

Publication

Stress that doesn't pay : the commuting paradox

JournalArticle (Originalarbeit in einer wissenschaftlichen Zeitschrift)

ID 41991

Author(s) Stutzer, Alois; Frey, Bruno S.

Author(s) at UniBasel [Stutzer, Alois](#) ;

Year 2008

Title Stress that doesn't pay : the commuting paradox

Journal The Scandinavian journal of economics

Volume 110

Number 2

Pages / Article-Number 339-366

Keywords location theory, commuting, compensating variation, subjective well-being

People spend a lot of time commuting and often find it a burden. According to standard economics, the burden of commuting is chosen when compensated either on the labor or on the housing market so that individuals' utility is equalized. However, in a direct test of this strong notion of equilibrium with panel data, we find that people with longer commuting time report systematically lower subjective well-being. This result is robust with regard to a number of alternative explanations. We mention several possibilities of an extended model of human behavior able to explain this "commuting paradox".

Publisher University of Stockholm

ISSN/ISBN 0347-0520

edoc-URL <http://edoc.unibas.ch/dok/A5248811>

Full Text on edoc Available;

Digital Object Identifier DOI 10.1111/j.1467-9442.2008.00542.x

ISI-Number 000257799900007

Document type (ISI) Article