CHILDREN OF AFGHAN MIGRANTS IN IRAN

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ABSTRACT

- According to UN data Afghan refugees are one of the largest displaced population in the world. Based on 2012 estimates, there are between 2.4 to 3 million Afghan immigrants living in Iran. Afghani immigrants in Iran face a multitude of barriers that natives do not have to overcome. These barriers are likely to affect their children's upward mobility as well. This papers aims to identify the sources of disparities between second generation Afghans and natives. This paper finds that controlling for parents' education, age, and occupation, Afghan children are less likely to attend school in all age categories. Comparing female and male children, female children of Afghan migration are less likely compare to male children to attend school.

Table 1- Estimation results for children attending different school levels.

	(1) Schooling 6<age<12		(2) Schooling 11<age<15		(3) Schooling 14<age<19	
	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio
Afghan children	-2.0125***	0.1337***	-1.9083***	0.1483***	-0.6577***	0.5180***
	(0.3657)		(0.2078)		(0.1690)	
N	22905		34450		45127	
pseudo R^2	0.145		0.297		0.309	

Table 4- Estimation results for children attending different school levels for second generation migrants versus natives. (Excluding first generation from the reference group)

	(1) Schooling 6<age<12		(2) Schooling 11<age<15		(3) Schooling 14<age<19	
	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio
Second generation	-2.0442***	0.1295***	-1.8882***	0.1513***	-0.4579**	0.6326**
	(0.3994)		(0.2301)		(0.1862)	
N	22548		33873		44357	
pseudo R^2	0.146		0.297		0.309	

Table 2- Estimation results for children attending different school levels for female.

	(1) Schooling 6<age<12		(2) Schooling 11<age<15		(3) Schooling 14<age<19	
	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio
Afghan children	-2.0359***	0.1306***	-2.0650***	0.1268***	-0.9284***	0.3952***
	(0.5034)		(0.2814)		(0.2071)	
N	11186		16805		22484	
pseudo R^2	0.135		0.276		0.272	

Table 5- Estimation results for children attending different school levels for first generation migrants versus natives. (Excluding second generation from the reference group).

	(1) Schooling 6<age<12		(2) Schooling 11<age<15		(3) Schooling 14<age<19	
	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio
First generation	-2.1377***	0.1179***	-2.0590***	0.1276***	-1.8188***	0.1622***
	(0.7841)		(0.4432)		(0.4414)	
N	22465		33750		44200	
pseudo R^2	0.140		0.294		0.309	

Table 3- Estimation results for children attending different school levels for male.

	(1) Schooling 6<age<12		(2) Schooling 11<age<15		(3) Schooling 14<age<19	
	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio
Afghan children	-1.9521***	0.1420***	-1.7778***	0.1690***	0.1487	1.1603
	(0.5837)		(0.3183)		(0.3123)	
N	11151		17645		22643	
pseudo R^2	0.208		0.352		0.372	

Table 6- Estimation results for children attending different school levels for second generation migrants versus first generations. (Excluding natives from the reference group).

	(1) Schooling 6<age<12		(2) Schooling 11<age<15		(3) Schooling 14<age<19	
	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio	coefficients	Odds ratio
Second generation	0.3585**	1.4312**	0.0817	1.0852	0.7563***	2.1304***
	(0.1772)		(0.1452)		(0.1827)	
N	782		1197		1284	
pseudo R^2	0.104		0.202		0.234	