] | [0.75] | [1.04] | [2.62] | [3.14] | [1.79] | [2.37] | [2.66] | [3.74] |
| Number of household members | 0.01 | -4.33** | 0.73* | 0.59 | -2.04 | -0.25 | -1.09 | -0.05 | -0.49 | 1.27 |
| | [1.72] | [1.99] | [0.40] | [0.64] | [1.48] | [1.86] | [1.02] | [1.38] | [1.48] | [2.14] |

| | Active activity | | Chores | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) | (17) | (18) |
| Number of younger siblings | 1.40 [2.11] | 10.68*** [2.49] | 0.83 [0.57] | 0.54 [0.86] | 0.17 [1.78] | -6.69*** [2.28] | -0.18 [1.22] | -2.58 [1.64] | 6.25*** [1.82] | 7.31*** [2.71] |
| Number of older siblings | 2.00 [1.98] | 7.00*** [2.33] | -0.13 [0.46] | 0.10 [0.72] | 1.07 [1.70] | 0.29 [2.10] | 3.38*** [1.21] | -3.71** [1.59] | 3.35** [1.71] | 5.05** [2.54] |
| Biological parents are at home | 8.65*** [2.75] | 11.06*** [3.43] | 0.36 [0.77] | 3.76*** [1.20] | -2.36 [2.52] | -7.69** [3.24] | 1.05 [1.69] | 1.80 [2.17] | 3.14 [2.59] | 1.70 [3.87] |
| Household weekly income | -0.11 [0.55] | 0.48 [0.68] | -0.24 [0.16] | -0.69*** [0.25] | -0.71 [0.52] | 0.03 [0.61] | 0.80** [0.35] | 0.26 [0.41] | -0.37 [0.59] | -0.72 [0.71] |
| Owned home | -0.88 [2.02] | 5.54** [2.75] | 0.84 [0.54] | -0.42 [0.88] | -8.80*** [1.93] | -6.30*** [2.23] | 2.62* [1.43] | 0.50 [1.71] | 2.59 [2.00] | 7.16** [2.92] |
| Tuesday ^(d) | -9.34*** [2.50] | 3.55 [6.32] | -0.11 [0.66] | -3.72 [2.95] | -5.01** [2.10] | 19.87*** [6.85] | 1.01 [1.55] | -6.15 [3.78] | -7.01*** [2.36] | -11.05* [6.55] |
| Wednesday ^(d) | -13.03*** [2.38] | -1.35 [6.27] | -0.31 [0.62] | 1.00 [3.29] | -6.35*** [2.07] | 15.59** [6.78] | 1.83 [1.58] | -3.10 [3.91] | -10.15*** [2.24] | -14.04** [6.72] |
| Thursday ^(d) | -9.61*** [2.46] | 1.59 [6.51] | -0.03 [0.62] | -6.00* [3.31] | -5.85*** [2.09] | 4.82 [6.77] | 5.65*** [1.61] | 5.16 [4.22] | -4.75** [2.36] | -2.06 [7.69] |
| Friday ^(d) | 2.18 [2.59] | -0.59 [7.33] | -0.16 [0.67] | -5.15 [3.20] | 12.11*** [2.18] | 13.11* [7.17] | 10.92*** [1.68] | 11.78** [4.68] | 1.82 [2.48] | -7.95 [8.01] |
| Saturday ^(d) | | 7.20 [5.01] | | -4.39** [2.05] | | -1.51 [4.69] | | 0.79 [3.13] | | 11.37** [5.29] |
| Sunday ^(d) | | 3.96 [4.68] | | -4.94** [2.03] | | -10.84** [4.59] | | -11.37*** [2.91] | | 2.37 [4.96] |
| K cohort | -13.80 [13.02] | -17.59 [17.02] | -4.57 [4.24] | 9.76 [6.48] | 19.07 [11.98] | -17.21 [15.14] | -2.18 [8.12] | -18.57* [10.70] | 28.01** [12.93] | -26.95 [18.33] |

Notes: Results are from the equation (1). Other explanatory variables include weather conditions (results are reported in Table 2), local socio-economic background variables, year dummies, month dummies, state/territory dummies, and postcode dummies. ^(a), ^(b), ^(c), and ^(d) denote no qualification, unemployed, native, and Monday as the base group, respectively. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B3. Inter-day substitution – Impacts of weather conditions over the next day

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Current max temperature (° F) | 3.48*** [1.30] | 3.97** [1.65] | -2.52* [1.42] | -3.28** [1.42] | 0.42 [0.85] | 2.00** [1.01] | 3.60*** [1.15] | 10.52*** [1.67] |
| Current max temperature sq. | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.02** [0.01] | 0.02 [0.01] | 0.03** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.01] | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.06*** [0.01] |
| Current precipitation (inches) | -12.66*** [3.58] | -11.42* [6.27] | 0.04 [3.33] | 15.42*** [5.12] | -6.53*** [2.10] | -1.20 [4.89] | -21.36*** [3.18] | -21.57*** [7.28] |
| Leaded max temperature (° F) | 1.09 [1.27] | 1.59 [1.73] | 1.32 [1.21] | -1.66 [1.53] | 0.12 [0.82] | -0.56 [1.05] | -0.27 [1.26] | 0.19 [1.84] |
| Leaded max temperature sq. | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.01] |
| Leaded precipitation (inches) | -2.96 [4.06] | -4.35 [5.50] | 7.09* [4.00] | 7.13* [4.23] | -6.37** [2.66] | -1.57 [3.66] | -6.89 [4.44] | -12.57** [6.31] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,402 | 22,944 | 22,402 | 22,944 | 22,402 | 22,944 | 22,402 |
| R-squared | 0.195 | 0.146 | 0.089 | 0.247 | 0.074 | 0.068 | 0.100 | 0.133 |

Notes: This table reports the impact of various (both contemporaneous and leaded) weather conditions on children’s time allocation. Results are from equation (1). Leaded weather conditions are defined over the next day. The list of covariates includes other (both contemporaneous and forwarded) weather variables such as minimum daily temperature, humidity, wind speed, wind direction and (contemporaneous) daylight. Other explanatory variables include the child’s characteristics, the mother’s characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B4. Proportion (%) of children with zero time use for grouped activities

| Activity | Weekday (1) | Weekend (2) | All (3) |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Bed | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.08 |
| Personal care | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.03 |
| School | 41.79 | 94.46 | 67.81 |
| Educational | 21.64 | 27.16 | 24.37 |
| Active | 15.95 | 7.71 | 11.88 |
| Chore | 67.03 | 62.81 | 64.95 |
| Media | 14.77 | 10.65 | 12.73 |
| Travel | 12.25 | 21.44 | 16.79 |
| Outdoor | 26.06 | 19.22 | 22.68 |

Notes: This table reports the proportion (%) of children with zero time allocated to various grouped activities.

