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1 Introduction

In the standard labor supply model, individuals make trade-offs between the consumption of goods and the consumption of leisure, where leisure is defined as time not spent at work. However, Juster and Stafford (1991) point out that it is essential to shed light on the productive uses of leisure rather than leisure as consumption. For example, Fahr (2005) examines the determinants of time spent on educational leisure, which means the educational character of certain leisure activities. Educational leisure has a productivity component compared with purely consumptive leisure.

Many past studies in economics suppose hours of sleep as exogenous. This is because a need for sleep is biologically determined. By contrast, when sleep is classified as a type of leisure, sleep could be regarded as productive leisure. A human spends many hours of the day on sleep, which is a physiological function to recover from cerebral fatigue. Medical studies indicate that sleep plays an essential role in influencing labor productivity. Horne (1988) points out that the organ most affected by sleep loss is the cerebrum. When the human experiences sleep deprivation, the cerebrum requires sleep for its repair. Walker (2017) summarizes that sleep restores one's learning ability and offers motor skill improvement while sleep deprivation causes a decline in concentration. Hafner et al. (2016) suggest that insufficient sleep is costly for employers because it reduces workplace productivity. These studies suggest that sleep also has a productivity component. When labor markets are competitive, the derivation of the labor demand schedule leads to a first-order condition for the firm that equates the wage to the marginal product of labor. In this case, the wage changes derive from labor productivity changes. If sleep enhances labor productivity, sleep could have positive effects on wages.

Individuals vary in the amount of time that they allocate to sleep. While some part of this variation is biologically determined, another part of this variation is related to choices influenced by economic incentive, as Biddle and Hamermesh (1990) point out. In their theoretical model, while sleep is a function of the individuals' wage rate, their demand for sleep allows for the possibility that sleep enhances labor productivity. They point out that the relationship between wages and sleep could be causal in both directions.

In this study, I examine whether sleep affects productivity for Japanese male workers, using the Keio Household Panel Survey which is a nationally representative survey panel

in Japan.¹ I resolve the endogeneity between wage and sleep by using the fixed effects model with an instrumental variables estimation technique. To capture a representative of individuals' long-run time use, I focus not on the hours of sleep on the day of the interview but on the usual sleeping hours. I am interested in the sleeping time of individuals over a period of time: person-months or person-years rather than person-days. Meanwhile, my productivity measures are average hourly labor income and average hourly wages in the year of the interview.

My contribution to previous studies is twofold. First, to identify the causal relationship between productivity and sleep, I use a panel estimation with instrumental variables removing both time-invariant and time-variant unobserved heterogeneities among workers. Locations further east will experience an earlier average sunset than areas further west in the *same* time zone. When sunset occurs at an early hour, individuals tend to fall asleep earlier on condition that there is no artificial light exposure (Walker 2017). Circadian rhythms are entrained to solar cues, ensuring that behavioral, genetic, and physiologic rhythms are timed with daily changes in the environment (Czeisler and Gooley 2007). Because of circadian rhythms, melatonin, which induces sleep, is released after sunset. While time zone cues help to determine social scheduling such as work schedules and school start times, the social schedules are not so responsive to the solar cues, as Hamermesh et al. (2008) discuss. For example, if individuals on the late sunset side of a time zone boundary tend to go to bed at a later time, many of them cannot fully compensate in the morning by waking up later (Giuntella and Mazzonna 2019). Thus, sunset time can have significant effects on sleeping hours. Giuntella et al. (2017) identify the effect of sleep on cognitive skills and depression symptoms exploiting Chinese variation in *average annual sunset time* between cities as an instrument. Both China and Japan have a single time zone. The sunset time disparities between areas under the single time zone are informative for identifying the effects of sleep as the instrument. However, since the sunset time disparities depend entirely on longitude, *average annual sunset time* is time-invariant within cities. That is, the sunset time is a fixed feature of a location. This

¹In Japan, women are more likely to quit their jobs after marriage and childbirth than in other developed countries. Some women return to work after childbirth, and others do not. Besides, the distribution of average hours of work is different between males and females. Thus, working status is quite different between males and females during their careers. The analysis of sleep effects on wage for females could be a little more complicated than the analysis for males. For these reasons, the analysis in this study is restricted to Japanese males.

identification strategy did not allow me to employ a fixed effects model when I consider the time-variant unobserved heterogeneity among workers.

Instead, I exploit variation in *average annual temperature* and *average annual sunshine duration* between cities as the instruments. One of the most reliable environmental timing cues that entrains the circadian rhythms is the daily temperature cycle (Buhr et al. 2010). Cable et al. (2007) outline the evidence that the circadian rhythm of core temperature is affected by ambient temperature. Rifkin et al. (2018) review numerous physiologic studies and point out that the thermal environment is a significant determinant of sleep quality. Frazis and Stewart (2012) point out that the instruments should predict long-term time-use, rather than short-term, when the dependent variable is a long-term outcome such as productivity or wages. *Average annual temperature* (*average annual sunshine duration*) is a general long-term indicator of the heat (cloudiness) of the location. Some studies show that there is no significant *long-term* relationship between climate and one's performance or productivity (e.g., Graff Zivin et al. 2018), while there is a significant *short-term* relationship between climate and one's performance or productivity (e.g., Graff Zivin and Neidell 2014; Graff Zivin et al. 2018). These indicate that the regional differences in annual weather condition enable us to identify the effects of the usual sleeping hours as the instruments in the fixed effects model when considering the time-variant unobserved heterogeneity among workers.

