

Equilibrium Search and Tax Credit Reform*

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

virtually all of the research that has been conducted on the effects of the EITC on employment and earnings has been based on data from the 1990s. The most commonly used data source is the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), which provides information on the labor market status and earnings of a representative sample of the US population. The PSID is a longitudinal survey that has been conducted since 1968, and it is the largest and most comprehensive source of longitudinal data on the US population. The PSID is used to estimate the effects of the EITC on employment and earnings, and it is the primary data source for the majority of the research on the EITC.

The EITC is a refundable tax credit that is designed to encourage low-income workers to enter the labor force. It is a percentage of earned income, and it is available to workers who are at least 25 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and are not claimed as a dependent. The EITC is a refundable credit, which means that it can be used to offset any taxes owed, and if the credit is larger than the taxes owed, the difference is paid to the worker. The EITC is a key component of the US social safety net, and it is one of the most effective ways to reduce poverty and improve the economic well-being of low-income workers.

Despite the fact that the EITC is a relatively new policy, there has been a large amount of research on its effects. The majority of this research has been based on data from the 1990s, and it has generally found that the EITC has a positive effect on employment and earnings. The effects of the EITC on employment and earnings are largest for low-income workers, and they are also largest for workers who are not claimed as a dependent. The EITC has been found to have a positive effect on the labor force participation of low-income workers, and it has also been found to have a positive effect on the earnings of low-income workers.

¹See Hotz and Scholz (2003) for EITC in the US, and Blundell and Hoynes (2004) for the British WFTC and its predecessors.

²Studies which have evaluated the employment impact of WFTC include Azmat (2006a), Blundell et al. (2004a), Blundell and Shephard (2009), Brewer et al. (2006), Francesconi and van der Klaauw (2004), Gregg and Harkness (2003), and Leigh (2007). These will be discussed in more detail in Section 5.5.

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³Our analysis remains partial equilibrium to the extent that capital is ignored, as is the product market and the possible effect of the reform on outcomes such as education and fertility. However, the model is equilibrium in the sense that employment, the distribution of wages, and the arrival rate of job offers are determined within the model.

⁴Lise et al. (2005) simulate the general equilibrium effect of a wide scale implementation of the Canadian Self-Sufficiency Project (SSP) in a model with ex-post worker-firm bargaining. They find substantial general equilibrium effects, which reverse the positive cost-benefit conclusions of their partial equilibrium evaluation. Kolm and Tonin (2006) consider the impact of introducing an in-work benefit in an analytical framework using a Pissarides (2000) search model. Here general equilibrium effects reinforce the employment impact of the programme through job creation.

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2 The Working Families' Tax Credit reform

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Parameters of FC

	April 1999 (FC)	October 1999 (WFTC)	June 2000 (WFTC)	June 2002 (WFTC)
Basic Credit	49.80	52.30	53.15	62.50
Child Credit				
under 11	15.15	19.85	25.60	26.45
11 to 16	20.90	20.90	25.60	26.45
over 16	25.95	25.95	26.35	27.20
30 hour credit	11.05	11.05	11.25	11.65
Threshold	80.65	90.00	91.45	94.50
Taper rate	70% after income tax and National Insurance	55% after income tax and National Insurance	55% after income tax and National Insurance	55% after income tax and National Insurance
Childcare	Expenses up to £60 (£100) for 1 (more than 1) child under 12 disregarded when cal- culating income	70% of total expenses up to £100 (£150) for 1 (more than 1) child under 15	70% of total expenses up to £100 (£150) for 1 (more than 1) child under 15	70% of total expenses up to £135 (£200) for 1 (more than 1) child under 15

Notes: All monetary amounts are in pounds per week and expressed in nominal terms. Minimum tax credit award is 50p per week in all years above.

Our notation is as follows: τ is the tax rate on labor income, τ^c is the tax rate on capital income, τ^d is the tax rate on dividends, τ^e is the tax rate on estate income, τ^g is the tax rate on gifts, τ^h is the tax rate on housing income, τ^i is the tax rate on interest income, τ^j is the tax rate on joint income, τ^k is the tax rate on kinship income, τ^l is the tax rate on long-term income, τ^m is the tax rate on medium-term income, τ^n is the tax rate on non-tax income, τ^o is the tax rate on other income, τ^p is the tax rate on pension income, τ^q is the tax rate on profit income, τ^r is the tax rate on rental income, τ^s is the tax rate on savings income, τ^t is the tax rate on trust income, τ^u is the tax rate on unemployment income, τ^v is the tax rate on vacation income, τ^w is the tax rate on widow income, τ^x is the tax rate on widowhood income, τ^y is the tax rate on widowship income, τ^z is the tax rate on widowship income.

⁶There were also important non-tax related reforms over this period, which we do not consider in our analysis. Various “New Deal” programmes were introduced which aimed to improve both the incentives and the ability of the long-term unemployed to obtain employment (see [Blundell et al., 2004b](#)). Furthermore, a national minimum wage was introduced in April 1999, at a rate of £3.00 per hour for those aged 18-21 (the development rate) and at the higher rate of £3.60 per hour for those aged 22 and over. Since their introduction, both the main and the development

3 The model

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3.1 Model assumptions

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rates have been subject to a number of above-inflation increases.

⁷The framework we develop generalizes to more than two hours choices, and can also be applied in the context of other non-wage amenities. See [Hwang et al. \(1998\)](#) for an analysis of non-wage amenities in an equilibrium search framework.

⁸Note that we are implicitly assuming an indivisibility in the production technology; two part-time workers are not a substitute for a single full-time worker.

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3.2 Worker strategies

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E p o f t	$w' > w$	$w' > q_i(w)$	
E p o p r t t	$w' > q_i^{-1}(w)$	$w' > w$	

Notes: Assumes a current wage w and either a full-time or part-time wage offer w' . $q_i(w)$ is as defined in equation 1; $\phi_i(b)$ is as defined in equation 2.

3.3 Steady state flows

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3.3.1 Distribution of reservation wages

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the question is whether or not the points are

$$m_{1i}g_{1i}(w) \left[\delta_i + \lambda_{ei}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(w)) + \lambda_{ei}^1 \overline{F}_1(w) \right] \\ f_1(w) \left[\lambda_{ui}^1 u_i A_{ui}(w) + \lambda_{ei}^1 m_{0i} G_{0i}(q_i(w)) + \lambda_{ei}^1 m_{1i} G_{1i}(w) \right]. \quad (7)$$

the number of nodes in the network is

$$m_{0i}g_{0i}(w) \left[\delta_i + \lambda_{ei}^0 \overline{F}_0(w) + \lambda_{ei}^1 \overline{F}_1(q_i^{-1}(w)) \right] \\ f_0(w) \left[\lambda_{ui}^0 u_i A_{ui}(q_i^{-1}(w)) + \lambda_{ei}^0 m_{0i} G_{0i}(w) + \lambda_{ei}^0 m_{1i} G_{1i}(q_i^{-1}(w)) \right]. \quad (8)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & (m_{1i}G_{1i}(w) + m_{0i}G_{0i}(q_i(w))) [\delta_i + \lambda_{ei}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(w)) + \lambda_{ei}^1 \overline{F}_1(w)] \\ & \lambda_{ui}^0 u_i \int_{-\infty}^w A_{ui}(x) dF_0(q_i(x)) + \lambda_{ui}^1 u_i \int_{-\infty}^w A_{ui}(w) dF_1(x). \quad () \end{aligned}$$

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so n n q t o t q t o n n q n t r o t n o t n

$$A_i(w) - u_i A_{ui}(w) \left(+ \kappa_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(w)) + \kappa_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(w) \right) \quad ()$$

The first two terms in the sum are the contributions from the
 g_{0i} and g_{1i} components of the metric tensor, which are
 the components of the metric tensor in the g_{0i} and g_{1i}
 directions. The third term is the contribution from the
 $g_{0i}g_{1i}$ components of the metric tensor, which are the
 components of the metric tensor in the $g_{0i}g_{1i}$ direction.