Appendix Table B5. Robustness checks - Results for a pooled sample of weekdays and weekends

| | Sleep | Personal care | School | Education | Active | Chores | Media | Travel | Outdoor |
|------------------------|----------|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 1.44* | -1.89* | 0.58 | 1.27 | 4.09*** | 0.11 | -2.70*** | 0.99* | 6.69*** |
| | [0.77] | [1.01] | [0.79] | [0.79] | [0.87] | [0.26] | [0.88] | [0.53] | [0.84] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.01** | 0.01* | -0.00 | -0.01* | -0.02*** | -0.00 | 0.02*** | -0.01** | -0.04*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.00] | [0.01] | [0.00] | [0.01] |
| Min temperature (°F) | -0.16 | 0.12 | -0.18 | 0.00 | -0.25 | -0.13** | 0.15 | -0.20* | -0.33* |
| | [0.15] | [0.20] | [0.17] | [0.15] | [0.19] | [0.05] | [0.15] | [0.11] | [0.18] |
| Precipitation (inches) | 4.70* | 4.39 | -4.54 | 0.72 | -12.68*** | -0.17 | 8.81*** | -4.78* | -23.24*** |
| | [2.43] | [3.76] | [3.44] | [3.69] | [3.51] | [0.98] | [3.00] | [2.49] | [3.71] |
| Max humidity (%) | -0.10 | 0.16 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.03 | -0.02 | -0.00 | 0.00 | -0.18* |
| | [0.08] | [0.11] | [0.10] | [0.09] | [0.10] | [0.03] | [0.09] | [0.06] | [0.10] |
| Min humidity (%) | -0.07 | -0.00 | 0.13* | -0.00 | -0.05 | 0.05** | -0.03 | 0.00 | -0.07 |
| | [0.07] | [0.09] | [0.08] | [0.07] | [0.08] | [0.02] | [0.07] | [0.05] | [0.08] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.05 | -0.07 | -0.09 | 0.04 | -0.15 | -0.02 | -0.37*** |
| | [0.10] | [0.13] | [0.12] | [0.09] | [0.11] | [0.03] | [0.09] | [0.07] | [0.11] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | -0.16 | 0.37 | 0.34 | -0.12 | 0.08 | -0.10 | 0.17 | 0.13 | -0.37 |
| | [0.21] | [0.27] | [0.24] | [0.21] | [0.25] | [0.07] | [0.21] | [0.16] | [0.24] |
| Max wind direction | -0.01 | 0.02 | -0.02* | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.00 | 0.02 | -0.01 | -0.02 |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.00] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] |
| Min wind direction | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.02 | 0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.02* | -0.02** | -0.02 |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.00] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] |
| Daylight (hours) | -4.61*** | -2.68 | 5.35*** | 2.81* | 0.75 | 0.38 | -1.41 | 0.06 | 4.71** |
| | [1.69] | [1.99] | [1.79] | [1.58] | [1.73] | [0.48] | [1.51] | [1.03] | [1.88] |
| Weekends | 19.99*** | 6.09** | -196.32*** | -21.33*** | 70.21*** | 16.08*** | 86.16*** | 10.95*** | 35.95*** |
| | [1.89] | [2.54] | [2.30] | [1.70] | [2.57] | [1.11] | [2.68] | [1.64] | [2.76] |
| Observations | 45,347 | 45,347 | 45,347 | 45,347 | 45,347 | 45,347 | 45,347 | 45,347 | 45,347 |
| R-squared | 0.277 | 0.138 | 0.428 | 0.130 | 0.205 | 0.147 | 0.191 | 0.058 | 0.137 |
| Sample mean | 651.1 | 317.1 | 105.4 | 102.7 | 180.6 | 19.18 | 140.5 | 84.47 | 137.3 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various weather conditions on children's time allocation based on equation (1). Other explanatory variables include the child's characteristics, the mother's characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B6. Robustness checks - Excluding diaries completed on unscheduled dates

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 4.24*** [1.10] | 4.33*** [1.43] | -1.07 [1.26] | -3.76*** [1.25] | -0.17 [0.75] | 1.64* [0.84] | 2.87*** [1.05] | 10.68*** [1.44] |
| Max temperature squared | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.03*** [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.03*** [0.01] | 0.00 [0.01] | -0.01** [0.01] | -0.01* [0.01] | -0.06*** [0.01] |
| Min temperature (°F) | -0.33 [0.23] | -0.24 [0.31] | 0.24 [0.20] | 0.06 [0.25] | -0.01 [0.15] | -0.33* [0.19] | -0.25 [0.22] | -0.89*** [0.33] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -10.39*** [3.61] | -16.19** [7.16] | 2.61 [3.35] | 19.65*** [5.81] | -5.38** [2.26] | 1.16 [5.31] | -26.20*** [3.66] | -25.62*** [8.39] |
| Max humidity (%) | -0.17 [0.13] | 0.11 [0.16] | 0.11 [0.11] | -0.23* [0.14] | -0.02 [0.08] | 0.04 [0.10] | -0.24* [0.12] | -0.29* [0.17] |
| Min humidity (%) | 0.01 [0.11] | -0.22 [0.14] | -0.18* [0.09] | 0.28** [0.12] | -0.03 [0.07] | -0.11 [0.09] | 0.12 [0.10] | -0.20 [0.15] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | -0.18 [0.14] | -0.34* [0.20] | -0.09 [0.14] | -0.11 [0.16] | -0.08 [0.08] | -0.21* [0.12] | -0.25** [0.13] | -0.71*** [0.21] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.57* [0.31] | -0.11 [0.42] | 0.43 [0.29] | 0.20 [0.34] | -0.03 [0.19] | 0.32 [0.25] | 0.37 [0.31] | -0.91** [0.43] |
| Max wind direction | -0.02 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.02 [0.01] | 0.01 [0.02] | -0.02 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.01] | -0.03* [0.02] | -0.02 [0.02] |
| Min wind direction | -0.00 [0.02] | -0.00 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.02] | 0.03 [0.02] | -0.00 [0.01] | -0.02 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.00 [0.02] |
| Daylight (hours) | -1.30 [2.37] | 4.40 [3.06] | -1.35 [2.15] | -2.86 [2.30] | -2.21 [1.47] | 0.74 [1.81] | 0.63 [2.37] | 7.82** [3.44] |
| Observations | 18,564 | 18,894 | 18,564 | 18,894 | 18,564 | 18,894 | 18,564 | 18,894 |
| R-squared | 0.166 | 0.146 | 0.091 | 0.247 | 0.067 | 0.065 | 0.110 | 0.128 |
| Sample mean | 123.4 | 224.5 | 114.6 | 174.1 | 76.30 | 86.38 | 104.8 | 178.3 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various weather conditions on children's time allocation based on equation (1). Other explanatory variables include the child's characteristics, the mother's characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B7. Robustness checks - Including only Saturdays and Sundays in weekends

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 3.44*** [1.00] | 5.82*** [1.51] | -1.91* [1.13] | -4.26*** [1.19] | 0.44 [0.63] | 2.00** [0.89] | 4.02*** [0.91] | 11.11*** [1.46] |
| Max temperature squared | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.03*** [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.03*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.07*** [0.01] |
| Min temperature (°F) | -0.33 [0.21] | -0.50 [0.33] | 0.11 [0.20] | -0.03 [0.24] | -0.20 [0.13] | -0.28 [0.20] | -0.32 [0.20] | -0.65** [0.33] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -9.86*** [3.43] | -14.11* [7.74] | 7.07** [3.47] | 18.88*** [6.08] | -7.55*** [1.94] | 1.34 [6.17] | -24.16*** [3.06] | -18.47** [8.89] |
| Max humidity (%) | -0.13 [0.12] | 0.09 [0.17] | 0.03 [0.12] | -0.18 [0.13] | 0.03 [0.07] | -0.05 [0.11] | -0.23** [0.11] | -0.24 [0.18] |
| Min humidity (%) | 0.03 [0.09] | -0.05 [0.15] | -0.18* [0.09] | 0.27** [0.11] | 0.02 [0.06] | -0.01 [0.09] | 0.10 [0.09] | -0.22 [0.15] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | -0.15 [0.12] | -0.11 [0.22] | -0.15 [0.13] | -0.14 [0.15] | 0.07 [0.08] | -0.20 [0.13] | -0.22* [0.12] | -0.68*** [0.21] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.50* [0.28] | -0.17 [0.44] | 0.44 [0.27] | 0.29 [0.33] | -0.06 [0.18] | 0.50* [0.27] | -0.18 [0.27] | -0.61 [0.44] |
| Max wind direction | 0.00 [0.02] | -0.02 [0.02] | 0.02 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.02] | -0.03 [0.02] |
| Min wind direction | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.02 [0.02] | 0.03** [0.02] | 0.00 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.03** [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.02] |
| Daylight (hours) | -1.46 [2.05] | 2.35 [2.85] | -2.99 [1.98] | -1.20 [2.07] | -1.76 [1.18] | 2.75 [1.89] | 1.95 [2.00] | 6.78** [3.19] |
| Observations | 27,168 | 18,179 | 27,168 | 18,179 | 27,168 | 18,179 | 27,168 | 18,179 |
| R-squared | 0.159 | 0.118 | 0.155 | 0.203 | 0.067 | 0.065 | 0.099 | 0.142 |
| Sample mean | 142.2 | 238.1 | 132.8 | 152.1 | 79.82 | 91.42 | 112.1 | 174.9 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various weather conditions on children's time allocation based on equation (1). Other explanatory variables include the child's characteristics, the mother's characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B8. Robustness checks – Controlling for individual fixed effects

