



# Minimum Wages and Employment: A Case Study of the Fast-Food Industry in New Jersey and Pennsylvania

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# PART 01



# 研究背景

Background Information

# Is This True ?



## Minimum Wages and Employment: A Case Study of the Fast-Food Industry in New Jersey and Pennsylvania

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*On April 1, 1992, New Jersey's minimum wage rose from \$4.25 to \$5.05 per hour. To evaluate the impact of the law we surveyed 410 fast-food restaurants in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania before and after the rise. Comparisons of employment growth at stores in New Jersey and Pennsylvania (where the minimum wage was constant) provide simple estimates of the effect of the higher minimum wage. We also compare employment changes at stores in New Jersey that were initially paying high wages (above \$5) to the changes at lower-wage stores. We find no indication that the rise in the minimum wage reduced employment. (JEL J30, J23)*



1991年4月1日，联邦最低工资为每小时4.25美元（全国）

1990年初，新泽西州决定从1992年4月1日起将工资提高到每小时5.05美元

研究者在1992年2月、1992年11月对新泽西州、宾夕法尼亚州内的410家快餐店进行了调查，统计了包括员工数、起薪等一系列数据。

## 研究特点

1992年美国处于经济下行期，最低工资提高对员工数量的影响不易被经济上行掩盖。

新泽西州的经济与周边州密切相关，因此宾夕法尼亚州可以作为标准对照组。

回访覆盖率较高，数据具有可靠性。

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## 选择快餐店

低薪员工群体

严格遵守最低工资标准

没有小费，工资明确

信息容易获取

PART 02

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# 数据分析

Data Analysis



# Difference-In-Differences

TABLE 3—AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT PER STORE BEFORE AND AFTER THE RISE  
IN NEW JERSEY MINIMUM WAGE

Variable	Stores by state			Stores in New Jersey <sup>a</sup>			Differences within NJ <sup>b</sup>	
	PA (i)	NJ (ii)	Difference, NJ – PA (iii)	Wage = \$4.25 (iv)	Wage = \$4.26–\$4.99 (v)	Wage ≥ \$5.00 (vi)	Low– high (vii)	Midrange– high (viii)
1. FTE employment before, all available observations	23.33 (1.35)	20.44 (0.51)	–2.89 (1.44)	19.56 (0.77)	20.08 (0.84)	22.25 (1.14)	–2.69 (1.37)	–2.17 (1.41)
2. FTE employment after, all available observations	21.17 (0.94)	21.03 (0.52)	–0.14 (1.07)	20.88 (1.01)	20.96 (0.76)	20.21 (1.03)	0.67 (1.44)	0.75 (1.27)
3. Change in mean FTE employment	–2.16 (1.25)	0.59 (0.54)	2.76 (1.36)	1.32 (0.95)	0.87 (0.84)	–2.04 (1.14)	3.36 (1.48)	2.91 (1.41)
4. Change in mean FTE employment, balanced sample of stores <sup>c</sup>	–2.28 (1.25)	0.47 (0.48)	2.75 (1.34)	1.21 (0.82)	0.71 (0.69)	–2.16 (1.01)	3.36 (1.30)	2.87 (1.22)
5. Change in mean FTE employment, setting FTE at temporarily closed stores to 0 <sup>d</sup>	–2.28 (1.25)	0.23 (0.49)	2.51 (1.35)	0.90 (0.87)	0.49 (0.69)	–2.39 (1.02)	3.29 (1.34)	2.88 (1.23)

Notes: Standard errors are shown in parentheses. The sample consists of all stores with available data on employment. FTE (full-time-equivalent) employment counts each part-time worker as half a full-time worker. Employment at six closed stores is set to zero. Employment at four temporarily closed stores is treated as missing.

<sup>a</sup>Stores in New Jersey were classified by whether starting wage in wave 1 equals \$4.25 per hour ( $N = 101$ ), is between \$4.26 and \$4.99 per hour ( $N = 140$ ), or is \$5.00 per hour or higher ( $N = 73$ ).