3.4 Firm behaviour

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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{ss} \quad t \quad t \quad t \quad s \quad f \quad n \quad \text{on} \quad s \quad \text{str} \quad t \quad \text{on} \quad t \quad c_1(p, v) \quad \text{pro} \quad \text{of} \quad t \\ & \text{str} \quad t \quad (w, v) \quad s \quad \text{on} \quad (p-w)h_1L_1(w, v) - c(\quad) \quad \text{r} \quad L_1(w, v) \equiv \sum_i n_i l_{1i}(w, v) \quad \text{st} \quad \text{st} \end{aligned}$$

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q t on

$$(\delta_i + \lambda_{ei}^0 \bar{F}_0(q_i(w)) + \lambda_{ei}^1 \bar{F}_1(w)) l_{1i}(w, v) - \frac{v}{V_1} [\lambda_{ui}^1 u_i A_{ui}(w) + \lambda_{ei}^1 m_{0i} G_{0i}(q_i(w)) + \lambda_{ei}^1 m_{1i} G_{1i}(w)]$$

n s t n o n t r n t p o n t n r s t s s p t on
t t y n s f t s p n p r o t o f f r s y n t t v n t r s t o y p r s s on
for $l_{1i}(w, v)$ t p t y t s o n y n r t $l_{1i}(w, v)$ $\bar{l}_{1i}(w) v / V_1$ n
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$$\bar{l}_{1i}(w) = \frac{\kappa_{ei}^1 A_i(w) + [\kappa_{ui}^1 (+ \kappa_{ei}^0 \bar{F}_0(q_i(w))) - \kappa_{ei}^1 (+ \kappa_{ui}^0 \bar{F}_0(q_i(w)))] u_i A_{ui}(w)}{(+ \kappa_{ei}^0 \bar{F}_0(q_i(w)) + \kappa_{ei}^1 \bar{F}_1(w))^2} \quad ()$$

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$$(K_1(p), v_1(p)) \quad r_{(w, v)} \quad \pi_1(p, w) \frac{v}{V_1} - c_1(p, v)$$

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$$\pi_1(p, w) = (p - w) h_1 \bar{L}_1(w). \quad (5)$$

opt y n y $v_1(p)$ q t s t r n o s t o f n t on y n to t p t
pro fro s y n t s

$$\left. \frac{\partial c_1(p, v)}{\partial v} \right|_{v=v_1(p)} = \frac{\pi_1(p, K_1(p))}{V_1} \quad (6)$$

R t r or n r t t f r s t or r o n t ons for t opt o

¹⁰This implicitly assumes that firms have a zero rate of time preference.

st nq opt or rt $\pi_1(p)$ $\pi_1(p, K_1(p))$ s s

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1(p) & \quad \pi_1^*(\underline{p}_1) + h_1 \int_{\underline{p}_1}^p \overline{L}_1(K_1(y)) dy \\ & \quad (\underline{p}_1 - \underline{w}_1^*) \overline{L}_1(\underline{w}_1^*) + h_1 \int_{\underline{p}_1}^p \overline{L}_1(K_1(y)) dy \end{aligned}$$

Let $r = \frac{w_1}{w_2}$ and $s = \frac{q}{q_1}$ for the first product. For (p, p_1) then $t = \frac{p}{p_1}$ or $q = \frac{q_1}{q_2}$ for (q, q_2) then $K_1 = \frac{K_2}{K_3}$ or $t = \frac{t_1}{t_2}$ for (t, t_2) then

$$K_1(p) = p - \left[\pi_1^*(\underline{p}_1) + h_1 \int_{\underline{p}_1}^p \overline{L}_1(K_1(y)) dy \right] \times \overline{h_1 \overline{L}_1(K_1(p))} \quad (A)$$

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3.5 Equilibrium

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$$V_0 \int_{p_0}^{\bar{p}_0} v_0(p) d\mathbf{p} \quad \text{и} \quad V_1 \int_{p_1}^{\bar{p}_1} v_1(p) d\mathbf{p} \quad (8)$$

t $v_h(p)$ γ n n q t on γ n t tot nt ns t st s r for or rs S_h

$$S_h \sum_i n_i \left[s_{ui}^h u_i + s_{ei}^h (-u_i) \right] \quad (10)$$

r_{ji}^h not satisfied for $i, j \in \{u, e\}$ and $h \in \{1, 2\}$.
 Then, no h satisfies r_{ji}^h for all $i, j \in \{u, e\}$.

$$M_h \left(V_h, \sum_i n_i \left[s_{ui}^h u_i + s_{ei}^h (-u_i) \right] \right) \quad (11)$$

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$$\lambda_{ji}^h = \frac{s_{ji}^h M_h}{\sum_i n_i (s_{ii}^h u_i + s_{ei}^h (-u_i))}. \quad (10)$$

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Definition 1 *A market equilibrium in the economy is defined by $\{F_0, F_1, v_0, v_1\}$ such that simultaneously:*

1. The arrival rates of job offers $\{\lambda_{ui}^0, \lambda_{ei}^0, \lambda_{ui}^1, \lambda_{ei}^1\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ are given by equation 21
2. The distribution of wage offers in the economy is:

$$F_0(K_0(p)) \int_{p_0}^p \frac{v_0(p) dV_0(p)}{V_0} \quad and \quad F_1(K_1(p)) \int_{p_1}^p \frac{v_1(p) dV_1(p)}{V_1}$$

with V_0 and V_1 as defined in equation 18.

3. Each worker of type (b, i) follows the strategy described in Table 2.
4. The strategy of each type- p firm is to choose a vacancy level and wage that maximizes profits given the job offer arrival rates, strategies of other firms' and workers':

$$\begin{array}{ll} (K_1(p), v_1(p)) & \mathbf{r}_{(w,v)} \quad \pi_1(p, w) \frac{v}{V_1} - c_1(p, v) \\ (K_0(p), v_0(p)) & \mathbf{r}_{(w,v)} \quad \pi_0(p, w) \frac{v}{V_0} - c_0(p, v) \end{array}$$

where $\pi_h(p, w)$ is as defined in equation 15.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 w_u & \text{ f } \text{pt} \text{ n po n } \text{ } s \\
 q_i(w_u) & \text{ p rt } \text{pt} \text{ n po n } \text{ } s \\
 d_u & \text{ f } w_u \text{ no s r } \text{ } s \\
 w_e & \text{ f } \text{ of po s t t of rst nt } \\
 q_i(w_e) & \text{ p rt } \text{ of po s t t of rst nt } \\
 d_e & \text{ f } w_e \text{ no s r } \text{ } s
 \end{aligned}$$

rr nt po nt s n

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_e^0 & \text{ f p or nt p rt t s for } s \\
 h_e^1 & \text{ f p or nt f t s for } s
 \end{aligned}$$

n nt tr ns t ons r n

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_u^0 & \text{ f n po pt p rt t o } s \\
 v_u^1 & \text{ f n po pt f t o } s \\
 v_e^0 & \text{ f po pt p rt t o } s \\
 v_e^1 & \text{ f po pt f t o } s
 \end{aligned}$$

4.1.1 Unemployed workers

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i For n p or o t n po nt to f t o p n w_u or p rt t
 o p n $q_i(w_u)$ (n t r st d_u n d_{uf}) t oo entr t on s

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$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda_{ui}^0 + \lambda_{ui}^1)^{2-d_{ub}} \text{ p } \big[- \big(\lambda_{ui}^0 + \lambda_{ui}^1 \big) (t_{ub} + t_{uf}) \big] \frac{A_i(\underline{w}_i)}{+ \kappa_{ui}^0 + \kappa_{ui}^1} \\ & \times \frac{(\lambda_{ui}^0 f_0(q_i(w_u)))^{v_u^0} (\lambda_{ui}^1 f_1(w_u))^{v_u^1}}{\lambda_{ui}^0 + \lambda_{ui}^1} + \left\{ \int_{\underline{w}_i}^{w_u} (\lambda_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(b)) + \lambda_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(b))^{2-d_{ub}} \right. \\ & \times \text{ p } \big[- \big(\lambda_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(b)) + \lambda_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(b) \big) (t_{ub} + t_{uf}) \big] \\ & \times \left. \frac{(\lambda_{ui}^0 f_0(q_i(w_u)))^{v_u^0} (\lambda_{ui}^1 f_1(w_u))^{v_u^1}}{\lambda_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(b)) + \lambda_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(b)} \frac{dA_i(b)}{\underbrace{+ \kappa_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(b)) + \kappa_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(b)}_{u_i dA_{ui}(b)}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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d_{ub} + d_{uf} < t n t st st ¶ t ¶ s t t t f t r s r ¶ ¶ of s ¶ n n ¶
s no r t r t n \overline{w}_i t t r for ¶ st r oo ¶ ntr ¶ t on s