Second, I examine the Japanese case, which is an excellent example for finding a relationship between hours of sleep and productivity. Japan has, indeed, been categorized in the group of OECD countries with the shortest sleeping hours. According to OECD (2009), the Japanese slept the second least in the 18 OECD countries surveyed in 2006, while the French enjoyed one hour more sleep than the Japanese. I show that sleep is a vital wage determinant in Japan and, therefore, an essential part of a Japanese individual's time-allocation decision. My empirical results should contribute to the accumulating studies on this topic.

The estimation results considering both the time-invariant and the time-variant unobserved heterogeneities showed that a one-hour increase in weekly sleeping hours for Japanese males increases both hourly labor income and hourly wage by 5–7%. In the case of regular employees, a one-hour increase in weekly hours of sleeping increases both hourly labor income and hourly wage by 3–5%. The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, I review previous studies which document the relationship between

sleep and wage. Section 3 describes the data, and Section 4 presents the empirical framework. Section 5 presents and discusses the estimation results, and Section 6 concludes.

2 Previous Studies

There are several trends in sleeping hours in developed countries. Juster and Stafford (1991) examine the changes in average hours of sleep between the 1960s and 1980s and show that weekly sleeping hours decrease by 0.8 hours for males and 1 hour for females in the United States, and by 3.8 hours among men and 2.6 hours among women in Japan. Meanwhile, Gimenez-Nadal and Sevilla (2012) find that average weekly sleeping hours increase for both men and women in Canada, Finland, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom from the 1970s until 2000. Kuroda (2010) points out that the United States has a slight increasing trend in sleep duration in the ten years between 1991 and 2001, although Japan has a decreasing trend in sleep duration after 1991. Basner and Dinges (2018) also show that average sleep duration in the United States increases after 2003.

When individuals get more (less) sleep, they need adjustments that allow for extended (shortened) hours of sleep while satisfying the time budget constraint. One of the modifications is that they increase (decrease) their sleep duration by allocating less (more) to the market sector. Some studies find that market work has a substitution relationship with sleep. Brochu et al. (2012), using Canadian time use data, and Antillón et al. (2014), using American time use data, find that a higher unemployment rate, that is, deterioration in the economic condition, is associated with longer sleep duration. Aguiar et al. (2013), who use data from the American Time Use Survey between 2003 and 2010, examine how individuals allocate their time during a recession and show that hours of sleep increase by 1% when market work hours fall by 10%. Gimenez-Nadal and Molina (2015) examine the relationship between health status and time allocation taking into account that the more time individuals devote to another applies on time. Using time-use data in six European countries, they show that there are significant correlations between hours of paid-work and hours of sleep.

Biddle and Hamermesh (1990) is the first study to demonstrate that some variation in time spent sleeping may result from a choice in response to changing economic incentives. They emphasize that time spent sleeping could be affected by wages. Assuming

that sleep is an entirely time-intensive commodity whose consumption provides utility in the same way as other products do, higher wages make individuals' sleep less because the opportunity cost of sleeping is higher. However, sleep can add to the individuals' productivity: That is, sleep has a productivity component. The idea that sleep and productivity are related is supported by evidence from some sleep-related studies. Recent studies also demonstrate that insufficient sleep is costly for employers by reducing workplace productivity. For example, Hafner et al. (2016) using large-scale employer-employee datasets in the United Kingdom suggest that workers who sleep less than six hours per day report on average about a 2.4 percentage point higher productivity loss due to absenteeism or presenteeism than workers sleeping between seven to nine hours per day. Biddle and Hamermesh (1990) layout a simple model of time spent sleeping as a choice variable where demand for sleep allows for the possibility that sleep enhances labor productivity, it is also assumed to generate utility, and find that higher wages are associated with less sleep. Asgeirsdottir and Zoega (2011) extend Biddle and Hamermesh's contribution by modeling the decision to sleep as an investment decision in the level of daytime alertness (e.g., that an individual enjoys during the day). They demonstrate that higher wages will make the worker sleep less even when assuming sleep has a positive effect on wages. These indicate that the relationship between wages and sleep could be causal in both directions.

Considering the endogeneity between wages and sleep, some previous studies examine the effect of sleep on wages. Gibson and Shrader (2018) investigate the short-run and long-run effects of sleep on wages (earnings) in the United States by exploiting variation in sunset time within US time zones. When examining the long-run effect of sleep on wages (earnings), Gibson and Shrader (2018) use *average annual sunset time* as an instrument. Their identification strategy is based on the fact that locations farther east experience earlier average sunset than areas farther west in the same time zone. Circadian rhythms cause melatonin to be released after sunset, and melatonin induces sleep. As previous studies in neuroscience point out, the earlier sunset occurs, the earlier individuals tend to fall asleep on condition that there is no artificial light exposure. By contrast, as Hamermesh et al. (2008) suggest, social scheduling such as work scheduling is not so responsive to solar cues. These indicate that the sunset time disparities between areas under the same time zone are informative for identifying the effects of sleep as the instrument. Gibson and Shrader (2018) demonstrate that a 1-hour increase in average

weekly sleep increases wages (earnings) by 8% (5%) in the long-run.