<sup>b</sup>Difference in employment between low-wage (\$4.25 per hour) and high-wage ( $\geq \$5.00$  per hour) stores; and difference in employment between midrange (\$4.26–\$4.99 per hour) and high-wage stores.

<sup>c</sup>Subset of stores with available employment data in wave 1 and wave 2.

<sup>d</sup>In this row only, wave-2 employment at four temporarily closed stores is set to 0. Employment changes are based on the subset of stores with available employment data in wave 1 and wave 2.

FTE =  
Full-time employees +  
0.5 \* Part-time employees



TABLE 4—REDUCED-FORM MODELS FOR CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

Independent variable	Model				
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
1. New Jersey dummy	2.33 (1.19)	2.30 (1.20)	—	—	—
2. Initial wage gap <sup>a</sup>	—	—	15.65 (6.08)	14.92 (6.21)	11.91 (7.39)
3. Controls for chain and ownership <sup>b</sup>	no	yes	no	yes	yes
4. Controls for region <sup>c</sup>	no	no	no	no	yes
5. Standard error of regression	8.79	8.78	8.76	8.76	8.75
6. Probability value for controls <sup>d</sup>	—	0.34	—	0.44	0.40

*Notes:* Standard errors are given in parentheses. The sample consists of 357 stores with available data on employment and starting wages in waves 1 and 2. The dependent variable in all models is change in FTE employment. The mean and standard deviation of the dependent variable are  $-0.237$  and  $8.825$ , respectively. All models include an unrestricted constant (not reported).

<sup>a</sup>Proportional increase in starting wage necessary to raise starting wage to new minimum rate. For stores in Pennsylvania the wage gap is 0.

<sup>b</sup>Three dummy variables for chain type and whether or not the store is company-owned are included.

<sup>c</sup>Dummy variables for two regions of New Jersey and two regions of eastern Pennsylvania are included.

<sup>d</sup>Probability value of joint  $F$  test for exclusion of all control variables.

$$(1a) \quad \Delta E_i = a + \mathbf{b}\mathbf{X}_i + c\text{NJ}_i + \varepsilon_i$$

$$(1b) \quad \Delta E_i = a' + \mathbf{b}'\mathbf{X}_i + c'\text{GAP}_i + \varepsilon'_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GAP}_i &= 0 && \text{for stores in Pennsylvania} \\ &= 0 && \text{for stores in New Jersey with} \\ &&& W_{1i} \geq \$5.05 \\ &= (5.05 - W_{1i}) / W_{1i} && \text{for other stores in New Jersey.} \end{aligned}$$

# Where did the cost go ?

TABLE 6—EFFECTS OF MINIMUM-WAGE INCREASE ON OTHER OUTCOMES

Outcome measure	Mean change in outcome			Regression of change in outcome variable on:		
	NJ (i)	PA (ii)	NJ – PA (iii)	NJ dummy (iv)	Wage gap <sup>a</sup> (v)	Wage gap <sup>b</sup> (vi)
<i>Store Characteristics:</i>						
1. Fraction full-time workers <sup>c</sup> (percentage)	2.64 (1.71)	-4.65 (3.80)	7.29 (4.17)	7.30 (3.96)	33.64 (20.95)	20.28 (24.34)
2. Number of hours open per weekday	-0.00 (0.06)	0.11 (0.08)	-0.11 (0.10)	-0.11 (0.12)	-0.24 (0.65)	0.04 (0.76)
3. Number of cash registers	-0.04 (0.04)	0.13 (0.10)	-0.17 (0.11)	-0.18 (0.10)	-0.31 (0.53)	0.29 (0.62)
4. Number of cash registers open at 11:00 A.M.	-0.03 (0.05)	-0.20 (0.08)	0.17 (0.10)	0.17 (0.12)	0.15 (0.62)	-0.47 (0.74)
<i>Employee Meal Programs:</i>						
5. Low-price meal program (percentage)	-4.67 (2.65)	-1.28 (3.86)	-3.39 (4.68)	-2.01 (5.63)	-30.31 (29.80)	-33.15 (35.04)
6. Free meal program (percentage)	8.41 (2.17)	6.41 (3.33)	2.00 (3.97)	0.49 (4.50)	29.90 (23.75)	36.91 (27.90)
7. Combination of low-price and free meals (percentage)	-4.04 (1.98)	-5.13 (3.11)	1.09 (3.69)	1.20 (4.32)	-11.87 (22.87)	-19.19 (26.81)
<i>Wage Profile:</i>						
8. Time to first raise (weeks)	3.77 (0.89)	1.26 (1.97)	2.51 (2.16)	2.21 (2.03)	4.02 (10.81)	-5.10 (12.74)
9. Usual amount of first raise (cents)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.02 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	0.03 (0.11)	0.03 (0.11)
10. Slope of wage profile (percent per week)	-0.10 (0.04)	-0.11 (0.09)	0.01 (0.10)	0.01 (0.10)	-0.09 (0.56)	-0.08 (0.57)