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda_{ui}^0 + \lambda_{ui}^1)^{2-d_{ub}-d_{uf}} \text{ p } \big[- (\lambda_{ui}^0 + \lambda_{ui}^1) (t_{ub} + t_{uf}) \big] \frac{A_i(\underline{w}_i)}{+ \kappa_{ui}^0 + \kappa_{ui}^1} \\ & \times \left[\frac{(\lambda_{ui}^0)^{v_u^0} (\lambda_{ui}^1)^{v_u^1}}{\lambda_{ui}^0 + \lambda_{ui}^1} \right]^{1-d_{uf}} + \left\{ \int_{\underline{w}_i}^{\overline{w}_i} (\lambda_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(b)) + \lambda_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(b))^{2-d_{ub}-d_{uf}} \right. \\ & \times \text{ p } \big[- \big(\lambda_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(b)) + \lambda_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(b) \big) (t_{ub} + t_{uf}) \big] \\ & \times \left. \left[\frac{(\lambda_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(b)))^{v_u^0} (\lambda_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(b))^{v_u^1}}{\lambda_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(b)) + \lambda_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(b)} \right]^{1-d_{uf}} \frac{dA_i(b)}{+ \kappa_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(b)) + \kappa_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(b)} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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t t t str t on t of r str t on s sp s
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4.3 Three step estimation procedure

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$$f_1(w) = \frac{\sum_i n_i m_{1i} g_{1i}(w)}{\sum_i n_i \bar{l}_{1i}(w)} \quad ()$$

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$$f_0(w) = \frac{\sum_i n_i m_{0i} g_{0i}(w)}{\sum_i n_i \bar{l}_{0i}(w)} \quad ()$$

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on t on p r r n n s str t p r o y n n t ss of f_0 n f_1 n t n
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n s r y p r o p r str t on f n t o n s n t n y r f t t t s n o r t on
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t on p o n t s r s n r n n s n s t s $u_i(F_0, F_1)$ $m_{hi}(F_0, F_1)$ n $g_{hi}(F_0, F_1)$ for
 $i \in \mathcal{I}$ n $h \in \{ , \}$ o t r t o s s s t f t of o r o t s t to
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to p s n f t r n n r n t n trnsf r s s r t
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r n r tr t st r o r n n so n ts s st so
ss t t nof s n o r s p r t A f s r ss n r n
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t n p o o n) t r t n pro n t r r r st on of t o s o
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¹⁵A potentially important benefit that we do not consider is housing benefit. While this is modelled by FORTAX, the Labour Force Survey data that we use in our empirical application (see Section 4.5) does not contain any information on rents. Since tax credit income results in housing benefit entitlement being withdrawn, families in receipt of housing benefit would gain less from the tax credit reform than otherwise equivalent families not in receipt of housing benefit.

¹⁶The Labour Force Survey data does not contain information on the council tax band that households are subject to; band C is the most common band.

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4.6 Estimation Results and Model Fit

γ n o r \rightarrow o p r t r s t t s (\rightarrow) t \rightarrow p o \rightarrow n t o n
 $K_0(p)$ n $K_1(p)$ t t r o t n f r o t f i r s t o n t o t f i r s p o \rightarrow t o
 p o \rightarrow r f o n t \rightarrow o n t \rightarrow n r s n s o t t s t \rightarrow p r \rightarrow s t o n o
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 r o f o n o p s \rightarrow r \rightarrow n t t n t o f o n o p s \rightarrow r s \rightarrow r f o r p r t t
 f i r s t \rightarrow s \rightarrow s r t s t \rightarrow o r C_i^1 \rightarrow s s r t γ t o
 r n s s o t t p r t f i r s s t o r \rightarrow \rightarrow s f t r o t \rightarrow o r s f r o
 f t \rightarrow s s t o n r o f p t t o n s \rightarrow r p o r t f o r t \rightarrow p o \rightarrow
 o f f i r s \rightarrow \rightarrow p p r n t n o r s t o n r s s n r n s t o n o f f i r
 p o \rightarrow t \rightarrow n n F r \rightarrow \rightarrow o f r s t o n s \rightarrow n n F r t \rightarrow
 t t r f r \rightarrow s t t t r s r \rightarrow n t r t o n o f p r t f i r s o f r n r t \rightarrow
 \rightarrow \rightarrow t s t o n o n s t f t f i r s s o r s p r s \rightarrow t o n r t
 s t r \rightarrow p r t r s t t s s s t t t t r s \rightarrow n s \rightarrow t r o n t \rightarrow o s t

²⁰Monotonicity is violated for a small proportion of the bootstrap samples. In order to construct bootstrap confidence intervals for the policy responses we therefore first apply a rearrangement procedure (see Chernozhukov et al., 2007). These violations are not a large concern as they typically occur for very high productivity full-time firms where the productivity density is very low.

	Unemployed				Employed					
	$\#N_u$	$u \rightarrow h_0$	$u \rightarrow h_1$	$\#w_u$	$\#N_e^0$	$\#N_e^1$	$e \rightarrow h_0$	$e \rightarrow h_1$	$e \rightarrow u$	$\#w_e^0$ $\#w_e^1$
single men	1481	–	135	72	–	2560	–	136	112	– 1573
married men, no kids	441	–	43	32	–	1931	–	67	49	– 1391
married men, kids	888	–	85	54	–	3077	–	131	108	– 2163
single women	1031	28	37	36	372	1828	11	72	65	254 1237
lone mothers	1793	85	16	73	676	408	31	14	62	488 306
married women, no kids	579	21	16	25	578	1215	15	47	62	442 916
married women, kids	1713	100	25	78	1444	808	59	35	115	1083 608

Notes: $\#N_u$ refers to the number of unemployed observations in a given category; $\#N_e^0$ and $\#N_e^1$ respectively refer to the number of part-time and full-time employment observations. $\#w_u$ refers to the number of observed accepted wages from unemployment; $\#w_e^0$ and $\#w_e^1$ refer to the number of cross-sectional wage observations in part-time and full-time employment. $i \rightarrow j$ refers to the numbers of observed transitions from state i to state j , with states u , e , h_0 and h_1 , denoting unemployment, overall employment, part-time employment, and full-time employment respectively.

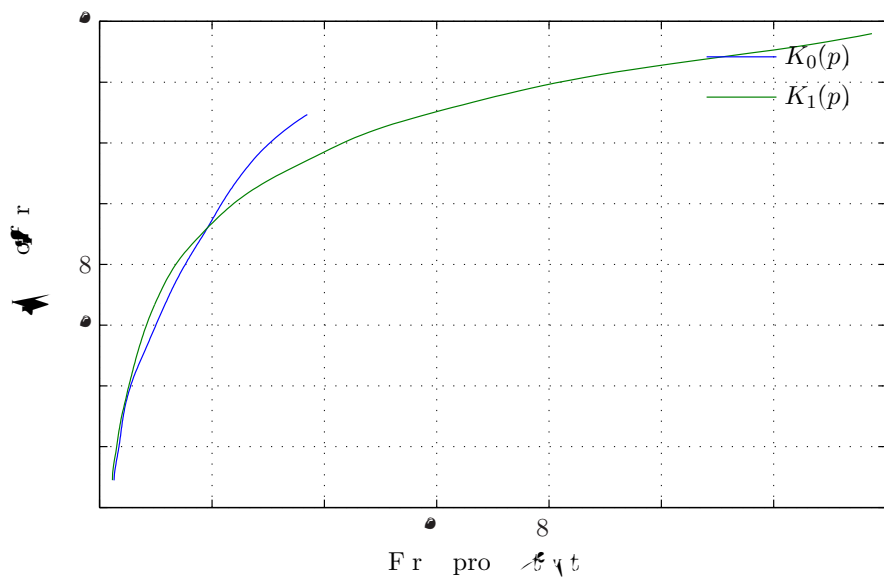
Table 1 (continued)