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 3.52*** [1.22] | 2.91* [1.61] | -2.28* [1.23] | -3.82*** [1.29] | 0.69 [0.80] | 1.73* [1.01] | 3.46*** [1.20] | 9.61*** [1.59] |
| Max temperature squared | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.02 [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.03*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.01] | -0.01** [0.01] | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.06*** [0.01] |
| Min temperature (°F) | -0.72*** [0.26] | -0.54 [0.33] | 0.25 [0.22] | 0.00 [0.26] | -0.24 [0.16] | -0.39* [0.21] | -0.77*** [0.24] | -0.77** [0.34] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -16.97*** [4.08] | -13.78* [7.21] | 5.74 [3.85] | 20.71*** [5.55] | -5.88** [2.67] | -6.26 [6.19] | -16.80*** [3.91] | -29.40*** [8.44] |
| Max humidity (%) | 0.07 [0.14] | -0.11 [0.18] | 0.16 [0.12] | -0.09 [0.15] | 0.02 [0.09] | 0.12 [0.12] | -0.26* [0.14] | -0.35* [0.18] |
| Min humidity (%) | 0.08 [0.12] | 0.01 [0.16] | -0.19* [0.10] | 0.17 [0.12] | 0.03 [0.08] | -0.01 [0.10] | 0.15 [0.11] | -0.10 [0.16] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | 0.10 [0.15] | -0.17 [0.21] | -0.09 [0.13] | -0.20 [0.16] | -0.05 [0.10] | -0.11 [0.13] | -0.14 [0.14] | -0.34 [0.22] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.56 [0.34] | -0.58 [0.45] | 0.18 [0.30] | 0.28 [0.36] | 0.07 [0.23] | 0.57** [0.28] | 0.02 [0.32] | -1.20*** [0.46] |
| Max wind direction | -0.02 [0.02] | -0.03 [0.03] | 0.00 [0.02] | -0.00 [0.02] | 0.00 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.02] | -0.02 [0.02] | -0.05* [0.03] |
| Min wind direction | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.03] | 0.01 [0.02] | -0.00 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.02 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.02 [0.02] |
| Daylight (hours) | -0.87 [2.59] | 4.37 [3.41] | -0.62 [2.08] | -2.03 [2.42] | -2.39 [1.53] | 3.51* [2.10] | 4.37* [2.37] | 4.85 [3.41] |
| Observations | 21,439 | 20,816 | 21,439 | 20,816 | 21,439 | 20,816 | 21,439 | 20,816 |
| R-squared | 0.185 | 0.146 | 0.030 | 0.194 | 0.062 | 0.056 | 0.083 | 0.092 |
| Sample mean | 6,630 | 6,398 | 6,630 | 6,398 | 6,630 | 6,398 | 6,630 | 6,398 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients from fixed effects models of the impact of various weather conditions on children’s time allocation. Other explanatory variables include the child’s characteristics, the mother’s characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, and day-of-week dummies. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Robust standard errors clustered at the child individual level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B9. Robustness checks - Excluding individual level explanatory variables

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 3.80*** [1.06] | 4.81*** [1.32] | -1.93* [1.17] | -4.51*** [1.19] | 0.28 [0.68] | 1.82** [0.80] | 3.30*** [0.93] | 10.47*** [1.33] |
| Max temperature squared | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.03*** [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.03*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.01*** [0.01] | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.06*** [0.01] |
| Min temperature (°F) | -0.37* [0.22] | -0.38 [0.29] | 0.24 [0.19] | 0.04 [0.24] | -0.15 [0.14] | -0.33* [0.17] | -0.28 [0.20] | -0.75** [0.30] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -11.92*** [3.58] | -12.77** [6.02] | 1.02 [3.26] | 16.96*** [5.21] | -7.10*** [2.10] | -1.00 [4.85] | -22.43*** [3.24] | -24.18*** [7.06] |
| Max humidity (%) | -0.01 [0.12] | 0.02 [0.15] | 0.07 [0.11] | -0.08 [0.13] | -0.03 [0.08] | 0.00 [0.10] | -0.18* [0.11] | -0.23 [0.16] |
| Min humidity (%) | 0.04 [0.10] | -0.07 [0.13] | -0.15 [0.09] | 0.19* [0.11] | 0.04 [0.07] | -0.04 [0.08] | 0.12 [0.09] | -0.14 [0.14] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | -0.02 [0.13] | -0.28 [0.19] | -0.19 [0.12] | -0.20 [0.15] | 0.08 [0.09] | -0.17 [0.11] | -0.21* [0.12] | -0.66*** [0.19] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.43 [0.30] | -0.22 [0.39] | 0.47* [0.27] | 0.27 [0.32] | -0.09 [0.19] | 0.36 [0.23] | 0.17 [0.28] | -0.87** [0.39] |
| Max wind direction | -0.01 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.02 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.01] | -0.02 [0.02] | -0.02 [0.02] |
| Min wind direction | -0.00 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.02 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.02* [0.01] | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.02] |
| Daylight (hours) | -2.75 [2.14] | 1.30 [2.66] | 1.66 [1.94] | -2.60 [2.12] | -3.16** [1.25] | 3.12* [1.69] | -0.33 [2.08] | 6.47** [2.92] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 |
| R-squared | 0.172 | 0.134 | 0.054 | 0.181 | 0.063 | 0.064 | 0.092 | 0.121 |
| Sample mean | 136.8 | 225.5 | 114.0 | 167.7 | 79.80 | 89.26 | 103.8 | 171.5 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various weather conditions on children's time allocation based on equation (1). Other explanatory variables include state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies and cohort dummy. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B10. Robustness checks – Estimates from two-part models

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 3.98*** [1.06] | 4.53*** [1.32] | -1.71 [1.12] | -4.20*** [1.11] | 0.27 [0.69] | 1.95** [0.83] | 3.70*** [0.98] | 10.39*** [1.33] |
| Max temperature squared | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.03*** [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.03*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.06*** [0.01] |
| Min temperature (°F) | -0.41* [0.21] | -0.35 [0.29] | 0.28 [0.19] | 0.03 [0.23] | -0.17 [0.14] | -0.32* [0.17] | -0.30 [0.20] | -0.73** [0.30] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -13.69*** [3.80] | -12.03** [6.08] | 1.62 [3.20] | 16.08*** [5.05] | -7.72*** [2.18] | -1.08 [5.13] | -24.93*** [3.79] | -25.32*** [7.35] |
| Max humidity (%) | -0.03 [0.12] | -0.01 [0.15] | 0.10 [0.11] | -0.12 [0.12] | -0.02 [0.08] | 0.01 [0.09] | -0.19* [0.11] | -0.26* [0.16] |
| Min humidity (%) | 0.07 [0.10] | -0.06 [0.13] | -0.18** [0.09] | 0.20* [0.10] | 0.05 [0.06] | -0.03 [0.08] | 0.14 [0.10] | -0.13 [0.13] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | -0.02 [0.13] | -0.27 [0.18] | -0.16 [0.12] | -0.11 [0.14] | 0.08 [0.09] | -0.17 [0.11] | -0.20 [0.12] | -0.60*** [0.19] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.47 [0.29] | -0.27 [0.38] | 0.44* [0.27] | 0.29 [0.31] | -0.05 [0.19] | 0.37 [0.23] | 0.19 [0.29] | -0.98** [0.39] |
| Max wind direction | -0.01 [0.02] | -0.02 [0.02] | 0.02 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.02] | -0.02 [0.02] |
| Min wind direction | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.01 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.02 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.02 [0.02] |
| Daylight (hours) | -0.82 [2.05] | 2.02 [2.63] | 0.24 [1.86] | -2.04 [1.98] | -2.42* [1.26] | 3.34** [1.66] | 0.16 [2.08] | 7.70*** [2.83] |
| Observations | 22,886 | 22,126 | 22,865 | 22,053 | 22,840 | 22,377 | 22,859 | 22,358 |

