Codebook for jtpa_earn.RData

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Sources

This is a dataset of monthly earnings (in long form) for adult males and females across the 3 treatment groups (experimental treatment, experimental control, and ENP) for the JTPA program.

The dataset was assembled from 3 sources:

- Data from Section 11 of Heckman et al. (1998), obtained in communication with Jeffrey Smith and Petra Todd. Henceforth referred to as `jtpatrt`.
- Data from Heckman and Smith (1999), obtained in communication with Jeffrey Smith and Petra Todd. Henceforth referred to as `qa`. The original dataset only has data for experimental controls and ENPs.
- Data on total earnings from the National JTPA Study Public Use Data from the Upjohn Institute. Henceforth referred to as `totearn`.

Variables

- `bdif`: unique identifier for individuals
- `recid`: unique record ID
- `month`: month relative to random assignment, ranging from -18 to 24
- `totearn_earn`: total monthly earnings from `totearn` dataset
- `jtpatrt_earn`: total monthly earnings from `jtpatrt` dataset
- `qa_earn`: total monthly earnings from `qa` dataset
- `ra_stat`: treatment group
  - `1`: experimental treatment
  - `2`: experimental control
  - `0`: eligible participant (ENP)

References

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