However, Gibson and Shrader (2018) do not examine the causal relationship between wages and sleep considering time-invariant unobserved heterogeneities among workers. The fixed effects instrumental variables (FEIV) procedure is useful to identify the causal relationship between wages and sleep removing both time-invariant and time-variant unobserved heterogeneities among workers. When using the FEIV procedure, exclusion instruments are required to be time-variant. However, because sunset time depends entirely on latitude (longitude), *average annual sunset time* is time-invariant within cities.

3 Empirical Framework

My identification strategy exploited the variation in average annual temperature and average annual sunshine duration between cities, while controlling for time-invariant individual characteristics. I consider the following model:

$$\ln(W_{it}) = \alpha_1 \text{Sleep}_{it} + \mathbf{X}_{it}\boldsymbol{\alpha}_2 + u_{it}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad t = 1, \dots, T_i \quad (1)$$

$$u_{it} = \mu_i + \sigma_{it} \quad (2)$$

where W_{it} denotes average hourly labor income (average hourly wage) for individual i at the time of survey t , Sleep_{it} is the usual nighttime sleeping hours for individual i at the time of survey t . \mathbf{X}_{it} denotes a vector of time-variant control variables: *Age* and *Age squared*, which control for age-related effects; *Tenure* and *Tenure squared*, which control for tenure-related effects; a 0–1 dummy variable *Union*, which takes the value one if there is a union at the respondent’s workplace and 0 otherwise. Some studies demonstrate that unions in Japan contribute to an increase in the average wage (e.g., Hara and Kawaguchi 2008). To take family structure into account, I also include a 0–1 dummy variable *Married*, which takes the value one if the respondent has a spouse and zero otherwise, and *Number of child under aged 6*, which controls for the number of dependent children who are aged under six. N is the number of individuals and T_i is the number of observations available for individual i indicating that I have an unbalanced panel. As equation (2) indicates, u_{it} is an error term which consists of a time invariant individual fixed effect μ_i and an idiosyncratic error σ_{it} . The coefficient α_1 in equation (1) captures the effect of sleep on wages.

The possibility of the endogeneity of the respondents' hours of sleep $Sleep_{it}$ in equation (1) is an obstacle to estimating the causal effect of sleep on wages. Given the discussion in Section 2, there would be a reverse causality between sleep and wages; higher wages raise the opportunity cost of sleeping time; sleep may be correlated with unobservable worker characteristics that also influence wages. To avoid this endogeneity problem, I employ the fixed effects model with an instrumental variables estimation technique. For equation (1), the FEIV procedure is to find time-variant variables that are related to an individual's hours of sleep but are unrelated to his wages. I use an instrumental variables strategy that exploits differences in average annual temperature and average annual sunshine duration across Japanese cities as sources of exogenous variation in hours of sleep. I assume the following equation to explain an individual's sleeping hours:

$$Sleep_{it} = \beta_1 Temp_{ct} + \beta_2 Sun_{ct} + \mathbf{X}_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta}_3 + e_{it}, \quad (3)$$

$$e_{it} = \mu_i + \eta_{it} \quad (4)$$

where $Temp_{ct}$ is the average annual temperature for city c where individual i lives at the time of survey t , and Sun_{ct} is the average annual sunshine duration for city c where individual i lives at the time of survey t . e_{it} is an error term which consists of a time-invariant individual fixed effect μ_i and an idiosyncratic error η_{it} . Frazis and Stewart (2012) point out that the instruments should predict long-term time-use when the dependent variable is a long-term outcome such as productivity or wages. To identify the causal relationship between sleep and wages removing both time-variant unobserved heterogeneities, I exploit regional variation in annual weather conditions; average annual temperature, and average annual sunshine duration as the instruments. Both average annual temperature and average annual sunshine duration are general long-term climate indicators of the location. Graff Zivin et al. (2018) reveal that there is no significant *long-term* relationship between climate and one's performance or productivity.

Prolonged periods of high temperatures lead to persistently high nighttime temperatures in the United States (Melillo et al. 2014). Buhr et al. (2010) point out that one of the most reliable environmental timing cues that entrain circadian rhythms is the daily temperature cycle. Cable et al. (2007) outline the evidence that the circadian rhythm of core temperature is affected by ambient temperature. Some physiologic studies report that human sleep is highly regulated by temperature. Obradovich et al. (2017) examine

the association between self-reported sleep and objectively measured temperature geolocated to the city level and show that a one-degree Celsius deviation in monthly nighttime temperature is associated with an increase of three nights of insufficient sleep per 100 individuals. Meanwhile, there is a positive relationship between sunshine duration and temperature. van den Besselaar et al. (2015) confirm a strong relationship between sunshine duration and temperature trends over Europe since the second half of the twentieth century.

Figure 1 illustrates the annual variation in the long-term climate indicators among cities, at the nearest observatory from the KHPS respondent's residential area. As shown in Panel A, the average temperature decreases at higher latitudes and longitudes, while there is less annual variation in average temperature within cities. By contrast, in Panel B, there is a large annual variation in average sunshine duration within cities, while average sunshine duration is relatively less associated with latitude and longitude.