Notes: This table reports unconditional marginal effects (from two-part models) of various weather conditions on children’s time allocation. Other explanatory variables include the child’s characteristics, the mother’s characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B11. Robustness checks – Estimates from seemingly unrelated regressions

| | Bed | | Personal care | | School | | Education | | Active | | Chores | | Media | | Travel | |
|------------------------|----------|---------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 1.62* | 1.47 | -1.63 | -2.57** | 0.36 | 0.26 | 1.48 | 1.17 | 4.06*** | 4.79*** | -0.01 | 0.15 | -1.66* | -4.22*** | 0.31 | 1.80** |
| | [0.98] | [1.02] | [1.37] | [1.21] | [1.33] | [0.52] | [1.07] | [0.94] | [1.02] | [1.33] | [0.27] | [0.43] | [0.88] | [1.07] | [0.65] | [0.83] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.01* | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.00 | -0.00 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.02*** | -0.03*** | 0.00 | -0.00 | 0.01 | 0.03*** | -0.00 | -0.01*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.00] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.00] | [0.00] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.00] | [0.01] |
| Min temperature (°F) | -0.13 | -0.27 | -0.13 | 0.63** | 0.12 | -0.00 | 0.22 | -0.38* | -0.41* | -0.37 | -0.03 | -0.25*** | 0.27 | 0.03 | -0.16 | -0.32* |
| | [0.20] | [0.22] | [0.28] | [0.25] | [0.28] | [0.11] | [0.22] | [0.20] | [0.21] | [0.28] | [0.06] | [0.09] | [0.18] | [0.23] | [0.13] | [0.17] |
| Precipitation (inches) | 6.30 | 1.07 | 3.02 | 5.00 | -1.98 | -3.78* | 2.15 | -0.85 | -13.29*** | -13.25** | -0.37 | -0.10 | 1.50 | 17.02*** | -7.69*** | -1.38 |
| | [3.85] | [4.42] | [5.38] | [5.20] | [5.25] | [2.24] | [4.23] | [4.05] | [4.00] | [5.73] | [1.08] | [1.83] | [3.48] | [4.63] | [2.56] | [3.56] |
| Max humidity (%) | 0.03 | -0.25** | 0.17 | 0.23* | 0.37** | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.14 | -0.03 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.05 | 0.10 | -0.15 | -0.03 | 0.01 |
| | [0.11] | [0.12] | [0.16] | [0.14] | [0.16] | [0.06] | [0.13] | [0.11] | [0.12] | [0.15] | [0.03] | [0.05] | [0.10] | [0.12] | [0.08] | [0.10] |
| Min humidity (%) | -0.20** | 0.12 | 0.12 | -0.16 | 0.02 | -0.05 | 0.03 | -0.00 | 0.07 | -0.06 | 0.03 | 0.08** | -0.17** | 0.20* | 0.05 | -0.04 |
| | [0.09] | [0.10] | [0.13] | [0.12] | [0.13] | [0.05] | [0.10] | [0.09] | [0.10] | [0.13] | [0.03] | [0.04] | [0.08] | [0.10] | [0.06] | [0.08] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | 0.03 | 0.25* | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.04 | -0.04 | -0.04 | -0.04 | -0.26 | 0.06* | 0.04 | -0.17 | -0.10 | 0.07 | -0.17 |
| | [0.13] | [0.14] | [0.17] | [0.16] | [0.17] | [0.07] | [0.14] | [0.13] | [0.13] | [0.18] | [0.04] | [0.06] | [0.11] | [0.14] | [0.08] | [0.11] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.20 | -0.39 | 0.39 | 0.39 | -0.21 | 0.15 | -0.47 | 0.26 | 0.49* | -0.22 | -0.08 | -0.01 | 0.47* | 0.21 | -0.08 | 0.38 |
| | [0.28] | [0.30] | [0.40] | [0.35] | [0.39] | [0.15] | [0.31] | [0.27] | [0.30] | [0.38] | [0.08] | [0.12] | [0.26] | [0.31] | [0.19] | [0.24] |
| Max wind direction | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.03* | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.00 | -0.01 | -0.00 |
| | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.00] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] |
| Min wind direction | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.03 | -0.01 | -0.03 | 0.01 | 0.03* | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.02 |
| | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.00] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] |
| Daylight (hours) | -5.85*** | -2.46 | -0.96 | -3.72 | 8.70*** | 1.36 | 2.68 | 1.51 | -0.90 | 2.24 | -0.56 | 1.67* | 0.48 | -2.42 | -2.51** | 3.09* |
| | [1.92] | [2.08] | [2.68] | [2.45] | [2.62] | [1.06] | [2.11] | [1.91] | [1.99] | [2.70] | [0.54] | [0.86] | [1.73] | [2.18] | [1.27] | [1.68] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 |
| R-squared | 0.338 | 0.226 | 0.154 | 0.135 | 0.360 | 0.097 | 0.133 | 0.161 | 0.195 | 0.145 | 0.131 | 0.165 | 0.088 | 0.247 | 0.074 | 0.068 |
| Breusch-Pagan Chi2 | 7617 | 6628 | 7617 | 6628 | 7617 | 6628 | 7617 | 6628 | 7617 | 6628 | 7617 | 6628 | 7617 | 6628 | 7617 | 6628 |
| P value Chi2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various weather conditions on children’s time allocation from seemingly unrelated regressions. Breusch-Pagan Chi2 is Chi 2 value and its associated p value from a Breusch–Pagan test for the hypothesis that the disturbance covariance matrix is diagonal. Other explanatory variables include the child’s characteristics, the mother’s characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Standard errors are in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B12. Robustness checks - Including separate indicators for daily maximum temperature and rainy day dummy

