

Table 1. Sample Means of Characteristics for NSW and Comparison Samples

	No. of observations	Age	Education	Black	Hispanic	No degree	Married	RE74 (U.S. \$)	RE75 (U.S. \$)
NSW/Lalonde: ^a									
Treated	297	24.63 (.32)	10.38 (.09)	.80 (.02)	.09 (.01)	.73 (.02)	.17 (.02)		3,066 (236)
Control	425	24.45 (.32)	10.19 (.08)	.80 (.02)	.11 (.02)	.81 (.02)	.16 (.02)		3,026 (252)
RE74 subset: ^b									
Treated	185	25.81 (.35)	10.35 (.10)	.84 (.02)	.059 (.01)	.71 (.02)	.19 (.02)	2,096 (237)	1,532 (156)
Control	260	25.05 (.34)	10.09 (.08)	.83 (.02)	.1 (.02)	.83 (.02)	.15 (.02)	2,107 (276)	1,267 (151)
Comparison groups: ^c									
PSID-1	2,490	34.85 [.78]	12.11 [.23]	.25 [.03]	.032 [.01]	.31 [.04]	.87 [.03]	19,429 [991]	19,063 [1,002]
PSID-2	253	36.10 [1.00]	10.77 [.27]	.39 [.04]	.067 [.02]	.49 [.05]	.74 [.04]	11,027 [853]	7,569 [695]
PSID-3	128	38.25 [1.17]	10.30 [.29]	.45 [.05]	.18 [.03]	.51 [.05]	.70 [.05]	5,566 (686)	2,611 [499]
CPS-1	15,992	33.22 [.81]	12.02 [.21]	.07 [.02]	.07 [.02]	.29 [.03]	.71 [.03]	14,016 [705]	13,650 [682]
CPS-2	2,369	28.25 [.87]	11.24 [.19]	.11 [.02]	.08 [.02]	.45 [.04]	.46 [.04]	8,728 [667]	7,397 [600]
CPS-3	429	28.03 [.87]	10.23 [.23]	.21 [.03]	.14 [.03]	.60 [.04]	.51 [.04]	5,619 [552]	2,467 [288]

NOTE: Standard errors are in parentheses. Standard error on difference in means with RE74 subset/treated is given in brackets. Age = age in years; Education = number of years of schooling; Black = 1 if black, 0 otherwise; Hispanic = 1 if Hispanic, 0 otherwise; No degree = 1 if no high school degree, 0 otherwise; Married = 1 if married, 0 otherwise; REx = earnings in calendar year 19x.

^a NSW sample as constructed by Lalonde (1986).

^b The subset of the Lalonde sample for which RE74 is available.

^c Definition of comparison groups (Lalonde 1986):

PSID-1: All male household heads under age 55 who did not classify themselves as retired in 1975.

PSID-2: Selects from PSID-1 all men who were not working when surveyed in the spring of 1976.

PSID-3: Selects from PSID-2 all men who were not working in 1975.

CPS-1: All CPS males under age 55.

CPS-2: Selects from CPS-1 all males who were not working when surveyed in March 1976.

CPS-3: Selects from CPS-2 all the unemployed males in 1976 whose income in 1975 was below the poverty level.

PSID1-3 and CPS-1 are identical to those used by Lalonde. CPS2-3 are similar to those used by Lalonde, but Lalonde's original subset could not be recreated.