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Summary: Within developed countries, there's now generally a positive relationship between men's income and education level, and fatherhood. In a US Census Bureau survey conducted in 2014, 70.1% of men with graduate or professional degrees had children while only 48.8% of those without a high school diploma did. In the US, the overall relationship between income/education and births remains negative for women (for whom the most recent data are from 2022), but among White, non-Hispanic women the curve is becoming U-shaped, with those with bachelor's degrees or higher having more kids than those with some college. While the growth in career and educational opportunities for women drove fertility declines in the past, there are signs that accommodating women's career ambitions might be essential to staving off further declines. Among a sample of advanced economies, those where men take on more housework and child care responsibilities have higher fertility rates.

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