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Maximum temperature ^(a) | | | | | | | | |
| < 56.0 | -22.33*** [6.68] | -22.54** [8.88] | 8.85 [5.97] | 4.24 [7.28] | -6.00 [4.51] | 0.27 [5.47] | -24.08*** [6.30] | -48.38*** [9.29] |
| 56.0- | -20.53*** [6.04] | -13.50 [8.25] | 9.58* [5.54] | 1.87 [6.60] | -5.85 [4.16] | 2.11 [5.01] | -25.37*** [5.78] | -40.25*** [8.52] |
| 58.5- | -15.79*** [5.67] | -13.34* [7.50] | 10.52** [5.19] | -3.08 [6.25] | -4.90 [3.83] | 3.57 [4.75] | -18.30*** [5.55] | -27.80*** [8.17] |
| 61.0- | -13.29** [5.41] | -14.90** [6.96] | 9.74** [4.83] | -1.42 [5.76] | -5.97* [3.55] | 4.29 [4.37] | -20.22*** [5.19] | -25.03*** [7.60] |
| 63.5- | -4.21 [5.18] | -6.63 [6.59] | 6.70 [4.50] | 2.87 [5.40] | -6.09* [3.34] | 0.73 [4.20] | -11.57** [4.92] | -16.76** [7.15] |
| 66.0- | -9.54* [4.97] | -8.46 [6.17] | 7.12 [4.34] | -0.76 [5.15] | -4.08 [3.22] | -0.42 [3.79] | -10.37** [4.64] | -12.40* [6.91] |
| 68.5- | -0.36 [4.63] | -0.33 [6.06] | 6.00 [4.18] | -1.11 [4.94] | -1.34 [3.14] | -0.24 [3.83] | -9.90** [4.48] | -5.99 [6.59] |
| 71.0- | -1.69 [4.71] | -0.07 [5.98] | 5.11 [4.00] | 0.80 [4.92] | -2.14 [2.95] | 1.57 [3.64] | -5.82 [4.52] | -6.63 [6.43] |
| 73.5- | -2.04 [4.70] | 0.86 [6.00] | -2.66 [3.87] | -2.91 [4.91] | 0.25 [3.16] | 5.05 [3.94] | -3.28 [4.69] | -0.72 [6.55] |
| 76.0- | 9.12 [5.65] | -1.65 [6.48] | 3.94 [4.47] | 13.82** [5.54] | 4.89 [3.61] | 1.05 [4.43] | 0.92 [5.00] | 1.46 [7.67] |
| 78.5-81.0 | 4.37 [6.12] | -1.15 [7.75] | -0.13 [5.21] | 10.07 [6.26] | -3.34 [3.63] | -3.82 [4.65] | 2.00 [5.66] | -9.63 [8.45] |
| 83.5- | -0.05 [6.57] | 1.81 [9.23] | -3.93 [5.46] | 22.66*** [7.32] | 1.17 [4.45] | -9.78* [5.88] | -0.48 [6.66] | -5.94 [9.76] |
| >86.0 | -1.19 [6.32] | -5.92 [8.19] | 3.80 [6.08] | 16.16** [7.46] | -2.12 [4.21] | -5.94 [5.23] | -4.37 [6.19] | -12.03 [8.92] |
| Rainy day | -7.68*** [2.58] | -7.82** [3.57] | -0.65 [2.36] | 7.02** [2.81] | -5.00*** [1.64] | -1.66 [2.10] | -10.11*** [2.52] | -13.31*** [3.62] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 |
| R-squared | 0.196 | 0.145 | 0.089 | 0.247 | 0.075 | 0.068 | 0.099 | 0.132 |

Notes: This table reports estimates regression coefficients of categorised daily maximum temperature on children's time allocation based on equation (1). ^(a) denotes 81-83.5 °F as the base group. Weather variables such as daily minimum temperature, humidity, wind speed, wind direction and daylight are included. Other explanatory variables include the child's characteristics, the mother's characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B13. Robustness checks – Excluding daily minimum temperature

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 3.81*** [1.05] | 4.53*** [1.30] | -1.50 [1.13] | -4.20*** [1.12] | 0.21 [0.67] | 1.57** [0.78] | 3.14*** [0.91] | 9.95*** [1.30] |
| Max temperature squared | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.03*** [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.03*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.01*** [0.01] | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.06*** [0.01] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -13.86*** [3.49] | -13.74** [6.08] | 1.87 [3.23] | 17.06*** [5.01] | -7.91*** [2.10] | -1.79 [4.82] | -23.29*** [3.23] | -25.51*** [7.16] |
| Max humidity (%) | 0.04 [0.12] | 0.05 [0.14] | 0.06 [0.11] | -0.15 [0.12] | -0.00 [0.07] | 0.07 [0.09] | -0.15 [0.11] | -0.14 [0.15] |
| Min humidity (%) | -0.05 [0.07] | -0.17* [0.10] | -0.09 [0.07] | 0.21*** [0.08] | 0.00 [0.05] | -0.14** [0.06] | 0.04 [0.07] | -0.36*** [0.10] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | -0.08 [0.13] | -0.30* [0.18] | -0.14 [0.12] | -0.10 [0.14] | 0.05 [0.09] | -0.21* [0.11] | -0.26** [0.12] | -0.71*** [0.19] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.42 [0.29] | -0.28 [0.39] | 0.51* [0.27] | 0.21 [0.31] | -0.11 [0.19] | 0.33 [0.23] | 0.16 [0.28] | -1.00*** [0.38] |
| Max wind direction | -0.01 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.02 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.01] | -0.02 [0.02] | -0.02 [0.02] |
| Min wind direction | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.00 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.01 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.02* [0.01] | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.02] |
| Daylight (hours) | -1.29 [2.08] | 1.83 [2.63] | 0.73 [1.91] | -2.39 [2.00] | -2.65** [1.24] | 2.75 [1.68] | 0.25 [2.06] | 6.48** [2.88] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 |
| R-squared | 0.195 | 0.145 | 0.088 | 0.247 | 0.074 | 0.068 | 0.100 | 0.132 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various weather conditions on children's time allocation based on equation (1). Other explanatory variables include the child's characteristics, the mother's characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B14. Robustness checks – Using daily mean temperature

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Mean temperature (°F) | 2.73** | 2.97** | -0.76 | -3.16** | -0.05 | 0.90 | 2.38** | 7.34*** |
| | [1.16] | [1.47] | [1.22] | [1.23] | [0.71] | [0.89] | [1.05] | [1.48] |
| Mean temperature sq. | -0.02* | -0.02* | 0.01 | 0.03*** | 0.00 | -0.01* | -0.01 | -0.06*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -14.68*** | -14.32** | 2.18 | 17.38*** | -7.97*** | -1.77 | -24.16*** | -26.77*** |
| | [3.49] | [6.13] | [3.24] | [5.02] | [2.10] | [4.85] | [3.29] | [7.29] |
| Max humidity (%) | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.04 | -0.13 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.06 | -0.05 |
| | [0.12] | [0.15] | [0.11] | [0.12] | [0.07] | [0.09] | [0.11] | [0.15] |
| Min humidity (%) | -0.18*** | -0.31*** | -0.04 | 0.18** | -0.02 | -0.05 | -0.13** | -0.62*** |
| | [0.07] | [0.09] | [0.06] | [0.07] | [0.05] | [0.06] | [0.06] | [0.09] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | -0.15 | -0.37** | -0.13 | -0.07 | 0.05 | -0.19* | -0.33*** | -0.84*** |
| | [0.13] | [0.18] | [0.12] | [0.14] | [0.09] | [0.11] | [0.12] | [0.19] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.44 | -0.23 | 0.48* | 0.16 | -0.10 | 0.37 | 0.17 | -0.86** |
| | [0.29] | [0.39] | [0.27] | [0.31] | [0.19] | [0.23] | [0.28] | [0.38] |
| Max wind direction | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.02 | -0.00 | -0.01 | -0.00 | -0.01 | -0.01 |
| | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] |
| Min wind direction | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.02* | -0.02 | -0.02 |
| | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] |
| Daylight (hours) | -0.63 | 3.00 | -0.21 | -2.92 | -2.30* | 3.20* | 1.03 | 9.35*** |
| | [2.08] | [2.63] | [1.91] | [2.01] | [1.24] | [1.69] | [2.06] | [2.92] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 |
| R-squared | 0.195 | 0.145 | 0.088 | 0.247 | 0.074 | 0.067 | 0.099 | 0.131 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various weather conditions on children’s time allocation based on equation (1). Other explanatory variables include the child’s characteristics, the mother’s characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B15. Robustness checks - Using different time intervals for weather conditions

