

Predicting Earnings among Immigrants to Canada: The Role of Source Country

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Overview

- Introduction: The earnings decline of immigrants in Canada
- Results of our analysis: Context matters
- Conclusion: program and policy implications

Variables

Dependent Variable:

Natural logarithm of the respondents
annual earnings in 2002

Level 2 Variable:

Country of origin

Level 1 Independent Variables

Socio-demographic

- Racial minority status
- Sex
- Marital status
- Number of children
- CMA of residence
- Age at immigration
- Time since migration
- Mother's education
- Fathers education

Human Capital

- Level of schooling
- Region of schooling

Ethnic attachment

- Language used at home
- Voting behaviour
- Number of ethnic friends
- Religion
- Sense of belonging to one's ethnic group
- Feelings of trust in one's neighbourhood

Discrimination

- Subjective feelings of discrimination in the workplace