



Effects of Relaxing the Job Search Requirement on Job Match Quality Public Use Data

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- [The Effects of Eliminating the Work Search Requirement on Job Match Quality and Other Long-Term Employment Outcomes](#)

Brief Description: Administrative data: 1986–87 Washington Alternative Work Search experiment (merged with nine years of follow-up administrative wage records)

List of Data files:

Filename: [pud.dta](#) (Stata; 1.66 MB)

Number of Variables: 163

Summary of Variables: [See Appendix A](#)

Number of Observations: 7,059

Link to data file specific codebook or documentation:

- [Data Element Description for pud.dta](#)
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Time Period of Data Collection: 1986–97

Geographic Coverage: State

Detailed Coverage: All eligible UI claimants at the Tacoma Employment Service Center between July 1986 and August 1987.

Study Populations: Unemployed

Available Disaggregations: Age, Gender, Race & Ethnicity

Unit(s) of Observation: Individuals

Topics: Unemployment Insurance

Research Method: Randomized Controlled Trial

Sampling Method: Random Assignment. All eligible UI claimants at the Tacoma Employment Service Center between July 1986 and August 1987 were randomly assigned to a control group, which imposed a standard work search requirement, or to an exception reporting (ER) treatment group, which effectively eliminated the work search requirement.

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Appendix A

obs: 7,059
 vars: 163
 size: 1,708,278

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variable name	type	format	label	variable label
pid	float	%9.0g		Person identifier
group	byte	%19.0g	groups	Treatment group indicator
group3	byte	%27.0g	group3	Treatment indicator: ER vs Comparison
earnyrpos0	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year 0 are positive
earnyrpos1	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year 1 are positive
earnyrpos2	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year 2 are positive
earnyrpos3	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year 3 are positive
earnyrpos4	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year 4 are positive
earnyrpos5	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year 5 are positive
earnyrpos6	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year 6 are positive
earnyrpos7	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year 7 are positive
earnyrpos8	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year 8 are positive
earnyrpos9	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year 9 are positive
earnyrpos_1	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year -1 are positive
earnyrpos_2	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year -2 are positive
earnyrpos_3	byte	%9.0g		Earnings in year -3 are positive
hrsyr0	int	%9.0g		Hours in year 0
hrsyr1	int	%9.0g		Hours in year 1
hrsyr2	int	%9.0g		Hours in year 2
hrsyr3	int	%9.0g		Hours in year 3
hrsyr4	int	%9.0g		Hours in year 4
hrsyr5	int	%9.0g		Hours in year 5
hrsyr6	int	%9.0g		Hours in year 6
hrsyr7	int	%9.0g		Hours in year 7
hrsyr8	int	%9.0g		Hours in year 8
hrsyr9	int	%9.0g		Hours in year 9
hrsyr_1	int	%9.0g		Hours in year -1
hrsyr_2	int	%9.0g		Hours in year -2
hrsyr_3	int	%9.0g		Hours in year -3
earnyr0	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year 0
earnyr1	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year 1
earnyr2	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year 2
earnyr3	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year 3
earnyr4	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year 4
earnyr5	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year 5
earnyr6	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year 6
earnyr7	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year 7
earnyr8	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year 8
earnyr9	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year 9
earnyr_1	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year -1
earnyr_2	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year -2
earnyr_3	float	%9.0g		Earnings in year -3



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earnqtr1	float	%9.0g	Earnings in quarter 1
earnqtrpos1	byte	%9.0g	Earnings in quarter 1 are positive
hrsqtr1	int	%9.0g	Hours in quarter 1
nr_ein	float	%9.0g	No. of post-claim employers
qtr_no_covere~s	byte	%9.0g	Quarters of nonemployment
nr_qtr_first_~n	float	%9.0g	Quarters with first post-claim employer
male	byte	%9.0g	Male
female	byte	%9.0g	Female
white	byte	%9.0g	White non-Hispanic
black	byte	%9.0g	Black non-Hispanic
hispn	byte	%9.0g	Hispanic
amindn	byte	%9.0g	American Indian
asian	byte	%9.0g	Asian
other	byte	%9.0g	Other
othethnc	byte	%9.0g	Hispanic/Am.Indian/Asian/other
ed	byte	%9.0g	Years of education
nograd	byte	%9.0g	High school dropout
hsgrad	byte	%9.0g	High school graduate
somcoll	byte	%9.0g	Some post-secondary education
collgrad	byte	%9.0g	College graduate
ageyrs	byte	%9.0g	Age in years
agele24	byte	%9.0g	Age <= 24
age25_34	byte	%9.0g	Age b/n 25 and 34
age35_44	byte	%9.0g	Age b/n 35 and 44
age45_54	byte	%9.0g	Age b/n 45 and 54
agege55	byte	%9.0g	Age >= 55
married	byte	%9.0g	married, living with spouse
notmarr	byte	%9.0g	not married
divorced	byte	%9.0g	separated or divorced
nevmar	byte	%9.0g	never married
marstoth	byte	%9.0g	widowed or martial status unknown
marstpempl	byte	%9.0g	married, spouse employed either full- or part-time
marstpnem	byte	%9.0g	married, spouse not employed
marrmale	byte	%9.0g	married male interaction term
marfemale	byte	%9.0g	married female interaction term
marrmalspemp	byte	%9.0g	married male spouse employed
marfempemp	byte	%9.0g	married female spouse employed
marrmalspnemp	byte	%9.0g	married male spouse not employed
marfempnemp	byte	%9.0g	married female spouse not employed
ownhome	byte	%9.0g	Home owner
nodeps	byte	%9.0g	no dependents
depend_1	byte	%9.0g	one dependent
depend_2plus	byte	%9.0g	two or more dependents
un	byte	%9.0g	Union/Standby
veteran	byte	%9.0g	Veteran
fedclm	byte	%9.0g	Federal UI claim
milclm	byte	%9.0g	Ex-military UI claim
reguicl	byte	%9.0g	Regular UI claim
cmbwgclm	byte	%9.0g	Combined wage claim--multiple base period employers



