

Table 4. At age 25, years of schooling lost or gained (and t-statistics) as a result of selected background variables, according to race and ethnicity

| Variable | White (N=1,445) | Black (N=906) | Hispanic (N=444) |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Birth before age 20 | -2.766* (-2.959) | -2.971* (-4.041) | -2.831* (-3.676) |
| Mother's education | 0.186* (6.107) | 0.092* (2.953) | 0.107* (3.075) |
| Father's education | 0.150* (7.508) | 0.081* (3.806) | 0.039 (1.279) |
| Father's education missing | 1.612* (5.390) | 0.483* (1.879) | 0.438 (1.188) |
| Living arrangements at age 14 | | | |
| Mother only | -0.104 (-0.440) | 0.151 (0.766) | 0.247 (0.689) |
| Mother and stepfather | -0.295 (-1.048) | 0.152 (0.555) | -0.051 (-0.088) |
| Other | -0.273 (-0.906) | 0.220 (0.772) | -0.972* (-1.917) |
| Experienced parental divorce | -0.123 (-0.643) | -0.004 (-0.023) | -0.405 (-1.197) |
| Yrs. with mother only | -0.015 (-0.528) | -0.013 (-0.864) | -0.011 (-0.295) |
| Yrs. with mother and stepfather | -0.002 (-0.073) | -0.013 (-0.506) | -0.018 (-0.368) |
| Yrs. in other living arrangements | -0.051 (-1.559) | -0.012 (-0.431) | 0.104* (1.711) |
| No. of siblings | -0.105* (-2.800) | 0.028 (0.761) | -0.060 (-1.100) |
| No. of older siblings | 0.075* (1.946) | -0.050 (-1.276) | 0.061 (1.015) |
| Mother (or surrogate) worked | -0.065 (-0.701) | -0.007 (-0.057) | 0.089 (0.430) |
| Foreign born | -0.523 (-1.439) | † | -0.649* (-1.963) |
| Mother foreign born | 0.573* (2.160) | † | 1.055* (3.715) |
| Father foreign born | 0.595* (2.168) | † | -0.225 (-0.769) |
| Foreign language at home | 0.578* (2.851) | 0.340 (0.905) | -0.006 (-0.012) |
| Born in South | 0.110 (0.611) | -0.019 (-0.095) | 0.003 (0.009) |
| Lived in South at age 14 | 0.034 (0.183) | 0.328 (1.536) | 0.541 (1.501) |
| Urban residence at age 14 | -0.129 (-1.179) | -0.094 (-0.551) | -0.235 (-0.637) |
| Magazines in home at age 14 | 0.166 (1.230) | 0.106 (0.645) | -0.003 (-0.011) |
| Newspapers in home at age 14 | 0.068 (0.412) | 0.077 (0.552) | 0.378* (1.648) |
| Library card at age 14 | 0.148 (1.229) | 0.140 (0.961) | 0.343 (1.506) |
| Employment in state of residence at age 14 | | | |
| In services (%) | 0.008 (0.304) | -0.026 (-1.009) | 0.008 (0.118) |
| In wholesale/retail trade (%) | -0.022 (-0.795) | 0.027 (1.007) | -0.091 (-1.030) |
| Religion | | | |
| Baptist | -0.156 (-0.727) | -0.111 (-0.869) | † |
| Other protestant | 0.315* (1.720) | † | † |
| Catholic | -0.143 (-0.738) | † | 0.067 (0.232) |
| Jewish and other | -0.045 (-0.218) | † | † |
| Attendance at religious services | | | |
| Rare | 0.218 (1.301) | -0.246 (-0.948) | -0.148 (-0.363) |
| Occasional | 0.369* (2.227) | -0.128 (-0.503) | -0.121 (-0.299) |
| Often | 0.640* (3.984) | 0.023 (0.081) | 0.111 (0.290) |
| <i>Constant</i> | <i>9.547* (11.393)</i> | <i>11.831* (13.129)</i> | <i>13.373* (5.529)</i> |
| <i>Adjusted R²</i> | <i>0.373</i> | <i>0.118</i> | <i>0.179</i> |

*Coefficient is significant at p=.10. †Insufficient number of cases for analysis.