

Unemployment office and the gender gap

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Motivation : When facing unemployment office, jobseeker put part of their professional fate, in the hand of a qualified but nevertheless human person. This person will try to shape his support/advice the closest to the person in front of him (gender could play a role).

RQ : Do women experience different outcomes compared to men after getting helped by unemployment offices ? Does the help provided systematically differs between men and women ?

Data : FHS × DADS

- Labor market outcomes before and after (typically wages)
- Unemployment office support (type, timing..)
- Usual covariates (age, education, marital status, children)

Empirical Strategy : Differences in Differences should average out gender related effects that are not treatment effect and unemployment related effects that affect both men and women (loss in human capital, social stigma...)