

Who enjoy the family vacation and how much money for family vacation they spend among Korean families? Hong, Sung-Hee, Department of Home Management, College of Home Economics, Keimyung University, Daegu, #705-701, Korea

The recreational function of the family play a important role in the modern family. Especially, vacation have a feature of sharing with family, because all the family members participate in the process of deciding and experiencing the vacation. The purposes of this study are to identify factors associated with the decision making of family vacation as a active leisure and to analyze factors related to the expenditures for family vacation.

The sample in this study consisted of 1,616 Korean married couples, and household head had a salaried job. The dependent variables were whether the family decide vacation or not, and the annual expenditure for family vacation. The independent variables were grouped into four categories: Family-related factors were household earned income, household unearned income, total household expenditure-to-total household income ratio, having children at different age or not, household size, living with parent or not, car ownership, and residence. Husband's factors were educational attainment and health status, while wife's factors were age, educational attainment, health status, expectation of future economy, and satisfaction with family relation. Job-related factors included job satisfaction, working years, working hours, and the number of formal vacation types of husband, and employment status of wife. For the analysis, probit analysis was used to identify the factors contributing to decision making of family vacation, and tobit analysis was performed to analyze the expenditure of family vacation.

As the results, 51% of total sample enjoyed family vacation in the last year. Among the independent variables, educational attainment of husband and wife, wife's health status and expectation of future economy and satisfaction with family relation, earned income, unearned income, having children under 6, car ownership, job-related variables of husband's job satisfaction, and the number of former vacation types were related to the decision making of family vacation. Moreover, couple's educational attainment, household earned income, total household expenditure-to-total household income ratio, residence and the days of family vacation effects on the expenditure for family vacation.