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Predicting Family Savings Using Demographic Variables as Antecedents

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Abstract- Predictive analytics relies on historical data, past trends, and assumptions to answer questions about what will happen in the future. The present research paper aims to predict family savings using demographic variables as independent variables. The survey results demonstrate that the five independent variables: educational expenses, family income, debt repayment, household size, and the number of earning members, could predict the amount of family savings of the respondents. The results also confirm that no evidence of multicollinearity exists among the five independent variables. The contribution of this research paper is to add two more independent variables, namely, educational expenses and debt repayment to the existing demographic variables used to predict family savings, which is one of the objective measures of financial behaviour.

Keywords: Predictive analytics, Demographic variables, Family Savings, Multiple regression, Forward method and Multicollinearity.

INTRODUCTION

Predictive analytics uses historical data, historical trends, and assumptions to make predictions about the future. This historical information would be fed into a quantitative model that considers the data's most significant trends and patterns. After that, the model is applied to current data to predict future events. Business applications that use predictive analytics data can recommend actions that will result in positive developments, which can assist businesses in making better decisions. Predictive analytics enables analysts to forecast whether a change would help them mitigate risk, enhance efficiency, and raise revenue. At its core, predictive analytics enables the analyst to identify the most likely outcome based on the current data and how the outcome can be influenced(Parthasarathy, 2021).

Multivariate analysis

Multivariate analysis is a statistical method used to analyse data containing more than two variablessimultaneously. Additionally, it may imply resolving problems in which multiple dependent variables are analysed concurrently with other variables (Great Learning, 2020).Linear regression is a widely used multivariatetechnique in predictive analytics. The regression analysis determines the relationships between variables and forecasts a value known as the response or Y variable. An Independent variable is used to predict the outcome of Y in linear regression. Multiple regression is a technique that predicts an outcome using two or more independent variables.

Demographic Variables

Demographics is the term used to describe the characteristics of research participants or specific characteristics of a population. Demographics is derived from two Greek words: "demos", which means people and "grapho", which means picture.By definition, demographic variables are independent variables since they cannot be manipulated. Age, gender, years of education, marital status, homeownership, family income and household size are examples of demographics. The measurement of demographic variables can be done as either categorical continuous/metric variables as or variables, depending on the situation and context in which they are used. For example, age can be measured in numbers (Number of years of age) as well

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as categories (Below 20, 20 to 40, 40-60, Above 60) (Lee & Schuele, 2012).

Demographics are vital because they help to comprehend a population's characteristics. Business entities use demographics to understand their customers better and establish strategic business and marketing plans. The nature and type of product or services to be delivered are also determined by accurate demographic data analysis. The demographics of an individual influence financial behaviour and decisions. Hence, it is imperativeto study the existing literature on the influence of demographic data onindividual's financial behaviour.

PRIOR RESEARCH

The demographic characteristics linked to financial stress in Australian households are the number of dependents, dependent children, number of income-earners. and household head's age. Additionally, whether the householder has immigrated recently from North Africa, the Middle East, or linked Asia(occasionally)is also to financial stress(Worthington, 2006). Yuh & Hanna(2010)reported that spending less than income is influenced by age, race or ethnicity, education, marital status, and the existence of younger children.

Children in the home, separation or divorce, unemployment, and the possession of a credit or charge card are all associated with a decreased likelihood of saving(Fisher, 2010). The presence of young dependents in a family has a consistent and negative impact on household savings, and this is significant(Brookins relationship et al., 2015). Variables such as one's gender, level of education, and affiliation with a few ethnic groups influence household saving behaviour(Ajija et al., 2021).Demographic information such as age, gender, income, job category, and years of experience moderate the relationship between the individual's financial behaviour and financial well-being(Prakash et al., 2022).

Income and level of education are the most significant and positive predictors of retirement planning for women in their thirties.While large families may have less discretionary income, contributions to retirementplans seem unaffected by family size(Hassan & Lawrence, 2007).Income had an overall more significant with long-term and short-term financial behaviour than the respondents' age group(Henager & Cude, 2016).