[Figure 1 around here]

4 Data: Overview of the Keio Household Panel Survey

My data were drawn from Wave 1, conducted in 2004, to Wave 14, conducted in 2017, of the Keio Household Panel Survey (KHPS), which is one of the Japan Household Panel Survey (JHPS/KHPS) datasets. The first wave of the KHPS was conducted in the period of January–March 2004 with a sample size of approximately 4,000 households nationwide. To compensate for sample attrition, approximately 1,400 and 1,000 new survey households were recruited in 2007 and 2012, respectively. The KHPS aims to investigate various aspects of household behavior, including time allocation and labor supply behavior. It contains information on households, families, and individuals. Because, for married couples, the KHPS asks identical questions of both the respondent and his/her spouse, the first wave contains detailed data on approximately 7,000 individuals.²

The KHPS datasets, excluding 2004 and 2007, contain information on average sleep duration. Respondents are asked to report how long they sleep each day, on average.

²Detailed information on the sample design of KHPS is available in Kimura (2005) and from URL: <https://www.pdrc.keio.ac.jp/en/paneldata/datasets/jhpskhps/>

Using this question, I calculate a measure of weekly sleep duration in hours (*hours of sleep they usually take per day* $\times 7$).³ By contrast, the KHPS asks the respondents who performed paid work or took leave from work in the month prior to the survey about the amount of pre-tax income from their main job in the previous year. The questionnaire also asks about the average weekly hours of paid work. Using this information, I calculate the hourly labor income: (*the amount of pre-tax income from their main job* \div [*average weekly hours of paid work* $\times 4$ (weeks) *times* 12 (months)]).

The definitions of all the variables used in the analysis in this study are summarized in Appendix Table A1. Table 1 shows descriptive statistics on all the variables used in the analysis. The sample is restricted to male individuals who meet the following three criterion: (1) the respondent performed paid work or took leave from work at the time of the survey; (2) information on all the relevant variables is available for the respondent and (3) the respondent has more than two observations (in other words, the respondent is not included in singleton groups). Appendix Table A2 indicates the effect of this criterion on the sample size available. It is noted that when the primary respondent is married and is female, the questionnaire also contains virtually identical questions to be answered by her spouse. Therefore, I include her spouse (male) in the sample used in this analysis.

[Table 1 around here]

5 Estimation Results

Table 2 shows the estimation results using equation (1) by an ordinary least squares (OLS) estimator that ignores both the time-invariant and the time-variant unobserved heterogeneities among individuals (Column (1)), a Fixed Effect (FE) estimator that ignores the time-variant unobserved heterogeneities among individuals (Column (2)) and a FEIV estimator that takes account of both the time-invariant and the time-variant unobserved heterogeneities among individuals (Column (3)). Examining the results in Column (1a), I find that, after controlling for the control variables, the estimated coefficient of *Weekly sleep* is insignificant. By contrast, in Column (2a), I find that, after additionally

³From 2014, the KHPS asks the respondents about their daily average sleep hours both on weekdays and weekend days, on average. I calculate the measure of weekly sleep hours for the respondents as follows: (*hours of sleep they usually take per weekday* $\times 5$) + (*hours of sleep they usually take per weekend day* $\times 2$)

controlling for the time-invariant unobserved heterogeneities, the estimated coefficient of *Weekly sleep* is positive and significant. Because the results reject the null hypothesis that all the time invariant individual effects are jointly zero as shown in Column (2a), controlling for the time-invariant unobserved heterogeneities is required. In Column (3a) where the time-variant unobserved heterogeneities are additionally controlled, the estimated coefficient of *Weekly sleep* is also significantly positive.

[Table 2 around here]

Examining the endogeneity test which tests the joint significance of a residual added to the model estimated by FE (see Wooldridge 2010, p. 354), as shown in Column (3a), the results reject the null hypothesis that *Weekly sleep* is exogenously determined. The Kleibergen-Paap rk Wald F statistic indicates that there is no problem of “weak” instruments, and an over-identification test of all instruments indicates that the FEIV estimator is to be preferred.⁴

It is noted that most firms set a mandatory retirement age in Japan. In the 2013 legislation, the Japanese government imposed job security for employees until the age of 65. However, most firms are not willing to extend the mandatory retirement age but are willing to re-contract at a lower wage with their “first-time retirees,” who have worked for them until mandatory retirement age.⁵ Most Japanese firms lower the wages of elderly workers once they have reached their mandatory retirement age. This is very different from the case in many other countries, including the United States, where law and custom bar employers from cutting older workers’ pay and benefits when they reach a certain age. Taking a large wage reduction for these elderly employees into account, I show the estimation results excluding the individuals aged 60 and over from the sample in Columns (1b), (2b) and (3b). While the coefficient of *Weekly sleep* is insignificant estimated by OLS (Column (1b)), both the coefficients of *Weekly sleep* estimated by FE (Column (2b)) and FEIV (Column (3b)) are significantly positive.

It is noteworthy that the magnitude of the coefficient of *Weekly sleep* in Columns (3a) and (3b) is greater than that in Columns (2a) and (2b). This suggests that there is a

⁴Appendix Table A3 presents the results of the estimating equation (3). The exclusion restriction variables are individually significant, and the null hypothesis that all the coefficients on the exclusion restriction variables are jointly zero is also rejected.

⁵According to the “2017 General Survey on Working Conditions (*Shūrō Jōken Sōgō Chōsa*)” conducted by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, 93.4% of firms with more than 30 employees have a uniform retirement age and 79.3% of them set 60 as the retirement age.

reverse causality between sleep and wages such that a higher opportunity cost of sleeping time reduces time spent sleeping, as Biddle and Hamermesh (1990) and Asgeirsdottir and Zoega (2011) point out. An increase in the wage rate generates both income and substitution effects. The effect of the wage rate on sleep duration depends on whether the substitution effect dominates the income effect or vice versa. My estimation results demonstrate that the substitution effect may dominate the income effect.