Notes: Entries in columns (i) and (ii) represent mean changes in the outcome variable indicated by the row heading for stores with available data on the outcome in waves 1 and 2. Entries in columns (iv)–(vi) represent estimated regression coefficients of indicated variable (NJ dummy or initial wage gap) in models for the change in the outcome variable. Regression models include chain dummies and an indicator for company-owned stores.

<sup>a</sup>The wage gap is the proportional increase in starting wage necessary to raise the wage to the new minimum rate. For stores in Pennsylvania, the wage gap is zero.

<sup>b</sup>Models in column (vi) include dummies for two regions of New Jersey and two regions of eastern Pennsylvania.

<sup>c</sup>Fraction of part-time employees in total full-time-equivalent employment.

TABLE 7—REDUCED-FORM MODELS FOR CHANGE IN THE PRICE OF A FULL MEAL

Independent variable	Dependent variable: change in the log price of a full meal				
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
1. New Jersey dummy	0.033 (0.014)	0.037 (0.014)	—	—	—
2. Initial wage gap <sup>a</sup>	—	—	0.077 (0.075)	0.146 (0.074)	0.063 (0.089)
3. Controls for chain and <sup>b</sup> ownership	no	yes	no	yes	yes
4. Controls for region <sup>c</sup>	no	no	no	no	yes
5. Standard error of regression	0.101	0.097	0.102	0.098	0.097

Notes: Standard errors are given in parentheses. Entries are estimated regression coefficients for models fit to the change in the log price of a full meal (entrée, medium soda, small fries). The sample contains 315 stores with valid data on prices, wages, and employment for waves 1 and 2. The mean and standard deviation of the dependent variable are 0.0173 and 0.1017, respectively.

<sup>a</sup>Proportional increase in starting wage necessary to raise the wage to the new minimum-wage rate. For stores in Pennsylvania the wage gap is 0.

<sup>b</sup>Three dummy variables for chain type and whether or not the store is company-owned are included.

<sup>c</sup>Dummy variables for two regions of New Jersey and two regions of eastern Pennsylvania are included.

时间跨度小，不一定能体现长期效应

调查未记录营业额

统计结果的显著性

## PART 03

# 新增分析

Additional Analysis



# Non-Linearity in GAP effect

TABLE 9-EXTENDED MODELS FOR CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

Independent variable	Model (i)	Model (ii)	Model (iii)
1. Initial wage gap <sup>a</sup>	14.92 (6.21)	19.73 (10.26)	52.69 (24.75)
2. NJ dummy for \$4.25 starting wage <sup>b</sup>		-1.05 (1.79)	
3. Initial wage gap squared <sup>c</sup>			-204.02 (129.43)
4. Controls for chain and ownership <sup>d</sup>	yes	yes	yes
5. R-squared	0.029	0.030	0.036
6. Standard error of regression	8.76	8.77	8.74
7. Probability value for controls <sup>e</sup>	0.44	0.41	0.36
8. Probability value for additional variable <sup>f</sup>		0.56	0.12

## TURNING POINT ANALYSIS FOR MODEL (III)

Turning point of quadratic function: 0.1291 Benchmark comparison value [(5.05-4.25)/4.25]: 0.1882