The dissaving per cent of the retired aged in Japan is about 25% to 31% of their yearly disposable income.Decrease in social security benefits, rise in consumption expenditures, and rise in taxes and social insurance premiums have contributed to the hike in the dissaving of the retired andaged population since 2000(Horioka, 2010). In contrast, Xiao et al.(2015)

found that the score on the financial capability index is positively associated with age.

The household's income level has a positive and significant influence on the saving of the household, while family size has a negative and significant influence(Abid & Afridi, 2010).The larger family size has lower monthly savings and higher monthly consumption expenses than the smaller family size(Kiran & Dhawan, 2015).A smaller, singlefamily dwelling has a higher tolerance for risk than a larger family(Muktadir-Al-Mukit, 2020). Reddy & Mahapatra(2017) conducted a study among working adults in India and found that demographics influence risk tolerance levels.A ten per cent increase in the likelihood of going for higher education increases the saving rate by 5.9 per cent(Bollinger et al., 2022).

Age and occupation significantly affect the respondents' responsible financial management behaviour(Bapat, 2020). There is a significant relationship between respondents' investment behaviour and their age as well as their occupation(Ahammad & Lakshmanna, 2016). Age, years of homeownership and net income were important socio-demographic variables in explaining the differences in aggregate household asset ownership(Hira, 1987).The source of influence on money beliefs, attitudes, and behaviour vary across age groups(Hira, 1997).

A person's income, level of education, age, racial or ethnic background, and ethnicity are all demographic factors that significantlyaffect financial behaviour(Robb & Woodyard, 2011).In urban settings, saving modes were substantially associated with educational attainment, respondents' income, and the presence of dependents. Family monthly income, household size, number of earning members, and dwelling types were significant among rural sample respondents(J. Thiravia & Santhi, 2014).

Parents save money for larger dowry payments during their daughters' marriage(Anukriti et al., 2022).The life-cycle model and trends in the demographic structure are significant in explaining Chinese household savings rates(Banerjee et al., 2010).Young men with a high income who are married and who adhere to fundamental operational investment criteria invest more in mutual funds.(Kaur & Kauhisk, 2016). There is anassociation between a person's socio-demographic characteristics, such as nationality and education level, and financial wellbeing(Riitsalu & Murakas, 2019). Having a high income is associated with positive savings(Amari et al., 2020).

RESEARCH GAP

The following research gaps were identified through a careful review of the literature. The majority of the existing literature focuses on the subjective

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dimension of financial behaviour; only a few studies discuss the objective measure of financial behaviour, which is the amount of family savings.Existing research has not examined the effect of debt repayment, current debt, and educational expenses on family savings.No India-specific research studies examining objective measures of working women's financial behaviour were found among the reviewed articles. Notably, only a small number of researchers collected data through personal interviews, while a majority relied on data collected by institutions or the Government.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The Objective of the Study

The objective of the present research paper is to predict family savings using demographic variables as antecedents.

Population and Sampling

The study population consists of women employees who work in garment manufacturing firms in the Tirupur district of Tamil Nadu, India. The sample is derived from the sampling frame of these women employees through the multistage sampling method. The sample size required for this study is determined based on the formula and the table values suggested by Krejcie& Morgan(1970), and the sample size is 384.

Type of data and data collection method

Demographics like the respondent's age and their education level are significant antecedents to the level of risk tolerance. Financial knowledge is another crucial antecedent to risk tolerance.Similarly, several researchers have contributed to the discussion of demographic influence. The demographic details that can be assessed as metric data are considered in this research work. Primary data were collected through personal interviews. The secondary data pertaining to the research studies were collected from books, various printed and online journals and the research and analytics institutions' web pages. The references were cited using the Mendeley reference manager.

Independent and dependent variables

The demographic variables chosen for the study are the age of the respondents, the size of the household, the number of earning members, the number of dependents, the income of the respondent and the income of family members, family income(derived variable), educational expenses, amount of current debt, and the amount of debt repayment per month. All the above are independent variables, family saving is the dependent variable, andall the variables are measured as metric data.

Proposed Predictive Model

Here multiple regression analysis is performed to determine the extent of the linear relationship of one dependent variable, the family savings and the ten independent variables. The F-test is used in multiple regression to determine whether the coefficients collectively affect Y.