Interestingly, when focusing only on regular employees, the difference of the coefficients of *Weekly sleep* between Columns (3c) and (2c) is 0.033 ($0.037 - 0.004$). This value is smaller than the difference between those in Columns (3a) and (2a) ($0.055 - 0.003 = 0.052$). As for the regular employees aged under 60, the difference value between those in Columns (3d) and (2d) ($0.044 - 0.004 = 0.04$) is smaller than the difference value between those in Columns (3b) and (2b) ($0.067 - 0.003 = 0.064$). These results indicate that the effect of the wage rate on hours of sleeping would be small for regular employees. Raising the opportunity cost of sleeping time could induce substitution away from sleep and towards market work: that is, hours of market work may be longer. The change in labor supply can be decomposed into two labor supply behaviors: extensive margin, indicating a worker's entry and exit from the labor market; and intensive margin, indicating changes in working hours in response to a wage change. Kuroda and Yamamoto (2008) examine labor supply elasticity on intensive margins in Japan. Considering the endogeneity of wages and hours of work, they demonstrate that the labor supply elasticity on intensive margins is low for both males and females. One of the reasons for the low elasticity of male labor supply seems to reflect the fact that men, as regular workers, are under strong constraints of the given labor market contracts and customs. As for the regular employees, raising the opportunity cost of sleeping time may have relatively less of an effect on the substitution away from sleep and hours of market work.

Using another productivity index: the hourly wage rate, I can see that the estimated coefficients of *Weekly sleep* are significantly positive (Columns (a)–(d) in Table 3).⁶ These results suggest that sleep duration enhances labor productivity for Japanese males.

[Table 3 around here]

⁶While the primary respondent in the KHPS was selected by stratified two-stage random sampling, the respondent's spouse was not selected by random sampling. Even when I exclude the male sample who are spouses of the primary respondent from this analysis, the estimation results are similar to those shown in Tables 2 and 3. These results are available upon request.

6 Concluding Remarks

This study examined how sleep affects productivity for Japanese male workers, using the KHPS which is a nationally representative survey panel in Japan. To resolve the endogeneity between wages and sleep due to both time-invariant and time-variant unobserved heterogeneities, I use the fixed effects model with an instrumental variables estimation technique. I focus on usual sleeping hours, which is a representative of individuals' long-run time use and average hourly labor income (average hourly wage) as productivity measures for workers.

It is found that a one-hour increase in weekly sleeping hours for Japanese males increased both hourly labor income and hourly wage by 5–7%. This finding is consistent with Gibson and Shrader (2018) that a 1-hour increase in average weekly sleep increases wages and earnings by 5–8% in the long-run. Besides, as for regular Japanese employees, a one-hour increase in weekly hours of sleeping increased both hourly labor income and hourly wage by 3–5%. Thus, sleep duration does indeed enhance labor productivity for Japanese males.

