

README File

Build Directory

In order to run the code in the build directory, you must first download or obtain access to the following files, and save these files in the input folder:

Public-use PSID family and individual data sets (see

<https://simba.isr.umich.edu/data/data.aspx>)

Restricted-use PSID county of residence data set (restricted-use data contract required)

AEJ replication file for Jackson and Johnson (2019) (see

<https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/pol.20180510>)

(1) 1_crosswalk_inum_personid.do

This file constructs a crosswalk between PSID family identifiers (which uniquely identify families in the PSID at the survey year level) and PSID person identifiers (which uniquely identify PSID survey respondents).

(2) 2_crosswalk_psid_fips.do

This file imports a crosswalk between PSID state codes and state FIPS codes.

(3) 3_process_psid_restrictedgeogvars_fullsample.do

This file constructs a county of residence that identifies the county in which each survey respondent resided in each survey year. This file also constructs a retrospective “county grew up” variable that identifies the most recent self-report for the county where the survey respondent “grew up”.

(4) 4_process_psid_sampleidvars_fullsample.do

This file identifies the survey respondents in the PSID who belong to the PSID sample (meaning that they are lineal descendants of original sample members).

(5) 5_construct_jjreplicationsample.do

This file produces the Jackson and Johnson replication sample. This file constructs a childhood county of residence variable from scratch in the PSID. It then runs code from makeregdata_part2_post.do in the AEJ replication file (I label sections of code from makeregdata_part2_post.do that were modified or removed in 5_construct_jjreplicationsample.do).

(6) 6_construct_carterreplicationsample.do

This file produces the Carter replication sample. This file constructs from scratch in the PSID as many variables as possible from the Jackson and Johnson replication sample, and applies the same sample restriction as the Jackson and Johnson replication sample.

Analysis Directory

(1) 1_EventStudyFig2_jjreplicationsample.do

This file produces event study plots for educational attainment in adulthood using the Jackson and Johnson replication sample. This file runs code from EventStudyFig2 in the Jackson and Johnson replication file (I label sections of code from EventStudyFig2.do in the AEJ replication file that were modified or removed in 1_EventStudyFig2_jjreplicationsample.do).

(2) 2_EventStudyFig2.do

This file produces event study plots for educational attainment in adulthood using different combinations of variables from the Carter replication sample and the Jackson and Johnson replication sample. This file runs code from EventStudyFig2 in the Jackson and Johnson replication file (I label sections of code from EventStudyFig2.do in the AEJ replication file that were modified or removed in 1_EventStudyFig2_jjreplicationsample.do).