	Part-time wages							Full-time wages						
	P_{10}	P_{25}	P_{50}	P_{75}	P_{90}	mean	SD	P_{10}	P_{25}	P_{50}	P_{75}	P_{90}	mean	SD
single men	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.43	4.16	5.39	7.03	9.28	5.94	2.55
married men, no kids	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.02	4.93	6.32	8.29	10.74	6.97	2.90
married men, kids	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.74	4.90	6.34	8.46	11.12	6.97	2.99
single women	2.72	3.23	3.85	4.90	6.43	4.27	1.69	3.34	4.04	5.29	6.98	9.26	5.84	2.49
lone mothers	2.70	3.18	3.72	4.66	6.12	4.13	1.62	3.47	4.13	5.28	6.79	8.44	5.68	2.20
married women, no kids	2.81	3.37	3.95	4.96	6.45	4.35	1.66	3.40	4.14	5.09	6.55	8.48	5.63	2.24
married women, kids	2.87	3.37	4.00	5.20	6.77	4.46	1.69	3.31	4.00	5.03	6.45	8.06	5.45	2.03

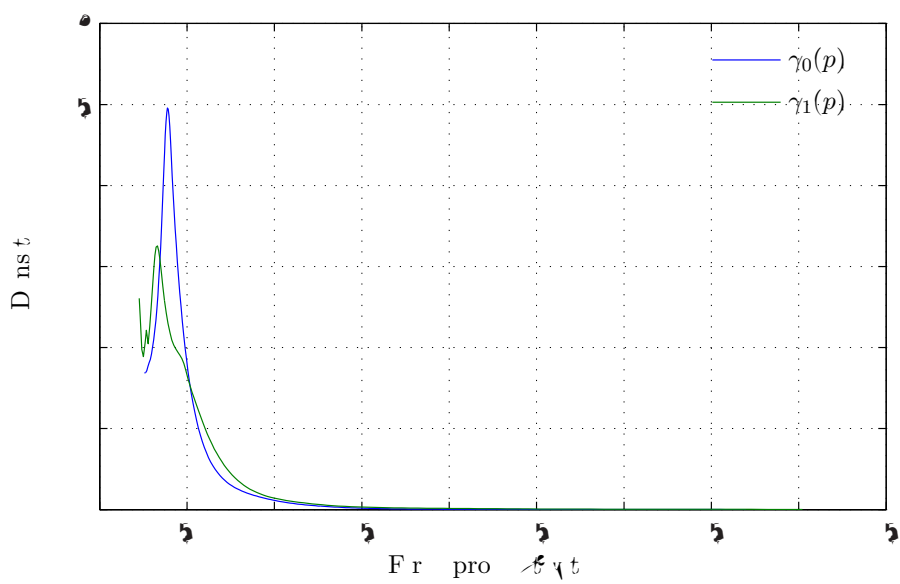
Notes: All wages are hourly and are expressed in April 1997 prices. P_{10} , P_{25} , P_{50} , P_{75} , and P_{90} respectively refer to the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles of the cross-sectional hourly wage distribution; SD refers to the standard deviation.

	$1/\delta_i$	$1/\lambda_{ui}^0$	$1/\lambda_{ui}^1$	$1/\lambda_{ei}^0$	$1/\lambda_{ei}^1$	μ_i	σ_i	C_i^1
single men	94.5 [88.4,102.3]	—	19.7 [15.6,24.2]	—	32.6 [25.9,38.6]	18.7 [-12.7,35.5]	87.8 [57.9,135.2]	—
married men, no kids	195.4 [176.4,217.8]	—	14.5 [10.8,18.7]	—	23.9 [19.8,29.0]	49.6 [37.2,60.3]	66.7 [53.8,83.2]	—
married men, kids	177.3 [163.7,190.7]	—	21.1 [17.5,24.8]	—	19.3 [15.5,23.5]	37.6 [24.3,51.4]	48.1 [31.5,65.2]	—
single women	141.9 [128.0,157.0]	42.5 [27.5,60.5]	38.8 [25.9,56.8]	117.2 [62.6,375.8]	54.2 [43.1,68.2]	-39.8 [-156.7,-13.0]	126.3 [84.1,248.6]	24.0 [13.0,33.1]
lone mothers	66.1 [60.1,72.6]	54.0 [43.0,81.5]	337.7 [188.1,664.7]	118.4 [74.1,230.9]	55.2 [41.3,72.5]	41.7 [36.3,45.7]	28.9 [12.9,41.7]	37.0 [33.2,42.1]
married women, no kids	171.8 [154.2,192.2]	23.4 [16.5,32.9]	68.0 [39.1,133.1]	147.8 [100.4,250.4]	74.7 [60.3,92.2]	4.7 [-10.1,17.8]	71.6 [60.3,85.6]	36.7 [25.5,48.0]
married women, kids	99.4 [92.1,106.4]	29.2 [23.4,35.9]	280.5 [174.9,416.5]	37.8 [31.0,46.0]	115.6 [93.6,135.9]	36.8 [33.1,39.9]	36.8 [31.9,41.5]	27.7 [23.6,34.2]

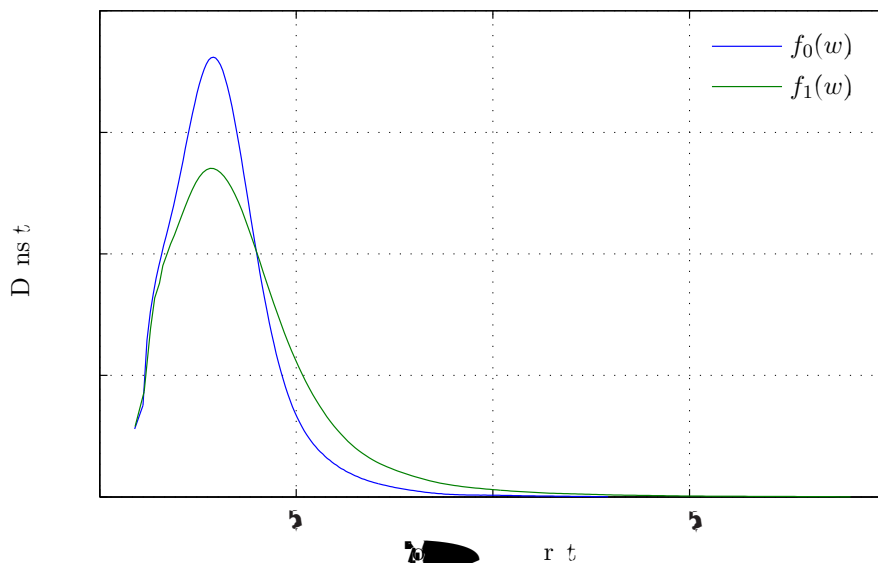
Notes: All durations are monthly. Incomes are measured in pounds per week in April 1997 prices. The distribution of work opportunity costs H_i is assumed to be Normal, with mean μ_i and variance σ_i^2 . The 5th and 95th percentiles of the bootstrap distribution of parameter estimates are presented in brackets, and are calculated using 500 replications.



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Res r t on D str t on

	Percentile of full-time offer distribution $\hat{F}_1(w)$					
	0	20	40	60	80	100
single men	0.243 [0.086,0.441]	0.404 [0.183,0.572]	0.523 [0.323,0.654]	0.644 [0.496,0.735]	0.788 [0.711,0.856]	1.000 [1.000,1.000]
married men, no kids	0.145 [0.077,0.237]	0.340 [0.200,0.443]	0.503 [0.350,0.597]	0.651 [0.515,0.723]	0.811 [0.713,0.857]	1.000 [1.000,1.000]
married men, kids	0.465 [0.398,0.540]	0.621 [0.563,0.672]	0.702 [0.656,0.750]	0.768 [0.729,0.813]	0.847 [0.817,0.892]	1.000 [1.000,1.000]
single women	0.438 [0.175,0.660]	0.571 [0.318,0.720]	0.651 [0.464,0.755]	0.723 [0.603,0.790]	0.806 [0.741,0.859]	1.000 [0.995,1.000]
lone mothers	0.232 [0.063,0.413]	0.473 [0.245,0.632]	0.584 [0.427,0.734]	0.659 [0.529,0.830]	0.754 [0.655,0.932]	1.000 [1.000,1.000]
married women, no kids	0.183 [0.086,0.331]	0.479 [0.265,0.627]	0.668 [0.472,0.764]	0.784 [0.657,0.844]	0.882 [0.813,0.919]	1.000 [1.000,1.000]
married women, kids	0.270 [0.193,0.393]	0.548 [0.380,0.658]	0.699 [0.548,0.776]	0.793 [0.689,0.844]	0.870 [0.812,0.901]	1.000 [1.000,1.000]

Notes: Table shows the fraction of individuals whose full-time reservation wage is below various percentiles p of the full-time wage offer distribution, $A_i(\hat{F}_1^{-1}(p))$, and is calculated using the maximum likelihood estimates from Table 4. The 5th and 95th percentiles of the bootstrap distribution are presented in brackets, and are calculated using 500 replications.