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noprclm	byte	%9.0g	No prior UI claim
prclm1to15	byte	%9.0g	Prior UI claim 1 to 15 weeks
prclm16plus	byte	%9.0g	Prior UI claim > 15 weeks
permjobloss	byte	%9.0g	Unemployed due to permanent job loss
templayoff	byte	%9.0g	Unemployed due to temporary layoff
contrseas	byte	%9.0g	Unemployed due to contract completion or seasonal layoff
quit	byte	%9.0g	Unemployment not due to job loss
rsnmissing	byte	%9.0g	Reason for unemployment unknown
prof	byte	%9.0g	professional
clerical	byte	%9.0g	clerical
sales	byte	%9.0g	sales
service	byte	%9.0g	service
agfish	byte	%9.0g	agriculture, forestry, fishing
process	byte	%9.0g	processing
machtrd	byte	%9.0g	machine trades
benchwrk	byte	%9.0g	benchwork
structural	byte	%9.0g	structural
misc	byte	%9.0g	miscellaneous
ag	byte	%9.0g	agriculture
min	byte	%9.0g	mining
const	byte	%9.0g	construction
mfg	byte	%9.0g	manufacturing
tran	byte	%9.0g	transportation
whltrd	byte	%9.0g	wholesale trade
rtltrd	byte	%9.0g	retail trade
fin	byte	%9.0g	finance, insurance, real estate
serv	byte	%9.0g	service
pub	byte	%9.0g	government
miss_ind	byte	%9.0g	missing
wba	int	%9.0g	Weekly benefit amount
mbp	int	%9.0g	Max. benefit amount
max_dur	byte	%9.0g	Max. duration of benefits
reprateB	byte	%9.0g	second constructed wage replacement rate
tur	float	%9.0g	unemployment rate in the area
reswle5	byte	%9.0g	Res. wage > 0 & <= 5
resw5to7	byte	%9.0g	Res. wage > 5 & <= 7
resw7to10	byte	%9.0g	Res. wage > 7 & <= 10
resw10to20	byte	%9.0g	Res. wage > 10 & <= 20
reswgt20	byte	%9.0g	Res. wage > 20 & not missing
res_cat	byte	%9.0g	Res. wage remaining category
summer86	byte	%9.0g	Summer 1986
fall86	byte	%9.0g	Fall 1986
winter87	byte	%9.0g	Winter 1987
spring87	byte	%9.0g	Spring 1987
summer87	byte	%9.0g	Summer 1987
eri	byte	%9.0g	had an eligibility review interview
jsapart	byte	%9.0g	attended JSA workshop
jobrefrl	byte	%9.0g	received at least one ES referral
placmnt	byte	%9.0g	received at least one ES placement
refplace	byte	%9.0g	referred or placed



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jobplan	byte	%9.0g	received job search plan
jobconsl	byte	%9.0g	received at least one job consultation
jobtrain	byte	%9.0g	received or referred to training
jobtest	byte	%9.0g	took at least one test
suppserv	byte	%9.0g	received support services
jobdevlp	byte	%9.0g	at least one job development attempt
contact	byte	%9.0g	at least one contact
othempser	byte	%9.0g	received other employment service
anyempser	byte	%9.0g	received any employment services
anyservice	byte	%9.0g	received any work search or employment services
wks_pay_fs	byte	%9.0g	# Weeks paid--first spell
tot_pd_fs	int	%9.0g	Benefits paid--first spell
wks_pay	byte	%9.0g	# Weeks benefits paid--source data
wks_pay_m	byte	%9.0g	# Weeks paid--total (computed)
tot_pd_m	int	%9.0g	Benefits paid--computed
exhaust	byte	%9.0g	Claimant exhausted UI benefits
same_emp	byte	%9.0g	Claimant recalled to same major employer
same_ind	byte	%9.0g	Returned to same industry?
bys	int	%9.0g	Benefit Year Start date (YYQ)
pexhaust	float	%9.0g	Predicted probability of exhausting benefits
pexhaust_dumm~s	byte	%9.0g	Probability of exhausting benefits higher than average
stdev_earnings	float	%9.0g	Standard deviation of post-claim earnings