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**I have a spouse and child.**

**We came to Manhattan from another country to earn higher education (Phd).**

**We struggle due to high cost of living.**



“Some families want choices – to have more kids. But not for us. We are conscious that we face challenges. If we had a second child, it would be worse. It would take me even longer [to complete PhD].”

“You would think that higher education would mean having healthcare, or having a nice house to live in – not a nice house, but room to live in. ... A very big need is childcare. [With childcare] I would probably have more free time to finish up my dissertation and most likely apply for a job and contribute to my household.”