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5 Simulating WFTC and contemporaneous reforms

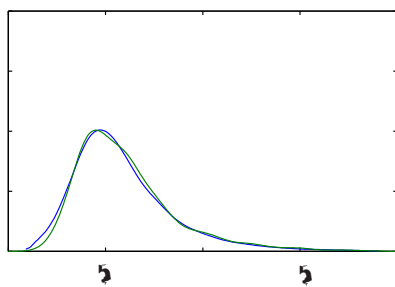
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²¹This is because the marginal cost of a job-vacancy becomes linear in $c_h(p)v$. If we assume an alternative $c_h(p)$ we will identify a new $v_h(p)$ such that $c_h(p)vV_h$ is unchanged (see equation 16), and similarly identify a new value of $\gamma_h(p)$ such that distribution of wage offers is preserved, and the search intensities s_{ji}^h such that the arrival rate of offers is maintained. The equilibrium effect of tax reforms is invariant to the choice of $c_h(p)$

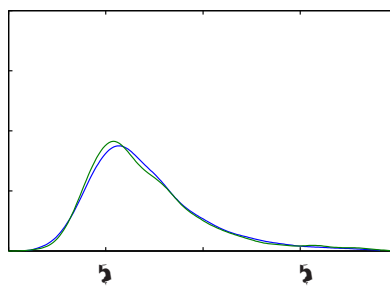
Table 4: Employment probabilities by marital status and presence of children

	Empirical			Predicted		
	u_i	m_{0i}	m_{1i}	u_i	m_{0i}	m_{1i}
single men	0.366 [0.354,0.379]	–	0.634 [0.621,0.646]	0.346 [0.334,0.356]	–	0.654 [0.644,0.666]
married men, no kids	0.186 [0.175,0.200]	–	0.814 [0.800,0.825]	0.178 [0.167,0.191]	–	0.822 [0.809,0.833]
married men, kids	0.224 [0.214,0.236]	–	0.776 [0.764,0.786]	0.211 [0.202,0.220]	–	0.789 [0.780,0.798]
single women	0.319 [0.305,0.332]	0.115 [0.106,0.125]	0.566 [0.552,0.580]	0.307 [0.294,0.320]	0.119 [0.111,0.128]	0.574 [0.561,0.587]
lone mothers	0.623 [0.609,0.638]	0.235 [0.222,0.248]	0.142 [0.131,0.153]	0.610 [0.597,0.623]	0.244 [0.232,0.256]	0.146 [0.135,0.158]
married women, no kids	0.244 [0.230,0.259]	0.244 [0.228,0.258]	0.512 [0.495,0.530]	0.241 [0.227,0.255]	0.254 [0.239,0.268]	0.505 [0.488,0.523]
married women, kids	0.432 [0.419,0.445]	0.364 [0.351,0.377]	0.204 [0.193,0.214]	0.419 [0.408,0.432]	0.370 [0.358,0.383]	0.211 [0.199,0.221]

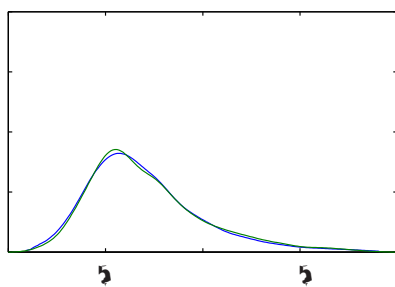
Notes: Predicted states are calculated using the maximum likelihood estimates from Table 4. Employment states may not sum to one due to rounding. The 5th and 95th percentiles of the bootstrap distribution of employment states are presented in brackets, and are calculated using 500 replications.