| | Active activity | | Media | | Travel | | Outdoor | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend | Weekday | Weekend |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Max temperature (°F) | 3.98*** [1.06] | 4.83*** [1.31] | -1.61 [1.14] | -4.31*** [1.13] | 0.33 [0.68] | 1.85** [0.80] | 3.32*** [0.92] | 10.66*** [1.31] |
| Max temperature squared | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.03*** [0.01] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.03*** [0.01] | -0.00 [0.00] | -0.02*** [0.01] | -0.02** [0.01] | -0.06*** [0.01] |
| Min temperature (°F) | -0.39* [0.21] | -0.41 [0.30] | 0.25 [0.19] | 0.04 [0.23] | -0.15 [0.14] | -0.30* [0.18] | -0.29 [0.20] | -0.85*** [0.30] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -13.70*** [3.98] | -14.34** [7.10] | 2.99 [3.76] | 20.00*** [5.43] | -7.35*** [2.40] | -0.14 [5.79] | -25.09*** [3.62] | -28.45*** [8.64] |
| Max humidity (%) | -0.02 [0.12] | -0.04 [0.15] | 0.08 [0.11] | -0.14 [0.12] | -0.04 [0.08] | 0.03 [0.10] | -0.20* [0.11] | -0.26 [0.16] |
| Min humidity (%) | 0.05 [0.10] | -0.04 [0.13] | -0.16* [0.09] | 0.19* [0.11] | 0.05 [0.07] | -0.06 [0.08] | 0.12 [0.09] | -0.10 [0.13] |
| Max wind speed (mph) | -0.03 [0.13] | -0.30 [0.19] | -0.15 [0.12] | -0.11 [0.15] | 0.09 [0.09] | -0.20* [0.11] | -0.21* [0.12] | -0.66*** [0.19] |
| Min wind speed (mph) | 0.53* [0.28] | -0.07 [0.38] | 0.34 [0.26] | 0.24 [0.30] | -0.13 [0.19] | 0.35 [0.23] | 0.15 [0.26] | -0.76** [0.39] |
| Max wind direction | -0.01 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.02] | 0.02 [0.01] | -0.00 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.02 [0.02] |
| Min wind direction | -0.02 [0.02] | 0.00 [0.02] | 0.01 [0.01] | 0.00 [0.02] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.01] | -0.01 [0.01] | 0.02 [0.02] |
| Daylight (hours) | -0.96 [2.10] | 2.32 [2.64] | 0.38 [1.92] | -2.36 [2.01] | -2.58** [1.24] | 3.00* [1.69] | 0.47 [2.07] | 7.23** [2.91] |
| Observations | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 | 22,944 | 22,403 |
| R-squared | 0.195 | 0.145 | 0.088 | 0.247 | 0.074 | 0.068 | 0.099 | 0.133 |

Notes: This table reports regression coefficients of the impact of various weather conditions on children's time allocation based on equation (1). Other explanatory variables include the child's characteristics, the mother's characteristics, household characteristics, local socio-economic background variables, state/territory dummies, postcode dummies, year dummies, month dummies, day-of-week dummies, and cohort dummy. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B16. Heterogeneity of weather impact – By child gender and age cohort

| Separate estimation by: | Active activity | | | | Media | | | | Travel | | | | Outdoor | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | |
| | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) |
| Male (Panel A) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | 4.53*** | 3.87** | 5.57*** | 3.88** | -1.80 | -1.95 | -3.47** | -4.65*** | 0.37 | 0.34 | 2.90*** | 0.40 | 1.95 | 5.03*** | 9.89*** | 10.91*** |
| | [1.41] | [1.59] | [1.91] | [1.94] | [1.32] | [1.69] | [1.55] | [1.56] | [0.87] | [1.06] | [1.13] | [1.14] | [1.30] | [1.37] | [1.89] | [1.90] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.03*** | -0.02** | -0.03** | -0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03** | 0.03*** | -0.00 | 0.00 | -0.02*** | -0.00 | -0.01 | -0.03*** | -0.06*** | -0.07*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -8.96* | -19.08*** | 0.41 | -30.40*** | 0.25 | 3.72 | 14.55** | 18.89** | -9.69*** | -5.17* | 6.39 | -9.68** | -25.45*** | -21.94*** | -23.63** | -25.43*** |
| | [4.62] | [5.46] | [8.11] | [8.13] | [4.43] | [4.91] | [5.76] | [8.78] | [3.13] | [3.04] | [6.66] | [4.93] | [4.27] | [4.72] | [9.80] | [8.77] |
| Observations | 11,189 | 11,755 | 10,894 | 11,509 | 11,189 | 11,755 | 10,894 | 11,509 | 11,189 | 11,755 | 10,894 | 11,509 | 11,189 | 11,755 | 10,894 | 11,509 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 130.62 | 142.78 | 219.18 | 231.44 | 105.97 | 121.63 | 155.54 | 179.27 | 79.58 | 80.00 | 89.77 | 88.76 | 96.84 | 110.39 | 161.37 | 181.16 |
| K cohort (Panel B) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | 7.30*** | 1.68 | 6.16*** | 4.04** | -2.30 | -0.78 | -2.52 | -5.33*** | 1.20 | -0.35 | 1.97 | 1.53 | 2.52* | 4.33*** | 10.68*** | 10.58*** |
| | [1.58] | [1.39] | [1.90] | [1.84] | [1.60] | [1.36] | [1.56] | [1.62] | [1.16] | [0.78] | [1.22] | [1.04] | [1.43] | [1.22] | [1.94] | [1.79] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.04*** | -0.01 | -0.03*** | -0.03** | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.02* | 0.04*** | -0.01 | 0.00 | -0.02** | -0.01* | -0.01 | -0.02*** | -0.07*** | -0.06*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -14.50*** | -12.82** | -7.42 | -17.79** | 2.78 | -0.89 | 11.38* | 21.07*** | -7.15** | -7.24** | 4.11 | -4.95 | -28.03*** | -19.43*** | -14.90 | -31.10*** |
| | [4.97] | [5.08] | [8.75] | [8.14] | [3.85] | [4.95] | [6.17] | [7.20] | [3.14] | [2.85] | [5.93] | [7.98] | [5.19] | [4.29] | [10.40] | [8.67] |
| Observations | 10,309 | 12,635 | 9,951 | 12,452 | 10,309 | 12,635 | 9,951 | 12,452 | 10,309 | 12,635 | 9,951 | 12,452 | 10,309 | 12,635 | 9,951 | 12,452 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 161.05 | 117.10 | 229.65 | 222.15 | 99.00 | 126.23 | 127.51 | 199.87 | 86.72 | 74.14 | 93.09 | 86.19 | 102.87 | 104.52 | 166.61 | 175.47 |

Notes: This table reports the heterogeneous impact of temperature and precipitation on children’s time allocation. Results for different sub-populations are obtained from equation (1). ^(a) “Yes” indicates the coefficient estimate in the regression for the sub-population mentioned on panel A or B while “No” represents the estimate for the other sub-population. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Other explanatory variables: See Appendix Table B2. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B17. Heterogeneity of weather impact – By child asthma and maternal immigration status

