

Codebook

Card & Krueger dataset

We use the data from Card & Krueger on the impact of minimum wage on employment (note that the data may be slightly different from the one used in the original paper (AER 1994) and the results may therefore be slightly different).

The dataset in stata format is downloadable (file: card_data.dta)

Below is the codebook for the data.

Code Book for New Jersey-Pennsylvania Data Set

Note: there are 410 observations in the data set

Name:	Column	Location	Format	Explanation
Sheet	1	3	3.0	sheet number (unique store id)
CHAIN	5	5	1.0	chain 1=bk; 2=kfc; 3=roys; 4=wendys
CO_OWNED	7	7	1.0	1 if company owned
STATE	9	9	1.0	1 if NJ; 0 if Pa
T				1 if nov92, 0 if feb92

Dummies for location:

SOUTHJ	11	11	1.0	1 if in southern NJ
CENTRALJ	13	13	1.0	1 if in central NJ
NORTHJ	15	15	1.0	1 if in northern NJ
PA1	17	17	1.0	1 if in PA, northeast suburbs of Phila
PA2	19	19	1.0	1 if in PA, Easton etc
SHORE	21	21	1.0	1 if on NJ shore

First Interview

NCALLS	23	24	2.0	number of call-backs*
EMPFT	26	30	5.2	# full-time employees
EMPPT	32	36	5.2	# part-time employees
NMGRS	38	42	5.2	# managers/ass't managers
WAGE_ST	44	48	5.2	starting wage (\$/hr)
INCTIME	50	54	5.1	months to usual first raise
FIRSTINC	56	60	5.2	usual amount of first raise (\$/hr)
BONUS	62	62	1.0	1 if cash bounty for new workers
PCTAFF	64	68	5.1	% employees affected by new minimum
MEALS	70	70	1.0	free/reduced price code (See below)
OPEN	72	76	5.2	hour of opening
HRSOPEN	78	82	5.2	number hrs open per day
PSODA	84	88	5.2	price of medium soda, including tax
PFRY	90	94	5.2	price of small fries, including tax
PENTREE	96	100	5.2	price of entree, including tax
NREGS	102	103	2.0	number of cash registers in store
NREGS11	105	106	2.0	number of registers open at 11:00 am

Second Interview

TYPE2	108	108	1.0	type 2nd interview 1=phone; 2=personal
STATUS2	110	110	1.0	status of second interview: see below
DATE2	112	117	6.0	date of second interview MMDDYY format
NCALLS2	119	120	2.0	number of call-backs*
EMPFT2	122	126	5.2	# full-time employees
EMPPT2	128	132	5.2	# part-time employees
NMGRS2	134	138	5.2	# managers/ass't managers

WAGE_ST2	140	144	5.2	starting wage (\$/hr)
INCTIME2	146	150	5.1	months to usual first raise
FIRSTIN2	152	156	5.2	usual amount of first raise (\$/hr)
SPECIAL2	158	158	1.0	1 if special program for new workers
MEALS2	160	160	1.0	free/reduced price code (See below)
OPEN2R	162	166	5.2	hour of opening
HRSOPEN2	168	172	5.2	number hrs open per day
PSODA2	174	178	5.2	price of medium soda, including tax
PFRY2	180	184	5.2	price of small fries, including tax
PENTREE2	186	190	5.2	price of entree, including tax
NREGS2	192	193	2.0	number of cash registers in store
NREGS112	195	196	2.0	number of registers open at 11:00 am

Codes:

Free/reduced Meal Variable:

0 = none
 1 = free meals
 2 = reduced price meals
 3 = both free and reduced price meals

Second Interview Status

0 = refused second interview (count = 1)
 1 = answered 2nd interview (count = 399)
 2 = closed for renovations (count = 2)
 3 = closed "permanently" (count = 6)
 4 = closed for highway construction (count = 1)
 5 = closed due to Mall fire (count = 1)

*Note: number of call-backs = 0 if contacted on first call