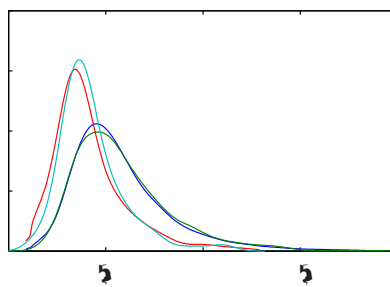
(a) Single men



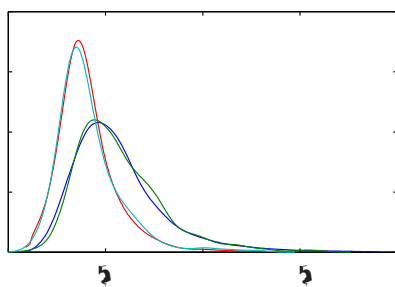
(b) Married men, no kids



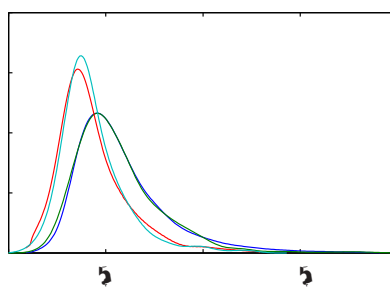
(c) Married men, kids



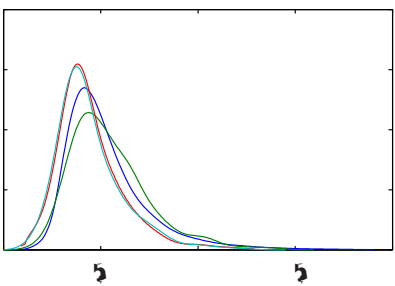
(d) Single women



(e) Lone mothers



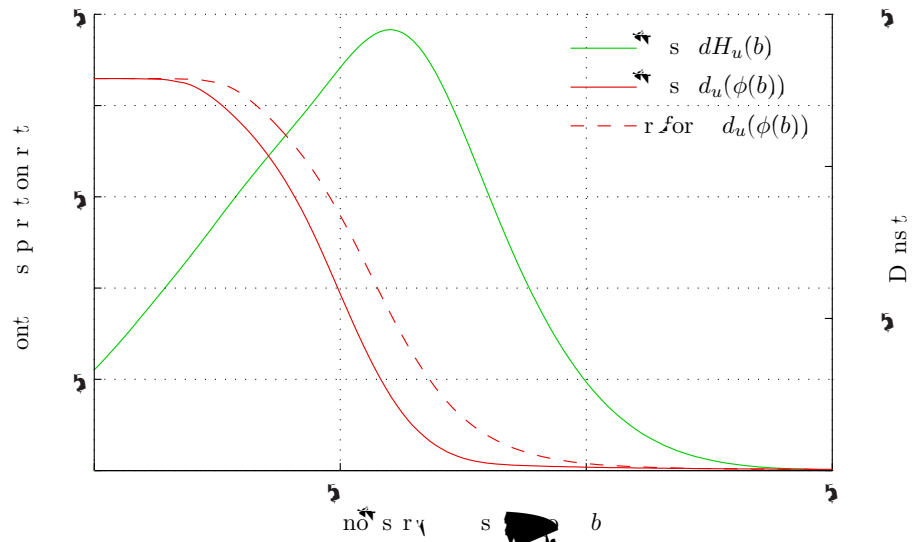
(f) Married women, no kids



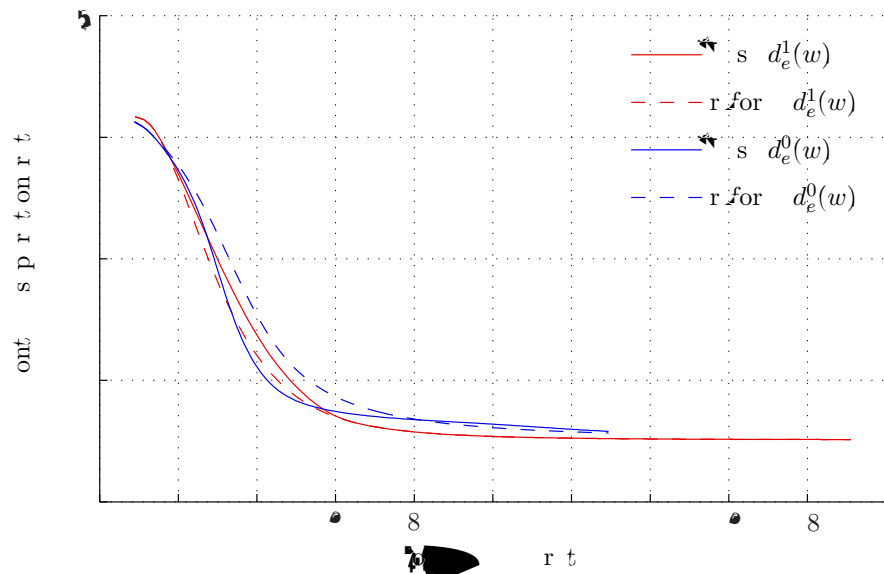
(g) Married women, kids

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For the first part of the paper, we consider the distribution of the number of children for single men, married men with no children, married men with children, single women, lone mothers, married women with no children, and married women with children. The distribution of the number of children for single men and married men with no children is shown in Figure 1(a) and 1(b) respectively. The distribution of the number of children for married men with children is shown in Figure 1(c). The distribution of the number of children for single women, lone mothers, married women with no children, and married women with children is shown in Figure 1(d), 1(e), 1(f), and 1(g) respectively.



(a) Unemployment exit rate



(b) Job separation rate

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²⁶There is a slight inconsistency here as our sample selection was performed at the level of the individual and not of the family.
²⁷Our dynamic simulations were conducted using a population of 100,000 families of each type $i \in \mathcal{I}$, with behaviour simulated over a period of 1,000 years with a monthly time unit.

Table 1: Employment response of P for s

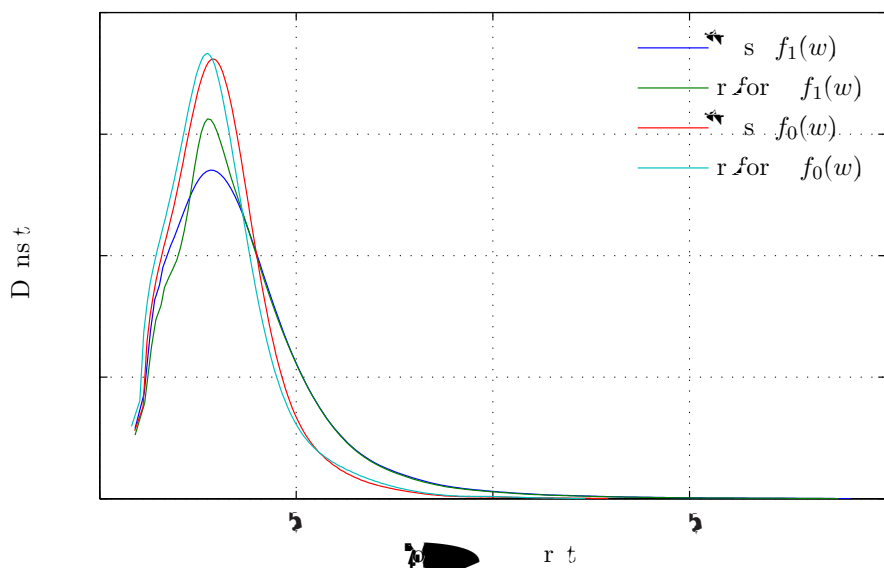
	Direct Impact			Equilibrium Impact		
	Δu_i	Δm_{0i}	Δm_{1i}	Δu_i	Δm_{0i}	Δm_{1i}
single men	-0.010 [-0.013,-0.007]	—	0.010 [0.007,0.013]	-0.012 [-0.015,-0.009]	—	0.012 [0.009,0.015]
married men, no kids	-0.008 [-0.009,-0.007]	—	0.008 [0.007,0.009]	-0.009 [-0.010,-0.008]	—	0.009 [0.008,0.010]
married men, kids	-0.029 [-0.042,-0.021]	—	0.029 [0.021,0.042]	-0.030 [-0.043,-0.022]	—	0.030 [0.022,0.043]
single women	-0.008 [-0.010,-0.004]	-0.000 [-0.001,0.001]	0.008 [0.005,0.011]	-0.008 [-0.011,-0.005]	-0.003 [-0.005,-0.002]	0.011 [0.008,0.014]
lone mothers	-0.056 [-0.068,-0.043]	-0.005 [-0.016,0.002]	0.061 [0.049,0.075]	-0.053 [-0.066,-0.041]	-0.011 [-0.022,-0.002]	0.064 [0.052,0.079]
married women, no kids	-0.009 [-0.011,-0.008]	-0.002 [-0.005,0.001]	0.012 [0.009,0.014]	-0.009 [-0.010,-0.008]	-0.006 [-0.011,-0.002]	0.015 [0.012,0.020]
married women, kids	0.013 [0.009,0.016]	-0.012 [-0.014,-0.009]	-0.001 [-0.003,0.001]	0.015 [0.010,0.020]	-0.015 [-0.019,-0.011]	-0.000 [-0.002,0.003]

Notes: All employment responses are expressed in percentage points. Changes may not sum to zero due to rounding. The direct impact considers all changes to the tax and transfer system between April 1997 and April 2002, holding the wage offer distributions and arrival rates at their pre-reform levels. The equilibrium impact allows the wage offer distribution and arrival rates to change.

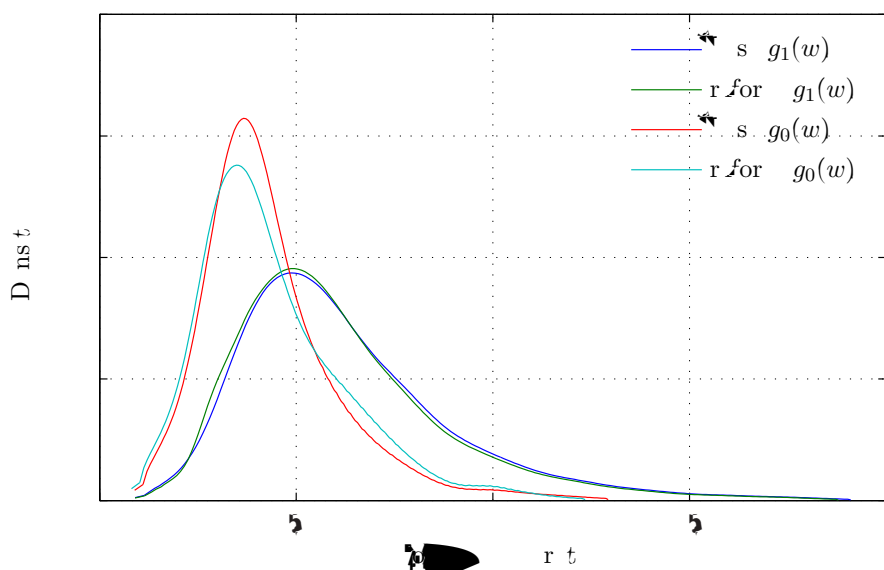
5.2 Equilibrium impact

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5.3 Aggregation

The s n t r of s p (s on 5) p s t t t o r r t r s p o n s
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5.4 Post-reform comparison

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 t s p r o n s to t r o t n n p r o s y t o n s of F r s t r
 p r t to t n s n t o r r t s t t n t
 t t r for s o n t t to t o s r y o r r t n s s t n p r
 n s r p r s n t n 8

8 Empirical and Predicted Changes

	Empirical			Predicted		
	Δu_i	Δm_{0i}	Δm_{1i}	Δu_i	Δm_{0i}	Δm_{1i}
single men	-0.030	—	0.030	-0.012	—	0.012
married men, no kids	-0.021	—	0.021	-0.009	—	0.009
married men, kids	-0.021	—	0.021	-0.030	—	0.030
single women	0.001	0.003	-0.003	-0.008	-0.003	0.011
lone mothers	-0.052	0.027	0.024	-0.053	-0.011	0.064
married women, no kids	-0.001	-0.013	0.014	-0.009	-0.006	0.015
married women, kids	-0.021	-0.006	0.028	0.015	-0.015	-0.000

Notes: Predicted changes are calculated using the maximum likelihood estimates from Table 4 and simulating the equilibrium effect of replacing the April 1997 system with the April 2002 system. Empirical changes refer to the observed changes in our data over this period using the sample selection as described in Section 4.5. Changes may not sum to zero due to rounding.

