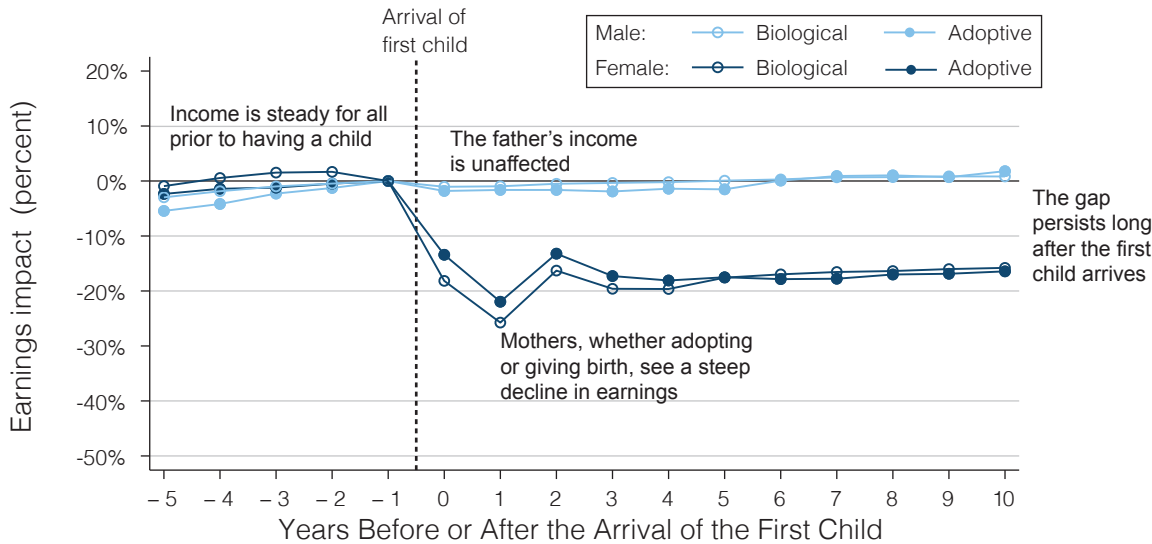


Its Unlikely that New Mothers Make Less Than New Fathers For Biological Reasons

For both adoptive and biological parents income is relatively steady until the arrival of their first child, after which both types of mothers see a negative impact on earnings



Notes: This chart shows the earnings for both biological mothers and adoptive mothers as well as biological fathers and adoptive fathers. The data starts with their relative earnings 5 years prior to having their first child and shows the change in income for 10 years afterwards. With both adoptive mother and biological mothers saw a decrease in income, both types of fathers remained steady. This indicates that it may not be for biological reasons that new mothers lose income. Overall the study found the penalty for biological mothers was about 17% while for adoptive mothers it was around 18%.