

Table 1. Earnings comparisons and estimated training effects for the national supported work AFDC participants using comparison groups from the PSID and the CPS-SSA*

Name of comparison group	Comparison group earnings growth 1975–1979 (1)	NSW treatment earnings less comparison group earnings Pre-training year, 1975		NSW treatment earnings less comparison group earnings Post-training year, 1979		Difference in differences: Difference in earnings growth 1975–1979 Treatments less comparisons Without age With age	
		Unadjusted (2)	Adjusted† (3)	Unadjusted (4)	Adjusted† (5)	(6)	(7)
NSW Controls	2,942§ (220)	–17 (122)	–22 (122)	851 (307)	861 (306)	833 (323)	833 (323)
PSID-1‡	713 (210)	–6,443 (326)	–4,882 (336)	–3,357 (403)	–2,143 (425)	3,097 (317)	2,657 (333)
PSID-2	1,242 (314)	–1,467 (216)	–1,515 (224)	1,090 (468)	870 (484)	2,568 (473)	2,392 (481)
PSID-3	665 (351)	–77 (202)	–100 (208)	3,057 (532)	2,915 (543)	3,145 (557)	3,020 (563)
PSID-4	928 (311)	–5,694 (306)	–4,976 (323)	–2,822 (460)	–2,268 (491)	2,883 (417)	2,655 (434)

* The columns above present the estimated training effect for each econometric model and comparison group. The dependent variable is earnings in 1979. Based on the experimental data, an unbiased estimate of the impact of training presented in Column 4 is \$851. The first three columns present the difference between each comparison group's 1975 and 1979 earnings and the difference between the pre-training earnings of each comparison group and the NSW treatments.