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5.5 Other evaluations of WFTC

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(s r n p r f o r t s r s) f r s t f o r s p o r t n t n n f p r s o n
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f p r t o t p r n t p o n t p f r p o r t n A t)

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A n t r n t y y t o n t o o o t t s s o n o p t n y o y s t st t o n

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 net of s s n constant o n so ent s or t r n t y s s n loss
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5.6 Why aren't equilibrium effects more important?

in the case of a shift in the supply of (B n t B n n
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 o n r s t n t p o r t n o f o r s s p t o n s r r n r t s n t t r
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 r s s s f o r n e t o s r s t t t r r s o f r n s n t r p t

²⁸Using a similar model, [Brewer et al. \(2006\)](#) reported a similar employment increase for lone mothers, together with a small reduction in the employment of both men and women in couples with children (around half a percentage point).

²⁹An ex-ante evaluation using a similar model was provided by [Blundell et al. \(2000\)](#). This predicted a 2 percentage point increase in the employment of lone mothers, together with a small decline for married women with children and essentially no change for men in couples. These results are not comparable to the employment responses that we simulate here as only the “immediate” reform (that is, WFTC in October 1999) was considered.

³⁰In a model with worker and firm bargaining, wages essentially become individualistic so that the potential for equilibrium effects is much larger. [Lise et al. \(2005\)](#) used such a model in their analysis of the Canadian Self-Sufficiency Project, and found substantial equilibrium effects.

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³¹For notational simplicity, here we do not explicitly write the value functions or the resultant reservation wages as a function of the work opportunity b .

to represent the set of functions

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i V_{ei}^1(w) &= wh_1 - T_i^1(wh_1) - C_i^1 + \lambda_{ei}^0 \int_{q_i(w)}^{\overline{w}_0} (V_{ei}^0(x) - V_{ei}^1(w)) dF_0(x) \\ &\quad + \lambda_{ei}^1 \int_w^{\overline{w}_1} (V_{ei}^1(x) - V_{ei}^1(w)) dF_1(x) + \delta_i (V_{ui} - V_{ei}^1(w)). \end{aligned}$$

is to obtain an expression for the parts of the

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i V_{ei}^1(w) &= wh_1 - T_i^1(wh_1) - C_i^1 + \lambda_{ei}^0 \int_{q_i(w)}^{\overline{w}_0} \overline{F}_0(x) dV_{ei}^0(x) \\ &\quad + \lambda_{ei}^1 \int_w^{\overline{w}_1} \overline{F}_1(x) dV_{ei}^1(x) + \delta_i (V_{ui} - V_{ei}^1(w)) \quad (\text{A }) \end{aligned}$$

in the first two

$$\rho_i V_{ei}^{1'}(w) = h_1(-T_i^{1'}(wh_1)) - \lambda_{ei}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(w)) V_{ei}^{0'}(q_i(w)) q_i'(w) - \lambda_{ei}^1 \overline{F}_1(w) V_{ei}^{1'}(w) - \delta_i V_{ei}^{1'}(w).$$

obtaining $V_{ei}^{1'}(w) = V_{ei}^{0'}(q_i(w)) q_i'(w)$ is sufficient to obtain

$$h_1(-T_i^{1'}(wh_1)) = (\delta_i + \rho_i + \lambda_{ei}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(w)) + \lambda_{ei}^1 \overline{F}_1(w)) V_{ei}^{1'}(w) \quad (\text{A })$$

in particular, the first two conditions for the first two

$$h_0(-T_i^{0'}(wh_0)) = (\delta_i + \rho_i + \lambda_{ei}^0 \overline{F}_0(w) + \lambda_{ei}^1 \overline{F}_1(q_i^{-1}(w))) V_{ei}^{0'}(w). \quad (\text{A })$$

obtaining the first two conditions for the first two parts of the point $(q_i(w))$ is sufficient to

$$wh_1 - T_i^1(wh_1) - C_i^1 = q_i(w)h_0 - T_i^0(q_i(w)h_0)$$

is quoted from the literature. It is not surprising that the results presented in this section are in line with the previous literature. In particular, the results show that the optimal policy is to provide a subsidy to the private sector. This is because the private sector is more efficient than the public sector. The results also show that the optimal policy is to provide a subsidy to the private sector. This is because the private sector is more efficient than the public sector. The results also show that the optimal policy is to provide a subsidy to the private sector. This is because the private sector is more efficient than the public sector.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_i V_{ui} &= b - T_i^u + \lambda_{ui}^0 \int_{q_i(\phi_i)}^{\bar{w}_0} (V_{ei}^0(w) - V_{ui}) dF_0(w) + \lambda_{ui}^1 \int_{\phi_i}^{\bar{w}_1} (V_{ei}^1(w) - V_{ui}) dF_1(w) \\
 &= b - T_i^u + \lambda_{ui}^0 \int_{q_i(\phi_i)}^{\bar{w}_0} \bar{F}_0(w) dV_{ei}^0(w) + \lambda_{ui}^1 \int_{\phi_i}^{\bar{w}_1} \bar{F}_1(w) dV_{ei}^1(w).
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$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_i V_{ui} &= b - T_i^u + \lambda_{ui}^0 \int_{q_i(\phi_i)}^{\bar{w}_0} \frac{h_0(-T_i^{0'}(wh_0)) \bar{F}_0(w)}{\delta_i + \rho_i + \lambda_{ei}^0 \bar{F}_0(w) + \lambda_{ei}^1 \bar{F}_1(q_i^{-1}(w))} dw \\
 &\quad + \lambda_{ui}^1 \int_{\phi_i}^{\bar{w}_1} \frac{h_1(-T_i^{1'}(wh_1)) \bar{F}_1(w)}{\delta_i + \rho_i + \lambda_{ei}^0 \bar{F}_0(q_i(w)) + \lambda_{ei}^1 \bar{F}_1(w)} dw.
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$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi_i h_1 - C_i^1 &= b - T_i^u + (\lambda_{ui}^0 - \lambda_{ei}^0) \int_{q_i(\phi_i)}^{\bar{w}_0} \frac{h_0(-T_i^{0'}(wh_0)) \bar{F}_0(w)}{\delta_i + \rho_i + \lambda_{ei}^0 \bar{F}_0(w) + \lambda_{ei}^1 \bar{F}_1(q_i^{-1}(w))} dw \\
 &\quad + (\lambda_{ui}^1 - \lambda_{ei}^1) \int_{\phi_i}^{\bar{w}_1} \frac{h_1(-T_i^{1'}(wh_1)) \bar{F}_1(w)}{\delta_i + \rho_i + \lambda_{ei}^0 \bar{F}_0(q_i(w)) + \lambda_{ei}^1 \bar{F}_1(w)} dw
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³²In the more general case, this indifference condition would depend upon the distributions of wage offers.

B Identification

In this section, we first derive the identification of the structural parameters for the two-stage least squares (2SLS) estimator. We then show that the 2SLS estimator is efficient under certain conditions. Finally, we provide a simulation study to evaluate the performance of the 2SLS estimator.