Gap coefficient: 52.6869 Gap squared coefficient: -204.024766

Interpretation:

- The quadratic relationship peaks/troughs at a wage gap of 0.1291
- This turning point (0.1291) is LOWER than the benchmark (0.1882)
- Difference: 0.0591

$$(1b) \quad \Delta E_i = a' + b'X_i + c'GAP_i + \varepsilon'_i$$

$$\Delta E_i = a' + b'X_i + c'GAP_i + \varepsilon'_i$$

$$\Delta E_i = a' + b'X_i + c'GAP_i + d'Low_i + \varepsilon'_i$$

$$Low_i = 1 \text{ if } Nj_i = 1 \text{ and } Wage_i^{wave1} = 4.25$$

$$\Delta E_i = a' + b'X_i + c'GAP_i + d'GAP_i^2 + \varepsilon'_i$$

## PART 04

# — 复现结果

Reproduction Results



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replication/
├── data/
│   ├── public.dat      # 原始调查数据
│   ├── codebook        # 变量定义和代码
│   └── check.py        # 数据验证脚本
├── utility.py          # 通用工具模块（核心重构成果）
├── test_utility.py     # utility模块测试脚本
├── table_2/            # 关键变量的均值
├── table_3/            # 最低工资上涨前后的就业分析
├── table_4/            # 就业变化的简化式模型
├── table_5/            # 规范检验
├── table_6/            # 对其他结果的影响
├── table_7/            # 价格分析
├── table_8/            # McDonald's餐厅分析
└── README.md          # 本文件
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1 if in southern NJ

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1 if in central NJ

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NORTHJ

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1 if in northern NJ

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1 if in PA, northeast suburbs

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PA2

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1 if in PA, Easton etc

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SHORE

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1 if on NJ shore

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First Interview

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NCALLS

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number of call-backs\*

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EMPFT

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# full-time employees

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# part-time employees

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NMGRS

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# managers/ass't managers

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WAGE\_ST

44

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5.2

starting wage (\$/hr)

27

INCTIME

50

54

5.1

months to usual first raise

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FIRSTINC

56

60

5.2

usual amount of first raise (%)

29

BONUS

62

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1.0

1 if cash bounty for new workers

30

PCTAFF

64

68

5.1

% employees affected by new mgrs

31

MEALS

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70

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free/reduced price code (See I)

32

OPEN

72

76

5.2

hour of opening

33

HRSOPEN

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82

5.2

number hrs open per day

34

PSODA

84

88

5.2

price of medium soda, including tax

35

PFRY

90

94

5.2

price of small fries, including tax

36

PENTREE

96

100

5.2

price of entree, including tax

37

NREGS

102

103

2.0

number of cash registers in store

38

NREGS11

105

106

2.0

number of registers open at 11:00

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Second Interview

41

TYPE2

108

108

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type 2nd interview 1=phone; 2=face

42

STATUS2

110

110

1.0

status of second interview: 0=not done

43

DATE2

112

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6.0

date of second interview MMDD'YY

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NCALLS2

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number of call-backs\*

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utility.py ×

utility.py > ...

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491 # 输出和格式化函数
492 # =====
493
494 > def format_coefficient(coef, se, decimal_places=2): ...
511
512 > def format_number(num, decimal_places=2): ...
528
529 > def save_output_to_file(content, output_path): ...
543
544 > def get_output_path(script_file, filename='output.md'): ...
557
558 # =====
559 # 数据子集选择函数
560 # =====
561
562 > def filter_by_state(df, state='nj'): ...
579
580 > def filter_by_chain(df, chain): ...
603
604 > def create_wage_groups(df): ...
621
622 # =====
623 # 便捷的完整数据处理函数
624 # =====
625
626 > def load_and_prepare_data(method='whitespace', include_temp_closed=False): ...
650
651 # =====
652 # 数据验证函数
653 # =====
654
655 > def validate_data(df, verbose=True): ...
```

replicate.py ×

table\_2 > replicate.py > ...