| | Active activity | | | | Media | | | | Travel | | | | Outdoor | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | |
| | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) |
| Separate estimation by: | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) |
| Child asthma (Panel A) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | 3.40*** | 3.97* | 3.90** | 9.41*** | -0.40 | -5.80** | -3.31** | -6.73** | 0.49 | -2.13 | 0.56 | 3.24* | 3.20*** | 4.30** | 9.06*** | 13.05*** |
| | [1.28] | [2.24] | [1.68] | [2.94] | [1.11] | [2.42] | [1.29] | [2.66] | [0.75] | [1.84] | [0.92] | [1.70] | [1.20] | [2.13] | [1.71] | [2.82] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.02** | -0.02 | -0.02** | -0.06*** | -0.00 | 0.04** | 0.02*** | 0.05*** | -0.00 | 0.02 | -0.01 | -0.02** | -0.01* | -0.02 | -0.05*** | -0.08*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -15.39*** | -9.47 | -19.40*** | -2.71 | 0.17 | 13.23 | 20.25*** | 17.58 | -5.83** | -4.13 | -4.48 | 9.98 | -28.83*** | -11.02 | -34.28*** | -1.25 |
| | [3.91] | [8.25] | [6.73] | [16.64] | [3.61] | [8.29] | [6.43] | [10.91] | [2.30] | [4.82] | [4.27] | [19.76] | [4.13] | [7.42] | [7.74] | [19.26] |
| Observations | 14,785 | 4,784 | 14,983 | 4,765 | 14,785 | 4,784 | 14,983 | 4,765 | 14,785 | 4,784 | 14,983 | 4,765 | 14,785 | 4,784 | 14,983 | 4,765 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 122.77 | 112.20 | 225.31 | 206.18 | 121.49 | 127.58 | 176.42 | 201.33 | 75.12 | 72.33 | 85.67 | 82.08 | 110.66 | 111.40 | 185.95 | 174.00 |
| NESB mothers (Panel B) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | 4.27*** | 0.98 | 4.27*** | 2.34 | -1.55 | -0.80 | -3.92*** | -4.10 | 0.67 | -2.58 | 2.13** | -1.61 | 3.46*** | 0.67 | 9.77*** | 9.73** |
| | [1.10] | [3.13] | [1.37] | [4.22] | [1.22] | [3.12] | [1.20] | [3.57] | [0.67] | [2.67] | [0.85] | [2.50] | [0.99] | [2.89] | [1.40] | [4.28] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.02*** | -0.00 | -0.02** | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.00 | 0.03*** | 0.03 | -0.00 | 0.02 | -0.02*** | 0.01 | -0.02*** | 0.00 | -0.06*** | -0.07** |
| | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.03] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.00] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.03] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -12.49*** | -28.77** | -13.08** | -15.76 | 0.66 | 3.87 | 14.93*** | 34.51* | -6.92*** | -10.85 | -1.96 | 12.93 | -22.65*** | -26.29* | -25.49*** | -12.48 |
| | [3.65] | [13.39] | [6.57] | [15.34] | [3.32] | [14.37] | [5.29] | [18.51] | [2.21] | [8.02] | [5.19] | [11.72] | [3.29] | [13.54] | [7.91] | [13.85] |
| Observations | 20,337 | 2,607 | 19,844 | 2,559 | 20,337 | 2,607 | 19,844 | 2,559 | 20,337 | 2,607 | 19,844 | 2,559 | 20,337 | 2,607 | 19,844 | 2,559 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 138.43 | 124.52 | 229.75 | 192.40 | 112.50 | 125.68 | 166.53 | 177.05 | 80.56 | 73.82 | 88.79 | 92.88 | 104.79 | 95.89 | 175.57 | 140.29 |

Notes: This table reports the heterogeneous impact of temperature and precipitation on children’s time allocation. Results for different sub-populations are obtained from equation (1). ^(a) “Yes” indicates the coefficient estimate in the regression for the sub-population mentioned on panel A or B while “No” represents the estimate for the other sub-population. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Other explanatory variables: See Appendix Table B2. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B18. Heterogeneity of weather impact – By maternal working status and education

| | Active activity | | | | Media | | | | Travel | | | | Outdoor | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | |
| | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) |
| Separate estimation by: | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) |
| <i>Unemployed mothers (Panel A)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | -3.43 | 4.73** | 7.80*** | 5.27** | 3.70* | -5.44** | -2.75 | -4.73** | -0.65 | 0.93 | -0.05 | 2.85** | 0.56 | 3.24** | 16.00*** | 10.15*** |
| | [2.11] | [1.90] | [2.81] | [2.45] | [2.11] | [2.33] | [2.72] | [1.97] | [1.31] | [1.40] | [1.77] | [1.43] | [2.19] | [1.56] | [2.90] | [2.38] |
| Max temperature sq. | 0.02 | -0.03** | -0.05** | -0.03** | -0.03* | 0.03* | 0.02 | 0.04*** | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | -0.02** | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.10*** | -0.07*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -23.10*** | -9.14 | 1.83 | -4.95 | 8.87 | -4.40 | 9.07 | 21.11** | -5.43 | -11.20** | 18.90* | -9.97 | -15.89** | -24.56*** | -3.93 | -35.29*** |
| | [7.31] | [7.02] | [13.78] | [9.68] | [7.10] | [5.68] | [8.83] | [8.48] | [3.81] | [4.48] | [11.46] | [7.27] | [6.99] | [6.04] | [18.53] | [10.40] |
| Observations | 4,526 | 7,502 | 4,495 | 7,018 | 4,526 | 7,502 | 4,495 | 7,018 | 4,526 | 7,502 | 4,495 | 7,018 | 4,526 | 7,502 | 4,495 | 7,018 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 114.85 | 156.46 | 208.18 | 228.95 | 116.41 | 121.63 | 189.16 | 156.74 | 75.23 | 83.25 | 88.72 | 89.37 | 109.53 | 97.86 | 173.99 | 156.99 |
| <i>Uneducated mothers (Panel B)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | 4.65*** | 2.90** | 5.24*** | 4.29** | -0.12 | -3.08** | -2.55 | -5.81*** | 1.29 | -0.35 | 1.04 | 2.60** | 4.58*** | 2.11* | 8.47*** | 12.36*** |
| | [1.54] | [1.42] | [1.81] | [1.92] | [1.66] | [1.39] | [1.57] | [1.59] | [0.89] | [0.97] | [1.14] | [1.12] | [1.36] | [1.25] | [1.79] | [1.98] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.03*** | -0.01 | -0.03** | -0.03** | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.02* | 0.04*** | -0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.02** | -0.03*** | -0.01 | -0.05*** | -0.08*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -10.61* | -15.07*** | -13.39 | -13.58 | 3.50 | -0.31 | 11.67 | 19.96*** | -3.73 | -11.29*** | 1.47 | -4.52 | -26.99*** | -16.91*** | -35.32*** | -19.65** |
| | [5.52] | [4.85] | [8.62] | [8.27] | [4.49] | [4.78] | [8.98] | [6.12] | [3.12] | [3.14] | [5.63] | [7.01] | [4.30] | [4.62] | [8.51] | [9.99] |
| Observations | 10,527 | 12,417 | 10,570 | 11,833 | 10,527 | 12,417 | 10,570 | 11,833 | 10,527 | 12,417 | 10,570 | 11,833 | 10,527 | 12,417 | 10,570 | 11,833 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 138.34 | 135.58 | 225.89 | 225.12 | 102.93 | 123.38 | 159.12 | 175.43 | 81.10 | 78.69 | 91.83 | 86.95 | 106.67 | 101.34 | 172.94 | 170.28 |