The hypothesis is as follows: $H_{0:}\beta_{0} = \beta_{1} = \cdots = \beta_{n} = 0$ $H_{1:}At$ least one of the regression coefficients (β_{i}) is not equal to zero. The statistical model is as follows: $Y = a + \beta_{1}(X_{1}) + \beta_{2}(X_{2}) + \beta_{3}(X_{3}) + \beta_{4}(X_{4}) + \beta_{5}(X_{5})$

 $+\beta_6(X_6)+\beta_7(X_7)+\beta_8(X_8)+\beta_9(X_9)+\beta_{10}(X_{10})+e$ Where,

> Y = Dependent variable {Family savings_{predicted}} X_1 = Independent variable {Respondents' Age} X_2 = Independent variable {Household size} X_3 = Independent variable {Number of earning members} X_4 = Independent variable {Number of Dependents} $X_5 =$ Independent variable {Respondents' Income} X_6 = Independent variable {Family Members' Income} X_7 = Independent variable {Family income} X_8 = Independent variable {Educational Expenses} X_9 = Independent variable {Amount of Current Debt} X_{10} = Independent variable {Debt repayment} $\beta_1 - \beta_{10} =$ Regression coefficients e = Residual Error

ANALYSISAND DISCUSSION

The 'Multiple Regression - Forward Method'determines the linear relationship between demographic variables and family savings. The forward method is a technique for selecting variables to include in a regression model that starts with no variables and then adds variables one at a time based on how well they predict the outcome of the regression model(HairJr. et al., 2014).

Table 1 presents a summary of all the possible models. The fifth model is considered the final model because of the highest R and R square values. The fifth model's values determine the linear relationship between demographic variables and family savings. Five of the ten independent variables are included in determining the linear relationship. They are educational expenses, family income, amount of debt repayment per month, household size, and the number of earning members. The respondent's age, the number of dependents, the respondent's income, family members' income, and the amount of current debt are excluded from the analysis.

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'R' is the coefficient which represents the relationship between the predicted and observed values of Y (Family savings). 'R Square' indicates the amount of variation explained by predictor variables in the dependent variable. The increase in the adjusted R-squared value indicates that the additional predictor variables contribute to the model's value.

 Table 1Model Summary - Multiple Regression

 Analysis

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate		
1	0.592 ^a	0.351	0.349	2399.35		
2	0.711 ^b	0.505	0.502	2097.74		
3	0.755°	0.570	0.566	1958.00		
4	0.777 ^d	0.604	0.600	1880.33		
5	0.786 ^e	0.617	0.612	1851.31		

a. Predictors: (Constant), Educational Expensesb. Predictors: (Constant), Educational Expenses,Family income

c. Predictors: (Constant), Educational Expenses, Family income, Debt repayment d. Predictors: (Constant), Educational Expenses, Family income, Debt repayment, Household size of the respondents

e. Predictors: (Constant), Educational Expenses, Family income, Debt repayment, Household size of the respondents, Number of earning members

The regression's standard error indicates the average distance between the observed values and the regression line. For the fifth model, 'R', 'R Square', 'Adjusted R Square', and 'Standard Error of the Estimate' are 0.786, 0.617, 0.612, and 1851.311, respectively.The 'multiple correlation coefficient'(R) value, 0.786,indicates the relationship between 'Family savings' and the five independent variables: Educational Expenses, Family income, Debt repayment, Household size of the respondents, and the Number of earning members is quite strong.'R Square' value of 0.617 denotes that the five independent variables explain 61.7 per cent of the variation in Family savings.

The ANOVA table below summarises the values of degrees of freedom, Sum of Squares, Mean Square, F statistic value, and F statistic's significance value.