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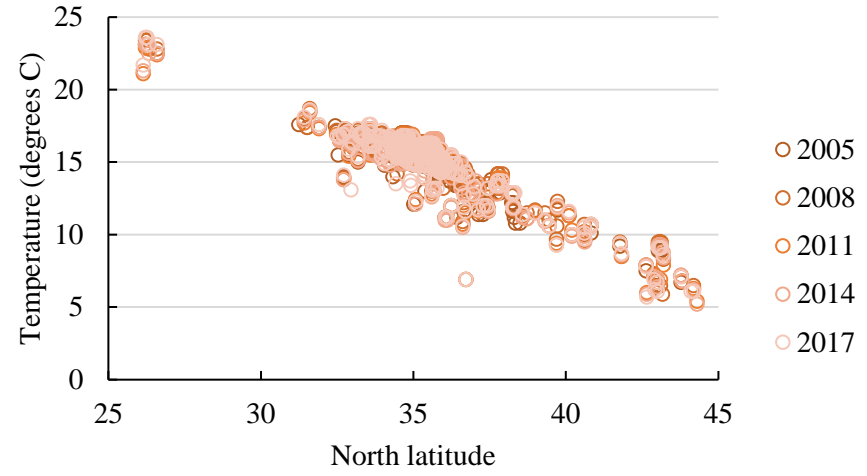
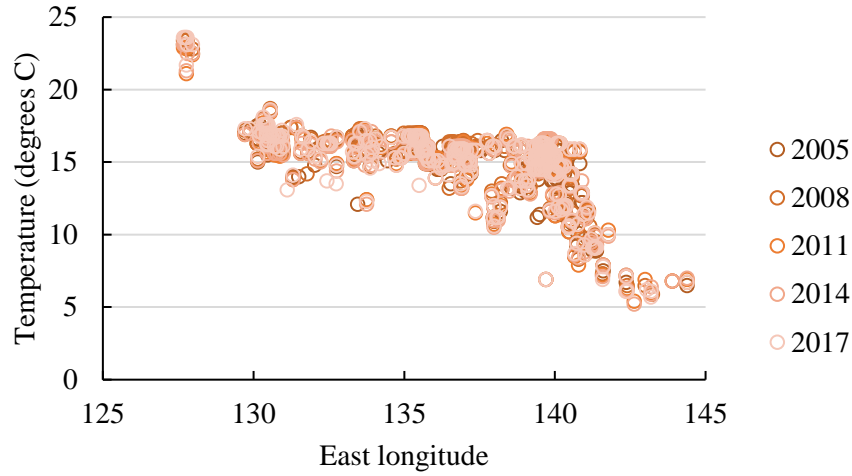
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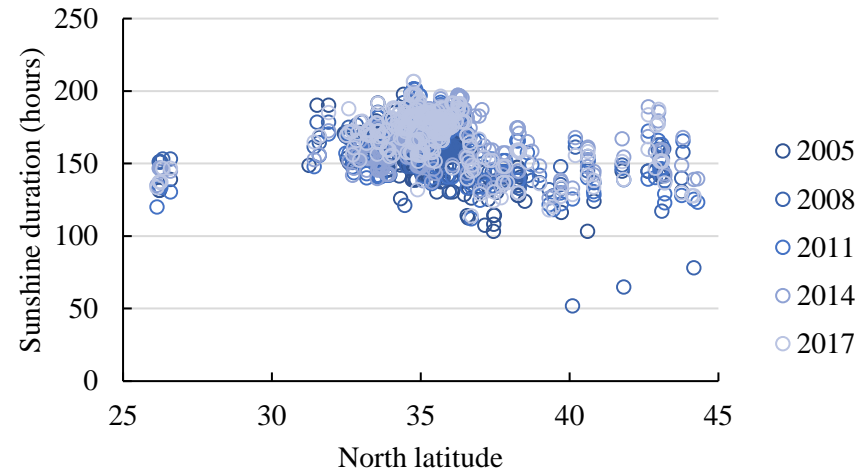
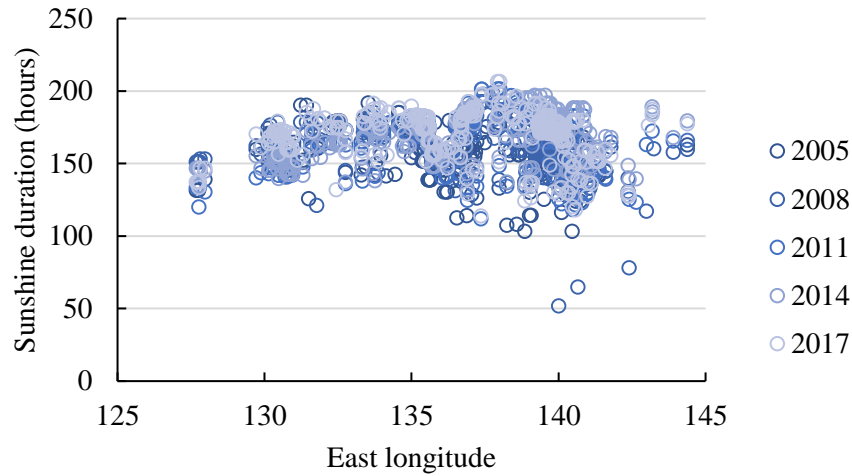
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Figure 1: Annual Variation in the Long-term Climate Indicators among Cities

Panel A: Average Annual Temperature Disparities (degrees C)



Panel B: Average Annual Sunshine Duration Disparities (hours)



Source: Author's calculations using data from KHPS.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics

	Observations=19,398			
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
Weekly sleep	46.14	7.29	12	84
ln(Hourly labor income)	7.72	0.78	3.37	12.22
ln(Hourly wage)	7.72	0.73	3.44	12.22
Age squared	2509.08	1120.76	400	7225
Age	48.78	11.37	20	85
Tenure squared	424.43	516.02	0	3364
Tenure	16.55	12.28	0	58
High school	0.44	0.50	0	1
Junior/technical college	0.07	0.26	0	1
University	0.35	0.48	0	1
Graduate school	0.03	0.18	0	1
Other	0.05	0.21	0	1
Union	0.37	0.48	0	1
Married	0.88	0.32	0	1
Number of child under aged 6	0.15	0.44	0	4
Average annual sunshine hours	162.56	17.29	51.9	212
Average annual temperature	15.36	2.27	5	24.1

