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*Mental Health Problems among Young Individuals in Turkey: The Case of Being NEET*

In this study, we examine the effect of being in neither employment nor education (NEET) on the probability of having mental health problems among young individuals in Turkey. This research also aims to investigate the association between mental health problems and parental socio-economic status. Empirical analyses are conducted by using Turkish Health Survey (THS) datasets for the years 2014, 2016, and 2019 and by applying multivariate logit techniques. We also conduct Heckman two-step selection regression analysis to control for self-selection bias. Multivariate logit regression results suggest that the probability of having mental health problems increases if the individual is NEET. In addition, Heckman two-step selection results show that probability of having mental health problems is significantly associated with being NEET for unemployed NEETs. However there is no significant association between being NEET and having mental health problems for inactive NEETs.