Consider a linear structural equation model (SEM) with two endogenous variables, y_1 and y_2 , and two exogenous variables, x_1 and x_2 . The structural equations are:

$$y_1 = \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \varepsilon_1$$

$$y_2 = \gamma_1 y_1 + \gamma_2 x_1 + \gamma_3 x_2 + \varepsilon_2$$

where ε_1 and ε_2 are error terms. The reduced form equations are:

$$y_1 = \pi_1 x_1 + \pi_2 x_2 + \eta_1$$

$$y_2 = \rho_1 x_1 + \rho_2 x_2 + \eta_2$$

where η_1 and η_2 are error terms. The structural parameters $\beta_1, \beta_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ can be identified from the reduced form equations. The 2SLS estimator is efficient under certain conditions.

$$G_{1i}^U(w) = \int_{-\infty}^w \Pr(W_1 < w | W_1 > x) dA_{ui}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^w \frac{F_1(w) - F_1(x)}{\bar{F}_1(x)} dA_{ui}(x) \\ A_{ui}(w) - \bar{F}_1(w) \left[\int_{\underline{w}}^w \frac{dA_{ui}(x)}{\bar{F}_1(x)} + A_{ui}(\underline{w}) \right]$$

Similarly, the structural parameters $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ can be identified from the reduced form equations. The 2SLS estimator is efficient under certain conditions.

$$G_{0i}^U(q_i(w)) = A_{ui}(w) - \bar{F}_0(q_i(w)) \left[\int_{\underline{w}}^w \frac{dA_{ui}(x)}{\bar{F}_0(q_i(x))} + A_{ui}(\underline{w}) \right].$$

The structural parameters $\beta_1, \beta_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ can be identified from the reduced form equations. The 2SLS estimator is efficient under certain conditions.

$$A_{ui}(w | F_0) = G_{0i}^U(q_i(w)) + \frac{\bar{F}_0(q_i(w))g_{0i}^U(q_i(w))}{f_0(q_i(w))} \quad (\text{A } 5)$$

$$A_{ui}(w | F_1) = G_{1i}^U(w) + \frac{\bar{F}_1(w)g_{1i}^U(w)}{f_1(w)} \quad (\text{A } 6)$$

For the first stage, we use the reduced form equations to identify the structural parameters. For the second stage, we use the structural equations to identify the structural parameters. The 2SLS estimator is efficient under certain conditions.

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³³Recall from Section 3.3.1 that $\underline{w}_i \equiv \min\{\underline{w}_1, q_i^{-1}(\underline{w}_0)\}$ and $\bar{w}_i \equiv \max\{\bar{w}_1, q_i^{-1}(\bar{w}_0)\}$.

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$$F_1'(w) = m_{1i}g_{1i}(w)R_i^1(w|F_0, F_1) \tag{A 7}$$

$$F_0'(q_i(w)) = m_{0i}g_{0i}(q_i(w))R_i^0(w|F_0, F_1) \tag{A 8}$$

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$$R_i^1(w|F_0, F_1) \equiv \frac{(\kappa_{ei}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(w)) + \kappa_{ei}^1 \overline{F}_1(w)) - u_i g_{1i}^U(w) \kappa_{ui}^1 \overline{F}_1(w)}{\kappa_{ui}^1 u_i G_{1i}^U(w) + \kappa_{ei}^1 (m_{0i} G_{0i}(q_i(w)) + m_{1i} G_{1i}(w))}$$

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$$R_i^0(w|F_0, F_1) \equiv \frac{(\kappa_{ei}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(w)) + \kappa_{ei}^1 \overline{F}_1(w)) - u_i g_{0i}^U(q_i(w)) \kappa_{ui}^0 \overline{F}_0(q_i(w))}{\kappa_{ui}^0 u_i G_{0i}^U(q_i(w)) + \kappa_{ei}^0 (m_{0i} G_{0i}(q_i(w)) + m_{1i} G_{1i}(w))}.$$

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C Notation summary

Indexing

$i \in \mathcal{I}$ n r o s r r t p
 $h \in \{ , \}$ o or
 $j \in \{u, e\}$ p o nt st t
 w s
 p r pro t
 v o n s
 b n s r r t for n p or rs

Workers

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_i & \text{ fr } \nearrow \text{ t on of t } \nearrow \text{ or } \text{ rs} \\
 \rho_i & \nearrow \text{ or } \text{ r } \text{ s } \nearrow \text{ nt r t} \\
 C_i^h & \text{ t } \nearrow \text{ s t } \nearrow \text{ or } \text{ n } \text{ h } \text{ o rs} \\
 s_{ji}^h & \text{ o } \nearrow \text{ or } \text{ r s } \nearrow \text{ nt ns t} \\
 \phi_i(b) & \text{ f } \nearrow \text{ or } \text{ r s r } \nearrow \\
 q_i(w) & \text{ p rt } \nearrow \text{ or } \text{ n } \nearrow \text{ r } \nearrow \\
 H_i(b) & \nearrow \text{ t } \nearrow \text{ str } \nearrow \text{ t on of } \nearrow \text{ no s r } \nearrow \text{ t } \nearrow \text{ b} \\
 A_i(w) & \nearrow \text{ t } \nearrow \text{ str } \nearrow \text{ t on of } \nearrow \text{ r s r } \nearrow \text{ s} \\
 A_{ui}(w) & \nearrow \text{ t } \nearrow \text{ str } \nearrow \text{ t on of } \nearrow \text{ r s r } \nearrow \text{ s } \text{ on st n } \text{ p o} \\
 A_{ei}(w) & \nearrow \text{ t } \nearrow \text{ str } \nearrow \text{ t on of } \nearrow \text{ r s r } \nearrow \text{ s } \text{ on st } \text{ p o}
 \end{aligned}$$

Transitional parameters

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_{ji}^h & \nearrow \text{ rr } \nearrow \text{ r t s} \\
 \delta_i & \nearrow \text{ str } \nearrow \text{ t on r t} \\
 \kappa_{ji}^h & \text{ in } \text{ s } \lambda_{ji}^h / \delta_i
 \end{aligned}$$

Employment states

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_i & \text{ n } \text{ p o } \text{ nt r t} \\
 m_{0i} & \text{ p rt } \nearrow \text{ or } \text{ r t} \\
 m_{1i} & \text{ f } \nearrow \text{ or } \text{ r t}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taxes

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_i^h(wh) & \text{ n t t } \text{ s t o rs } \text{ h n } \text{ rn n s } \text{ wh} \\
 T_i^{h'}(wh) & \text{ r n t } \text{ r t } \text{ t o rs } \text{ h n } \text{ rn n s } \text{ wh} \\
 T_i^u & \text{ n t t } \text{ n n } \text{ p o}
 \end{aligned}$$

Wage distributions

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_h(w) & \text{ cumulative distribution of } w \\
 \overline{F}_h(w) & = 1 - F_h(w) \\
 G_{hi}(w) & \text{ cumulative distribution of } w \text{ on } s_i \\
 g_{hi}(w) & \text{ density of } w \text{ on } s_i \\
 \underline{w}_h, \overline{w}_h & \text{ support of } w \\
 \underline{w}_i & \in \{w_1, q_i^{-1}(\underline{w}_0)\} \\
 \overline{w}_i & \in \{\overline{w}_1, q_i^{-1}(\overline{w}_0)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Firms

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu_h(p) & \text{ distribution of } p \\
 \gamma_h(p) & \text{ density of } p \\
 \underline{p}_h, \overline{p}_h & \text{ support of } p \\
 K_h(p) & \text{ optimal } p \\
 v_h(p) & \text{ optimal } p \\
 c(p, v) & \text{ cost} \\
 l_{hi}(w, v) & \text{ labor } l_{hi}(w, v) \text{ or } i \\
 L_h(w, v) & \text{ total labor } \sum_i n_i l_{hi}(w) \\
 \bar{l}_{hi}(w) & = l_{hi}(w, v) / V_h \\
 \bar{L}_h(w) & = \sum_i n_i \bar{l}_{hi}(w) \\
 \pi(p, v) & \text{ profit } (p - w) h_h \bar{L}_h(w)
 \end{aligned}$$

Matching technology

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_h & \text{ total number of } h \\
 S_h & \text{ total number of } s \\
 M_h(S_h, V_h) & \text{ matching function} \\
 \theta_h & \text{ matching parameter}
 \end{aligned}$$

Further notation from appendix

V_{ui} is a point

$V_{ei}^h(w)$ is a point

$G_{hi}^U(w)$ is a set of points

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