Source: Author's calculations using data from KHPS

Table 2: The Effects of Sleep on Hourly Labor Income

	All						Regular Employees					
	Total			Aged under 60			Total			Aged under 60		
	(1a) OLS	(2a) FE	(3a) FEIV	(1b) OLS	(2b) FE	(3b) FEIV	(1c) OLS	(2c) FE	(3c) FEIV	(1d) OLS	(2d) FE	(3d) FEIV
Weekly sleep	0.001 [0.001]	0.003** [0.001]	0.055*** [0.020]	0.002 [0.001]	0.003*** [0.001]	0.067*** [0.022]	0.003** [0.001]	0.004*** [0.001]	0.037** [0.017]	0.003** [0.001]	0.004*** [0.001]	0.044** [0.018]
Age squared	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]
Age	0.049*** [0.011]	0.094*** [0.009]	0.089*** [0.010]	0.063*** [0.009]	0.103*** [0.012]	0.089*** [0.014]	0.064*** [0.009]	0.102*** [0.013]	0.094*** [0.014]	0.056*** [0.010]	0.095*** [0.013]	0.085*** [0.014]
Tenure squared	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.000*** [0.000]	-0.000** [0.000]	-0.000*** [0.000]	-0.000** [0.000]	-0.000*** [0.000]	-0.000*** [0.000]	-0.000* [0.000]	-0.000** [0.000]	-0.000** [0.000]
Tenure	0.033*** [0.004]	0.035*** [0.003]	0.037*** [0.004]	0.025*** [0.003]	0.024*** [0.004]	0.027*** [0.005]	0.020*** [0.003]	0.024*** [0.004]	0.025*** [0.004]	0.021*** [0.003]	0.021*** [0.004]	0.023*** [0.005]
High school	0.052 [0.056]			0.054 [0.063]			0.151** [0.070]			0.146** [0.074]		
Junior/technical college	0.223*** [0.066]			0.209*** [0.071]			0.302*** [0.075]			0.294*** [0.079]		
University	0.294*** [0.059]			0.271*** [0.064]			0.386*** [0.071]			0.372*** [0.075]		
Graduate school	0.575*** [0.079]			0.516*** [0.085]			0.610*** [0.082]			0.597*** [0.088]		
Other	0.034 [0.070]			0.066 [0.076]			0.198** [0.084]			0.192** [0.086]		
Union	0.217*** [0.019]	0.048** [0.024]	0.051* [0.026]	0.238*** [0.020]	0.039 [0.026]	0.043 [0.030]	0.197*** [0.019]	0.038 [0.024]	0.041 [0.025]	0.188*** [0.019]	0.036 [0.025]	0.041 [0.027]
Married	0.296*** [0.033]	0.001 [0.047]	-0.052 [0.058]	0.268*** [0.033]	0.006 [0.050]	-0.047 [0.064]	0.211*** [0.033]	-0.074 [0.046]	-0.109** [0.052]	0.202*** [0.034]	-0.065 [0.047]	-0.110** [0.055]
Number of child under aged 6	-0.046*** [0.017]	0.025* [0.015]	0.009 [0.017]	-0.030* [0.016]	0.027* [0.015]	0.005 [0.019]	-0.039** [0.016]	0.015 [0.015]	0.005 [0.017]	-0.034** [0.016]	0.013 [0.015]	0.001 [0.017]
Observations	19,398	19,398	19,398	16,053	16,053	16,053	13,068	13,068	13,068	12,190	12,190	12,190
Number of individuals		2,983	2,983		2,565	2,565		2,128	2,128		2,005	2,005
R-squared	0.18	0.05		0.19	0.04		0.213	0.045		0.220	0.043	
F test H ₀ : all the coef. (except the constant) are jointly zero	69.10***	51.84***	43.09***	68.14***	39.34***	30.46***	58.09***	35.15***	31.95***	58.94***	33.86***	30.16***
F test H ₀ : all the time invariant individual effects are jointly zero		6.45***			5.56***			5.36***			5.17***	
Endogeneity test (T statistic) H ₀ : Weekly sleep is an exogenous variable			-2.73***							-1.97**		-2.25**
Kleibergen-Paap rk Wald F statistic for weak instruments			19.13							19.34		17.25
Over-identification test of all instruments (Hansen J statistic)			0.09							0.00		0.69

1) *, ** and *** indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

2) Figures reported in square brackets are robust standard errors adjusted for clustering. The Kleibergen-Paap rk Wald F statistic reported is computed using the "xtivreg2" command in STATA 15.

3) The model in Columns (1a), (1b), (1c) and (1d) additionally includes Constant and Year dummies. Estimates associated with these variables are not reported.

Table3: The Effects of Sleep on Hourly Wage

	All		Regular Employees	
	Total	Aged under 60	Total	Aged under 60
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	FEIV	FEIV	FEIV	FEIV
Weekly sleep	0.059*** [0.020]	0.066*** [0.022]	0.043** [0.017]	0.049*** [0.018]
Age squared	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]	-0.001*** [0.000]
Age	0.087*** [0.010]	0.089*** [0.014]	0.090*** [0.013]	0.080*** [0.014]
Tenure squared	-0.000*** [0.000]	-0.000 [0.000]	-0.000** [0.000]	-0.000 [0.000]
Tenure	0.024*** [0.003]	0.016*** [0.004]	0.018*** [0.004]	0.016*** [0.004]
Union	0.041* [0.024]	0.050* [0.026]	0.032 [0.024]	0.039 [0.026]
Married	-0.097* [0.051]	-0.100* [0.055]	-0.109** [0.051]	-0.110** [0.054]
Number of child under aged 6	-0.009 [0.017]	-0.010 [0.018]	-0.007 [0.017]	-0.010 [0.018]
Observations	19,398	16,053	13,068	12,190
Number of individuals	2,983	2,565	2,128	2,005
F test H ₀ : all the coef. are jointly zero	30.85***	24.36***	27.12***	24.77***
Kleibergen-Paap rk Wald F statistic for weak instruments	19.13	15.94	19.34	17.25
Overidentification test of all instruments (Hansen J statistic)	0.41	0.02	0.00	0.75

1) *, ** and *** indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

2) Figures reported in square brackets are robust standard errors adjusted for clustering. The Kleibergen-Paap rk Wald F statistic reported is computed using the "xtivreg2" command in STATA 15.