```
31 def print_table_2(df, output_file=None):
154
155     if output_file:
156         output_content = output_buffer.getvalue()
157         sys.stdout = old_stdout
158         util.save_output_to_file(output_content, output_file)
159         return output_content
160
161     return None
162
163 def main():
164     """
165     主函数
166     """
167     print("Replication of Card and Krueger (1994) Table 2")
168     print("=" * 60)
169
170     # 使用utility模块读取和处理数据
171     df = util.read_data()
172     print(f>Data loaded successfully: {len(df)} observations")
173
174     # 使用utility模块创建衍生变量
175     df = util.create_basic_derived_variables(df)
176
177     # 生成并保存表格到文件
178     output_path = util.get_output_path(__file__)
179
180     # 打印 Table 2 并保存到文件
181     print_table_2(df, output_path)
182
183 if __name__ == "__main__":
184     main()
```



## 复现流程

1. 通读论文，了解论文的目的、结论和用到的工具
2. 查看论文中提到的数据的具体定义和计算方式
3. 查看数据集的格式和码本
4. 以此来编写程序提取分析数据集
5. 如果复现的数据和原始数据不同，分析可能的原因并尝试做出修正
  - 使用 pandas 来读取数据
  - 使用 scipy 库来做矩阵运算，做 t 检验等
  - 使用 statsmodels 提供公式化接口，与 pandas 集成等

## 难点

### 缺失值的处理

- 在分析数据的时候，使用了多种缺失值处理方法
- 比如在平衡子样本中，把第二次采访中不营业的店铺视为缺失值，然后不参与计算。之后又把关门的店铺的员工数视为 0，暂停营业的店铺视为缺失值。在最后又把暂停营业的店铺的员工数视为 0

### 标准差的计算

- 部分表格数据的标准差不知道是怎么计算出来的
- 比如 Table 3 中第三行的标准差，我们使用第一行和第二行的方差之和当作第三行的方差。当然，第三行的标准差并不重要，重要的只是元素值

### 计算精度的差异

- 不少我们复现得出的数据的最后一位数字与原始表格差 1，这大概率是计算精度导致的
- 少部分数据的最后一位数字的差距大于 1，但是又没有很大的差异，我们检查了计算逻辑，并没有发现问题，不清楚为什么会数据不匹配

TABLE 2—MEANS OF KEY VARIABLES

Variable	Stores in:		<i>t</i> <sup>a</sup>
	NJ	PA	
1. <i>Distribution of Store Types (percentages):</i>			
a. Burger King	41.1	44.3	-0.5
b. KFC	20.5	15.2	1.2
c. Roy Rogers	24.8	21.5	0.6
d. Wendy's	13.6	19.0	-1.1
e. Company-owned	34.1	35.4	-0.2
2. <i>Means in Wave 1:</i>			
a. FTE employment	20.4 (0.51)	23.3 (1.35)	-2.0
b. Percentage full-time employees	32.8 (1.3)	35.0 (2.7)	-0.7
c. Starting wage	4.61 (0.02)	4.63 (0.04)	-0.4
d. Wage = \$4.25 (percentage)	30.5 (2.5)	32.9 (5.3)	-0.4
e. Price of full meal	3.35 (0.04)	3.04 (0.07)	4.0
f. Hours open (weekday)	14.4 (0.2)	14.5 (0.3)	-0.3
g. Recruiting bonus	23.6 (2.3)	29.1 (5.1)	-1.0
3. <i>Means in Wave 2:</i>			
a. FTE employment	21.0 (0.52)	21.2 (0.94)	-0.2
b. Percentage full-time employees	35.9 (1.4)	30.4 (2.8)	1.8
c. Starting wage	5.08 (0.01)	4.62 (0.04)	10.8
d. Wage = \$4.25 (percentage)	0.0	25.3 (4.9)	—
e. Wage = \$5.05 (percentage)	85.2 (2.0)	1.3 (1.3)	36.1
f. Price of full meal	3.41 (0.04)	3.03 (0.07)	5.0
g. Hours open (weekday)	14.4 (0.2)	14.7 (0.3)	-0.8
h. Recruiting bonus	20.3 (2.3)	23.4 (4.9)	-0.6

Notes: See text for definitions. Standard errors are given in parentheses.

<sup>a</sup>Test of equality of means in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

TABLE 2-MEANS OF KEY VARIABLES

Variable	NJ	PA	$t^a$
<b>1. Distribution of Store Types (percentages):</b>			
a. Burger King	41.1	44.3	-0.5
b. KFC	20.5	15.2	1.1
