TABLE IV
THE EFFECTS OF AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT AND IMMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY
ON 401(k) PARTICIPATION

| | Automatic enrollment | | Immediate eligibility | |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Participation rate of Window cohort on 6/30/98 | Participation rate of New cohort on 6/30/99 | Participation rate of Old cohort on 6/30/98 | Participation rate of Window cohort on 6/30/99 |
| Overall | 37.4% | 85.9% | 48.7% | 49.4% |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male | 42.3 | 85.7 | 56.1 | 55.9 |
| Female | 35.9 | 86.0 | 46.3 | 47.4 |
| Race/ethnicity | | | | |
| White | 42.7 | 88.2 | 53.4 | 54.4 |
| Black | 21.7 | 81.3 | 30.7 | 32.6 |
| Hispanic | 19.0 | 75.1 | 27.8 | 34.5 |
| Other | 46.2 | 85.2 | 55.0 | 62.9 |
| Age | | | | |
| Age < 20 | | 73.6 | 25.0 | 33.3 |
| Age 20–29 | 25.3 | 82.7 | 36.7 | 36.9 |
| Age 30–39 | 37.2 | 86.3 | 47.9 | 50.3 |
| Age 40–49 | 47.3 | 90.1 | 54.9 | 58.0 |
| Age 50–59 | 51.8 | 90.0 | 64.3 | 64.3 |
| Age 60–64 | 60.0 | 86.0 | 60.6 | 70.0 |
| Compensation | | | | |
| <\$20K | 12.5 | 79.5 | 20.0 | 21.2 |
| \$20-\$29K | 24.5 | 82.8 | 31.7 | 35.3 |
| \$30 – \$39K | 42.2 | 88.9 | 50.1 | 55.4 |
| \$40-\$49K | 51.0 | 91.8 | 61.6 | 64.5 |
| \$50-\$59K | 61.6 | 92.8 | 70.2 | 75.2 |
| \$60 – \$69K | 59.7 | 94.7 | 79.2 | 75.1 |
| \$70 – \$79K | 57.9 | 91.5 | 76.3 | 71.6 |
| 80K + | 68.3 | 94.2 | 76.3 | 82.6 |
| Sample size | N = 4249 | N = 5801 | N = 3275 | N = 4247 |