Appendix Table A1: Definitions of Variables

Variables	Definition
Weekly sleep	=hours of sleep the respondent usually takes per day <i>times 7</i> if before Wave 10, and =(hours of sleep he usually take per weekday <i>times 5</i>)+(hours of sleep he usually take per weekend day <i>times 2</i>) if after Wave 11.
ln(Hourly labor income)	=the natural logarithm of (the amount of the respondent's yearly pre-tax income from his main job <i>divided by</i> the total amount of hours of his paid work a year). the total amount of hours of his paid work a year=hours of his paid work per week (including overtime) <i>times 4 weeks times 12 months</i> .
ln(Hourly wage)	=the natural logarithm of (the amount of the respondent's monthly salary <i>divided by</i> the total amount of hours of his paid work a month) if his compensation type is monthly salary, =the natural logarithm of (the amount of his weekly salary <i>divided by</i> the total amount of hours of his paid work a week) if his compensation type is weekly salary, =the natural logarithm of (the amount of his daily wage <i>divided by</i> the total amount of hours of his paid work a day) if his compensation type is daily wage, =the natural logarithm of (the amount of his hourly wage) if his compensation type is hourly wage, and =the natural logarithm of (the amount of his annual salary <i>divided by</i> the total amount of hours of his paid work) if his compensation type is annual salary, respectively.
Age	Respondent's age in years at the time of the survey
Tenure	When the respondent answer the KHPS questionnaire for the first time: =(each year <i>minus</i> year when the respondent started working at his present company or organization) When he answer it after second time: =(each year <i>minus</i> year when he started working at his present company or organization <i>plus 1</i>) if he was working at the same company or organization as 1 year ago, and =0.5 if he was at a different company or organization from 1 year ago or he was newly employed during the past year.
The respondent's highest level of educational background (benchmark=Junior high school)	
High school	=1 if he completed high school, and 0 otherwise.
Junior/technical college	=1 if he completed junior or technical college, and 0 otherwise.
University	=1 if he completed university, and 0 otherwise.
Graduate school	=1 if he completed graduate school, and 0 otherwise.
Other	=1 if he completed other school, and 0 otherwise.
Union	=1 if there is a union at the respondent's workplace, and 0 otherwise.
Number of child under aged 6	The number of the respondents' children who are aged under 6.
Married	=1 if the respondent has a spouse, =0 otherwise.
Average annual temperature	=(the summation of monthly average temperature at the nearest observatory from the respondent's residential area) <i>divided by 12</i> . The observatory data is provided by Japan Meteorological Agency.
Average annual sunshine duration	=(the summation of sunshine hours in the month at the nearest observatory from the respondent's residential area) <i>divided by 12</i> . The observatory data is provided by Japan Meteorological Agency. Sunshine hours is defined as the hours during which direct solar irradiance exceeds a threshold value of 120 watts per square meter (W/m ²)

Appendix Table A2: Effect of Selection Criterion on Sample Sizes

	A: The respondent		B: The spouse of the respondent		Total (A+B)			
	Original Number of respondents (Males)	Eliminating observations where the respondent performed paid work or took leave from work at the time of the Wave	Original Number of spouse of the respondents (Males)	Eliminating observations where the respondent performed paid work or took leave from work at the time of the Wave	Original Number of spouse of the respondents (Males)	Eliminating observations where the respondent performed paid work or took leave from work at the time of the Wave	Eliminating observations where the relevant information was not available	Eliminating singleton groups (groups with only one observation)
Wave 1	2,000	1,724	1,422	1,225	3,422	2,949	0	0
Wave 2	1,650	1,428	1,215	1,045	2,865	2,473	1,672	1,416
Wave 3	1,436	1,233	1,072	912	2,508	2,145	1,542	1,478
Wave 4	1,944	1,696	1,555	1,324	3,499	3,020	0	0
Wave 5	1,759	1,511	1,421	1,185	3,180	2,696	1,972	1,897
Wave 6	1,636	1,392	1,310	1,075	2,946	2,467	1,832	1,806
Wave 7	1,528	1,272	1,250	1,018	2,778	2,290	1,667	1,659
Wave 8	1,444	1,181	1,188	947	2,632	2,128	1,539	1,534
Wave 9	1,866	1,546	1,485	1,213	3,351	2,759	1,954	1,850
Wave 10	1,734	1,439	1,357	1,086	3,091	2,525	1,735	1,714
Wave 11	1,613	1,316	1,260	1,002	2,873	2,318	1,663	1,656
Wave 12	1,522	1,236	1,166	932	2,688	2,168	1,570	1,564
Wave 13	1,436	1,151	1,102	868	2,538	2,019	1,477	1,470
Wave 14	1,331	1,068	996	793	2,327	1,861	1,364	1,354
Total	22,899	19,193	17,799	14,625	40,698	33,818	19,987	19,398

Appendix Table A3: Check of the Exclusion Restriction Instrumental Variables (Fixed Effect Model)

	All		Regular Employees	
	Total	Aged under 60	Total	Aged under 60
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Average annual temperature	-0.258*** [0.096]	-0.255*** [0.098]	-0.287** [0.125]	-0.224** [0.113]
Average annual sunshine hours	-0.021*** [0.004]	-0.020*** [0.004]	-0.026*** [0.004]	-0.025*** [0.005]
Observations	19,398	16,053	13,068	12,190
Number of individuals	2,983	2,565	2,128	2,005
F test H ₀ : all the coef. are jointly zero	18.43***	11.95***	12.08***	10.93***
F test H ₀ : all the coef. on the exclusion restriction are jointly zero	19.13***	15.94***	19.34***	17.25***

1) *, ** and *** indicate statistical significance at the 10%, 5% and 1% levels, respectively.

2) Figures reported in square brackets are robust standard errors adjusted for clustering.

3) The coefficients of the other explanatory variables are not reported.