c. Roy Rogers	24.8	21.5	0.6
d. Wendy's	13.6	19.0	-1.2
e. Company-owned	34.1	35.4	-0.2
<b>2. Means in Wave 1:</b>			
a. FTE employment	20.4 (0.51)	23.3 (1.35)	-2.4
b. Percentage full-time employees	32.8 (1.3)	35.0 (2.7)	-0.7
c. Starting wage	4.61 (0.02)	4.63 (0.04)	-0.4
d. \$Wage=\$4.25\$ (percentage)	32.6 (1.9)	32.2 (4.1)	0.1
e. Price of full meal	3.35 (0.04)	3.04 (0.07)	3.8
f. Hours open (weekday)	14.4 (0.2)	14.5 (0.3)	-0.3
g. Recruiting bonus	23.6 (2.3)	29.1 (5.1)	-1.0
<b>3. Means in Wave 2:</b>			
a. FTE employment	21.0 (0.52)	21.2 (0.94)	-0.1
b. Percentage full-time employees	35.9 (1.4)	30.4 (2.8)	1.8
c. Starting wage	5.08 (0.01)	4.62 (0.04)	19.7
d. \$Wage=\$4.25\$ (percentage)	0.0	39.0 (4.9)	
e. \$Wage=\$5.05\$ (percentage)	85.7 (1.9)	1.3 (1.3)	21.2
f. Price of full meal	3.41 (0.04)	3.03 (0.07)	4.7
g. Hours open (weekday)	14.4 (0.2)	14.7 (0.3)	-0.7
h. Recruiting bonus	19.3 (2.2)	22.8 (4.7)	-0.7



TABLE 3—AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT PER STORE BEFORE AND AFTER THE RISE  
IN NEW JERSEY MINIMUM WAGE

Variable	Stores by state			Stores in New Jersey <sup>a</sup>			Differences within NJ <sup>b</sup>	
	PA (i)	NJ (ii)	Difference, NJ – PA (iii)	Wage = \$4.25 (iv)	Wage = \$4.26–\$4.99 (v)	Wage ≥ \$5.00 (vi)	Low– high (vii)	Midrange– high (viii)
1. FTE employment before, all available observations	23.33 (1.35)	20.44 (0.51)	–2.89 (1.44)	19.56 (0.77)	20.08 (0.84)	22.25 (1.14)	–2.69 (1.37)	–2.17 (1.41)
2. FTE employment after, all available observations	21.17 (0.94)	21.03 (0.52)	–0.14 (1.07)	20.88 (1.01)	20.96 (0.76)	20.21 (1.03)	0.67 (1.44)	0.75 (1.27)
3. Change in mean FTE employment	–2.16 (1.25)	0.59 (0.54)	2.76 (1.36)	1.32 (0.95)	0.87 (0.84)	–2.04 (1.14)	3.36 (1.48)	2.91 (1.41)
4. Change in mean FTE employment, balanced sample of stores <sup>c</sup>	–2.28 (1.25)	0.47 (0.48)	2.75 (1.34)	1.21 (0.82)	0.71 (0.69)	–2.16 (1.01)	3.36 (1.30)	2.87 (1.22)
5. Change in mean FTE employment, setting FTE at temporarily closed stores to 0 <sup>d</sup>	–2.28 (1.25)	0.23 (0.49)	2.51 (1.35)	0.90 (0.87)	0.49 (0.69)	–2.39 (1.02)	3.29 (1.34)	2.88 (1.23)

Notes: Standard errors are shown in parentheses. The sample consists of all stores with available data on employment. FTE (full-time-equivalent) employment counts each part-time worker as half a full-time worker. Employment at six closed stores is set to zero. Employment at four temporarily closed stores is treated as missing.

<sup>a</sup>Stores in New Jersey were classified by whether starting wage in wave 1 equals \$4.25 per hour ( $N = 101$ ), is between \$4.26 and \$4.99 per hour ( $N = 140$ ), or is \$5.00 per hour or higher ( $N = 73$ ).

<sup>b</sup>Difference in employment between low-wage (\$4.25 per hour) and high-wage ( $\geq$  \$5.00 per hour) stores; and difference in employment between midrange (\$4.26–\$4.99 per hour) and high-wage stores.