Notes: This table reports the heterogeneous impact of temperature and precipitation on children’s time allocation. Results for different sub-populations are obtained from equation (1). ^(a) “Yes” indicates the coefficient estimate in the regression for the sub-population mentioned on panel A or B while “No” represents the estimate for the other sub-population. Panel A: Unemployed mothers are compared with full-time working mothers. Panel B: Uneducated mothers, who are defined as having completed a qualification lower than a diploma, are compared with remaining mothers. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Other explanatory variables: See Appendix Table B2. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B19. Heterogeneity of weather impact – By household income and housing conditions

| | Active activity | | | | Media | | | | Travel | | | | Outdoor | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | |
| | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) |
| Separate estimation by: | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) |
| Poor households (Panel A) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | 3.01 | 3.67* | 8.39*** | 2.38 | 0.57 | -3.05 | -1.39 | -7.92*** | 1.71 | 1.28 | 1.91 | 2.40 | 3.21* | 1.80 | 8.84*** | 9.90*** |
| | [1.95] | [2.05] | [2.34] | [2.90] | [1.67] | [2.06] | [2.09] | [2.50] | [1.09] | [1.62] | [1.43] | [1.67] | [1.85] | [1.87] | [2.53] | [2.88] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.05*** | -0.00 | -0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.06*** | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.02* | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.00 | -0.05*** | -0.06*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -19.03** | -5.62 | -22.13** | -1.67 | 2.60 | 11.86 | 25.75** | 7.21 | -8.18** | -5.29 | -5.32 | -14.85** | -25.17*** | -19.26*** | -28.48** | -12.87 |
| | [7.71] | [8.36] | [10.94] | [11.03] | [6.92] | [7.70] | [12.53] | [9.34] | [4.00] | [4.67] | [6.36] | [6.69] | [7.39] | [6.12] | [11.11] | [13.49] |
| Observations | 5,582 | 5,971 | 5,759 | 5,368 | 5,582 | 5,971 | 5,759 | 5,368 | 5,582 | 5,971 | 5,759 | 5,368 | 5,582 | 5,971 | 5,759 | 5,368 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 120.67 | 146.67 | 216.80 | 220.35 | 106.56 | 120.19 | 175.81 | 166.83 | 77.69 | 81.10 | 88.36 | 89.13 | 108.90 | 98.97 | 178.06 | 154.03 |
| Crowded households (Panel B) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | 5.24*** | 3.43* | 5.81** | 3.34 | -1.71 | 0.26 | -0.01 | -1.65 | 0.87 | -1.20 | 1.42 | -0.74 | 4.35** | 0.05 | 12.36*** | 12.34*** |
| | [1.73] | [1.90] | [2.64] | [2.46] | [1.73] | [1.86] | [2.05] | [2.08] | [1.16] | [1.41] | [1.46] | [1.30] | [1.88] | [2.03] | [2.84] | [2.47] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.02** | -0.02 | -0.03* | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.00 | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.07*** | -0.08*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -10.08** | -8.47 | -17.48 | -14.81 | 3.73 | -2.30 | 13.14 | 23.14*** | -1.33 | -3.40 | 14.90 | -8.55 | -23.46*** | -32.10*** | -8.45 | -39.29*** |
| | [4.81] | [6.59] | [13.37] | [10.55] | [5.35] | [6.65] | [9.74] | [8.44] | [3.26] | [4.34] | [9.27] | [5.81] | [5.13] | [6.63] | [15.28] | [9.05] |
| Observations | 6,141 | 6,495 | 6,484 | 6,929 | 6,141 | 6,495 | 6,484 | 6,929 | 6,141 | 6,495 | 6,484 | 6,929 | 6,141 | 6,495 | 6,484 | 6,929 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 102.58 | 111.23 | 212.54 | 217.96 | 115.83 | 119.61 | 185.66 | 182.68 | 71.89 | 70.29 | 83.61 | 80.27 | 110.81 | 114.24 | 188.59 | 191.41 |

Notes: This table reports the heterogeneous impact of temperature and precipitation on children’s time allocation. Results for different sub-populations are obtained from equation (1). ^(a) “Yes” indicates the coefficient estimate in the regression for the sub-population mentioned on panel A or B while “No” represents the estimate for the other sub-population. Poor households are those with weekly family income in the lowest fourth of all households observed in our main sample and rich households are those in the highest fourth. Crowded households are those with the number of rooms per person not higher than 0.75 and uncrowded households are those with the number of rooms per person not lower than 1. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Other explanatory variables: See Appendix Table B2. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.

Appendix Table B20. Heterogeneity of weather impact – By seasons and climate regions

| | Active activity | | | | Media | | | | Travel | | | | Outdoor | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | | Weekday | | Weekend | |
| | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) | No ^(a) | Yes ^(a) |
| Separate estimation by: | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) |
| Winter months (Panel A) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | 5.83*** | 1.95 | 2.84 | 4.99* | -2.65 | -2.18 | -6.20*** | -4.87** | 1.60* | -2.04 | 1.76 | 1.27 | 3.25** | 3.06* | 9.37*** | 15.61*** |
| | [1.53] | [1.88] | [2.06] | [2.59] | [1.72] | [1.77] | [1.75] | [1.93] | [0.93] | [1.59] | [1.30] | [1.48] | [1.38] | [1.78] | [2.04] | [2.55] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.03*** | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.03 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.04*** | 0.04*** | -0.01* | 0.02 | -0.01* | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.05*** | -0.10*** |
| | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -13.78*** | -10.74* | -19.80*** | -2.55 | 1.37 | -1.27 | 21.28*** | 7.93 | -6.63** | -7.70** | -6.31 | 6.12 | -18.60*** | -25.41*** | -27.61*** | -17.70 |
| | [4.62] | [5.87] | [6.84] | [10.12] | [4.23] | [5.43] | [6.59] | [7.47] | [2.72] | [3.48] | [4.74] | [8.68] | [4.18] | [5.02] | [8.14] | [12.34] |
| Observations | 11,079 | 11,865 | 10,503 | 11,900 | 11,079 | 11,865 | 10,503 | 11,900 | 11,079 | 11,865 | 10,503 | 11,900 | 11,079 | 11,865 | 10,503 | 11,900 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 141.62 | 132.39 | 227.92 | 223.33 | 114.35 | 113.66 | 166.05 | 169.22 | 81.17 | 78.51 | 90.78 | 87.91 | 110.73 | 97.29 | 176.47 | 167.18 |
| Colder regions (Panel B) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Max temperature (°F) | 2.03 | 3.24** | 2.36 | 1.35 | -0.12 | -2.66 | -0.79 | -6.16*** | 2.11 | -0.59 | 3.36 | 1.36 | 2.38 | 1.76 | 8.28** | 10.70*** |
| | [2.75] | [1.49] | [3.52] | [2.27] | [2.30] | [1.68] | [2.88] | [1.77] | [1.61] | [1.02] | [2.17] | [1.34] | [2.82] | [1.43] | [3.76] | [2.03] |
| Max temperature sq. | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.00 | -0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.04*** | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.02* | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.00 | -0.04 | -0.07*** |
| | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.01] |
| Precipitation (inches) | -15.90*** | 0.69 | -14.09 | -13.66 | 4.60 | -2.19 | 16.33* | 26.04** | -5.86** | -9.62* | 10.22 | -13.12** | -25.10*** | -8.12 | -18.71 | -27.85** |
| | [4.10] | [10.31] | [11.10] | [12.09] | [4.06] | [8.35] | [8.91] | [10.96] | [2.80] | [5.48] | [8.62] | [6.44] | [4.98] | [8.54] | [12.84] | [11.22] |
| Observations | 7,637 | 7,776 | 7,381 | 7,370 | 7,637 | 7,776 | 7,381 | 7,370 | 7,637 | 7,776 | 7,381 | 7,370 | 7,637 | 7,776 | 7,381 | 7,370 |
| Sample mean (minutes) | 144.26 | 131.34 | 239.42 | 217.29 | 112.16 | 114.46 | 165.46 | 165.55 | 80.09 | 77.78 | 90.55 | 86.97 | 116.10 | 91.89 | 196.56 | 147.64 |

Notes: This table reports the heterogeneous impact of temperature and precipitation on children’s time allocation. Results for different sub-populations are obtained from equation (1). ^(a) “Yes” indicates the coefficient estimate in the regression for the sub-population mentioned on panel A or B while “No” represents the estimate for the other sub-population. Winter months include June, July and August. Colder regions are those with latitude in the lowest third of all latitudes of postcode centroids observed in our main sample and warmer regions are those in the highest third. Sample mean indicates the mean value of each dependent variable in each group (in minutes). Other explanatory variables: See Appendix Table B2. Robust standard errors clustered at the month-year-postcode level in square brackets. The symbol *denotes significance at the 10% level, **at the 5% level, and ***at the 1% level.