Table 2. ANOVA^a Table - Multiple Regression analysis

Model	Sun	n of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
	Regression	2090577630.43	5	418115526.09	121.99	<0.001**f
5	Residual	1295538631.81	378	3427350.88		
	Total	3386116262.24	383			
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a. Dependent Variable: Family savings

f. Predictors: (Constant), Educational Expenses, Family income, Debt repayment, Household size of the respondents, Number of earning members

The 'Regression Sum of Squares' represents the total variation in Family savings (dependent variable) that the regression model explains. According to table 2, the 'Regression Sum of Squares' is 2090577630.43 and the 'Total Sum of Squares' is 3386116262.24, indicating that the regression model accounts for approximately 61.74 percent of the total variability in the observed data. The value of 1295538631.81 for the 'Residual Sum of Squares' indicates how much variation in the Family savings (dependent variable) remains unexplained by the regression model (Sharad, 2019).

The 'degrees of freedom of a regression model' refers to the number of independent variables included in the model. The 'residual degrees of freedom' value is calculated by subtracting the number of variablesestimated from the total degrees of freedom. With 384 observations in this study, the 'total degree of freedom' is 383. The regression model is constructed using five independent variables. As a result, 378 is the number of residual degrees of freedom.

The 'Mean Square for Within Groups' is referred to as the "Mean Square Error," or MSE. The 'Mean Square for Regression and Residual' is calculated by dividing the 'Sum of Squares' by the 'degrees of freedom'. Hence 'Mean Square' for 'Regression' and 'Residual' are 418115526.09 and 3427350.88, respectively. The Fstatistic's p-value (significance value) indicates the reliability of the independent variables' predictive power. F statistic = 121.99 with a p-value of less than 0.05 indicates that independent variables such as educational expenses, family income, amount of debt repayment per month, household size, and the number of earning members significantly predict the dependent variable, Family savings. F statistic (121.99) can be calculated by dividing the 'Regression Mean Square' (418115526.09) by 'Residual Mean Square' (3427350.88).

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The Coefficients table (Table 3) contains information about the Model number, Predictor variables, Beta value of Unstandardised Coefficients and their associated Standard Error, the Beta value of Standardised Coefficients, t statistic value and its associated significance value, and Collinearity Statistics.

Table 3. Coefficients table - Multiple RegressionAnalysis

Coefficients ^a								
Model	Predi ctor varia bles	Unstandar dised Coefficient s		Standardised Coefficients T		t Si g.	Collineari ty Statistics	
		В	Std. Err or	Be ta			Tole ranc e	VI F
	(Con stant)	179 0.38 8	387 .20 2		4.6 24	0. 00 0		
	Educ ation al Expe nses	- 0.09 1	0.0 10	0.3 58	- 9.0 39	0. 00 0	0.64 6	1. 54 8
	Famil y inco me	0.28 1	0.0 18	0.7 93	15. 31 1	0. 00 0	0.37 7	2. 65 3
5	Debt repay ment Hous	- 0.28 7	0.0 36	0.3 60	- 8.0 39	0. 00 0	0.50 4	1. 98 4
	ehold size of the respo ndent	- 443. 552	91. 195	0.1 93	- 4.8 64	0. 00 0	0.64 3	1. 55 6
	s Num ber of earni ng mem bers	- 758. 144	210 .46 0	- 0.1 74	- 3.6 02	0. 00 0	0.43 3	2. 31 2

a. Dependent Variable: Family savings

Predicting Family Savings

The predictor variables column in Table 3 indicates that the predictor variables are Constant, Educational Expenses, Family income, Debt repayment, Respondents' household size, and Number of earning members. Unstandardised coefficient beta values are measured on different scales. As a result, the comparison of coefficient magnitudes of one variable over another cannot be determined using the

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unstandardised coefficient values. However, these values are used to construct the regression equation. For this regression model, the following regression equation is constructed.

Family	savingspredicted	=	1790.388 -
0.091(Educational	Expenses)	+	0.281(Family
income) -			

0.287 (Debt repayment) - 443.552 (Household size of the

respondents) - 758.144 (Number of earning members)

Constant, with a value of 1790.388, indicates that this is the predicted value of Family savings when all other independent variables are 0. The 'Unstandardised coefficient beta estimates' indicate the increase in family savings predicted by a one-unit increase in the independent variables. Thus, for each unit increase in Educational Expenses, the Family savings decrease by 0.091 units, assuming that all other independent variables remain constant. Whereas, for every unit increase in family income, family savings increase by 0.281 units if all other independent variables remain constant. Family savings decrease by 0.287, 443.552, and 758.144 units for each unit increase in debt repayment, household size of respondents, and the number of earning members, respectively, assuming that all other independent variables remain constant.