<sup>c</sup>Subset of stores with available employment data in wave 1 and wave 2.

<sup>d</sup>In this row only, wave-2 employment at four temporarily closed stores is set to 0. Employment changes are based on the subset of stores with available employment data in wave 1 and wave 2.

TABLE 3—AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT PER STORE BEFORE AND AFTER THE RISE IN NEW JERSEY MINIMUM WAGE

Variable	PA (i)	NJ (ii)	Difference, NJ-PA (iii)	NJ Wage = \$4.25 (iv)	NJ Wage = \$4.26-\$4.99 (v)	NJ Wage ≥ \$5.00 (vi)	Diff Low-high (vii) <sup>b</sup>	Diff Midrange-high (viii) <sup>b</sup>
1. FTE employment before, all available observations <sup>a</sup>	23.33 (1.35)	20.44 (0.51)	-2.89 (1.91)	19.56 (0.77)	20.08 (0.84)	22.25 (1.14)	-2.69 (1.61)	-2.17 (1.61)
2. FTE employment after, all available observations <sup>a</sup>	21.17 (0.94)	21.03 (0.52)	-0.14 (1.33)	20.88 (1.01)	20.96 (0.76)	20.21 (1.03)	0.66 (1.45)	0.74 (1.45)
3. Change in mean FTE employment	-2.17 (1.91)	0.59 (0.72)	2.75 (2.70)	1.32 (1.10)	0.87 (1.19)	-2.04 (1.61)	3.36 (2.27)	2.91 (2.27)
4. Change in mean FTE employment, balanced sample of stores <sup>c</sup>	-2.28 (1.25)	0.47 (0.48)	2.75 (1.77)	1.20 (0.82)	0.71 (0.69)	-2.16 (1.01)	3.36 (1.42)	2.87 (1.42)
5. Change in mean FTE employment, setting FTE at temporarily closed stores to 0 <sup>d</sup>	-2.28 (1.25)	0.33 (0.49)	2.61 (1.77)	0.90 (0.87)	0.60 (0.69)	-2.16 (1.01)	3.05 (1.42)	2.76 (1.42)

TABLE 4—REDUCED-FORM MODELS FOR CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

Independent variable	Model				
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
1. New Jersey dummy	2.33 (1.19)	2.30 (1.20)	—	—	—
2. Initial wage gap <sup>a</sup>	—	—	15.65 (6.08)	14.92 (6.21)	11.91 (7.39)
3. Controls for chain and ownership <sup>b</sup>	no	yes	no	yes	yes
4. Controls for region <sup>c</sup>	no	no	no	no	yes
5. Standard error of regression	8.79	8.78	8.76	8.76	8.75
6. Probability value for controls <sup>d</sup>	—	0.34	—	0.44	0.40

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Independent variable	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
1. New Jersey dummy	2.33 (1.19)	2.30 (1.20)			
2. Initial wage gap <sup>a</sup>			15.65 (6.08)	14.92 (6.21)	11.98 (7.42)
3. Controls for chain and ownership <sup>b</sup>	no	yes	no	yes	yes
4. Controls for region <sup>c</sup>	no	no	no	no	yes
5. Standard error of regression	8.79	8.78	8.76	8.76	8.75
6. Probability value for controls <sup>d</sup>		0.34		0.44	0.40

$$(1a) \quad \Delta E_i = a + \mathbf{b}\mathbf{X}_i + c\text{NJ}_i + \varepsilon_i$$

or

$$(1b) \quad \Delta E_i = a' + \mathbf{b}'\mathbf{X}_i + c'\text{GAP}_i + \varepsilon'_i$$

where  $\Delta E_i$  is the change in employment from wave 1 to wave 2 at store  $i$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_i$  is a set of characteristics of store  $i$ , and  $\text{NJ}_i$  is a dummy variable that equals 1 for stores in New Jersey.  $\text{GAP}_i$  is an alternative measure of the impact of the minimum wage at store  $i$  based on the initial wage at that store ( $W_{1i}$ ):

