

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)

(1) 1_crosswalk_inum_personid.do, locals_indiv_crosswalk_inum_personid.do

This file produces a crosswalk between unique person identifiers in the PSID and unique family identifiers in the PSID. This file uses data from the PSID public-use individual file.

(2) 2_import_psid_healthvars_fullsample.do,
locals_family_import_psid_healthvars_fullsample.do

This file imports and processes health variables for heads and spouses from the PSID public-use family files. This file constructs a data set containing individual-level health outcomes.

(3) 3_import_psid_othervars_fullsample.do,
locals_family_import_psid_othervars_fullsample.do,
locals_indiv_import_psid_othervars_fullsample.do

This file imports and processes non-health, non-restricted use geographic variables from the PSID public-use individual and family files. This file constructs several data sets containing individual-level characteristics.

(4) 4_import_psid_restrictedgeogvars_fullsample.do

This file imports and processes restricted-use county variables from the PSID restricted-use county geography files. This file constructs a data set that contains the county of residence for each individual in each year.

(5) 5_merge_psid_fullsample.do

This file merges the data sets that I constructed in steps (1) through (4) to form a single data set containing the variables of interest from the PSID.

(6) 6_produce_newvariables_psid_fullsample.do

This file produces individual-level variables from the merged PSID data set. These variables will be used in the empirical analysis.

(7) 7_produce_newvariables_county.do

This file produces county-level variables from a pair of external data sets. These variables will be used in the empirical analysis.

Analysis Directory

(1) 1_producetables.do, producesample.do

This file produces the tables that I include in Chapter 2 of my dissertation.

(2) 2_producefigures.do, producesample.do

This file produces the figures that I include in Chapter 2 of my dissertation.