The t-value for each predictor variable is calculated by dividing the coefficient by the standard error. The standard error of the coefficient indicates the accuracy with which the coefficient was estimated; the more accurate the calculation, the lower the standard error. If the p-value (significance value) of the t-statistic is less than 0.05, it is concluded that the coefficient is significantly different from zero.As shown in Table 3, the t-statistic for each predictor variable is significantly different from zero (statistically significant).

Collinearity of independent variables

When two or more predictor variables in a multiple regression model have a strong linear relationship, this phenomenon is called multicollinearity. The presence of multicollinearity can be estimated by the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)values. VIF is more appropriate than a correlation matrix for calculating the relationship between a variable and a group of other variables.

A VIF value of five or greater indicates a high degree of multicollinearity between independent variables(Bhandari, 2020). A tolerance value of less than 0.1 indicates that the independent variable is redundant and should be excluded from further analysis (Gill, 1986). As illustrated in Table 3, the VIF value for each independent variable in the regression model is significantly less than the critical value of 5, and the tolerance value is greater than

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0.1.Hence, there is no evidence of multicollinearity in the analysed data.

Effect of Predictor Variables

The Standardised beta coefficients are estimated after standardising the values of the dependent and all predictor variables. As a result, all variables are converted to the same scale, which facilitates the comparison of coefficient magnitudes and determines which predictor variable has more effect. Table 4 lists the predictor variables in order of their effect and their associated Standardized beta coefficients.

Table	4.	Stan	dardi	ised	Beta	coefficients	of	Pred	ictor	Varia	ables
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Predictor Variables	Standardised Beta coefficients				
Family income	0.793				
Debt repayment	-0.360				
Educational Expenses	-0.358				
Household size of the respondents	-0.193				
Number of earning members	-0.174				

According to the "Standardized Beta coefficients" values, Family income is the most important predictor variable, followed by Debt repayment, Educational Expenses, Household size of the respondents and Number of earning members, respectively.

To summarise the key points, the R-value, 0.786, indicates that the relationship between Family savings and the five independent variables is quite strong. 'R Square' value of 0.617 denotes that the five independent variables explain 61.7 per cent of the variation in family savings. Family income is the most important predictor variable. The unstandardised coefficient beta values help to predict family savings.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY

The most important thing to remember is that in order to increase savings, debt repayment and educational expenses must be reduced. Even though the children attend a government school, the parents incur additional costs for tuition fees. The education department should concentrate on improving the teaching-learning process so that no additional tuition is required.

The debt repayment amount is determined not only by the amount borrowed but also by the percentage of interest charged. Though formal financial institutions have an emergency borrowing provision, the borrowing process is complicated for low-income people to follow. The interest rate ranges from 10% to 20%, which is higher than that of other loans offered by formal financial institutions. The loan processing difficulties and interest rates make accessing these emergency credit options difficult. Hence, formal financial institutions need to consider ways to simplify the process, which would also allow them to expand their operations.

One important point to remember is that households should prioritise increasing earnings per

person because the number of earning individuals is inversely proportional to the amount of money saved by the family.

LIMITATIONS AND SCOPE FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

FinTech advancements have resulted in the widespread use of digitalisation in financial transactions. Hence, further research might be conducted about the level of adoption of digitalisation and the factors that enable or disable the adoption in the mode of saving by blue-collar workers. This line of inquiry could lead to some interesting findings. No male employees from garment manufacturing companies were included in this research study. When data from both genders are collected, the gender difference in all variables of interest can be assessed. **CONCLUSION**

This article demonstrates that demographic characteristics are antecedents in predicting family savings behaviour using the data obtained from female employees working in garment manufacturing companies. While a majority of the research studies examine the subjective elements of financial behaviour, this paper concentrates on the objective aspects of financial behaviour, which means that all of the variables utilised for analysis are measured as metric data in this document.

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