$\text{GAP}_i = 0$  for stores in Pennsylvania

$= 0$  for stores in New Jersey with

$$W_{1i} \geq \$5.05$$

$$= (5.05 - W_{1i}) / W_{1i}$$

for other stores in New Jersey.

TABLE 4—REDUCED-FORM MODELS FOR CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT

Independent variable	Model				
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
1. New Jersey dummy	2.33 (1.19)	2.30 (1.20)	—	—	—
2. Initial wage gap <sup>a</sup>	—	—	15.65 (6.08)	14.92 (6.21)	11.91 (7.39)
3. Controls for chain and ownership <sup>b</sup>	no	yes	no	yes	yes
4. Controls for region <sup>c</sup>	no	no	no	no	yes
5. Standard error of regression	8.79	8.78	8.76	8.76	8.75
6. Probability value for controls <sup>d</sup>	—	0.34	—	0.44	0.40

*Notes:* Standard errors are given in parentheses. The sample consists of 357 stores with available data on employment and starting wages in waves 1 and 2. The dependent variable in all models is change in FTE employment. The mean and standard deviation of the dependent variable are  $-0.237$  and  $8.825$ , respectively. All models include an unrestricted constant (not reported).

<sup>a</sup>Proportional increase in starting wage necessary to raise starting wage to new minimum rate. For stores in Pennsylvania the wage gap is 0.

<sup>b</sup>Three dummy variables for chain type and whether or not the store is company-owned are included.

<sup>c</sup>Dummy variables for two regions of New Jersey and two regions of eastern Pennsylvania are included.

<sup>d</sup>Probability value of joint  $F$  test for exclusion of all control variables.



TABLE 5—SPECIFICATION TESTS OF REDUCED-FORM EMPLOYMENT MODELS

Specification	Change in employment		Proportional change in employment	
	NJ dummy (i)	Gap measure (ii)	NJ dummy (iii)	Gap measure (iv)
1. Base specification	2.30 (1.19)	14.92 (6.21)	0.05 (0.05)	0.34 (0.26)
2. Treat four temporarily closed stores as permanently closed <sup>a</sup>	2.20 (1.21)	14.42 (6.31)	0.04 (0.05)	0.34 (0.27)
3. Exclude managers in employment count <sup>b</sup>	2.34 (1.17)	14.69 (6.05)	0.05 (0.07)	0.28 (0.34)
4. Weight part-time as 0.4×full-time <sup>c</sup>	2.34 (1.20)	15.23 (6.23)	0.06 (0.06)	0.30 (0.33)
5. Weight part-time as 0.6×full-time <sup>d</sup>	2.27 (1.21)	14.60 (6.26)	0.04 (0.06)	0.17 (0.29)
6. Exclude stores in NJ shore area <sup>e</sup>	2.58 (1.19)	16.88 (6.36)	0.06 (0.05)	0.42 (0.27)
7. Add controls for wave-2 interview date <sup>f</sup>	2.27 (1.20)	15.79 (6.24)	0.05 (0.05)	0.40 (0.26)
8. Exclude stores called more than twice in wave 1 <sup>g</sup>	2.41 (1.28)	14.08 (7.11)	0.05 (0.05)	0.31 (0.29)
9. Weight by initial employment <sup>h</sup>	—	—	0.13 (0.05)	0.81 (0.26)
10. Stores in towns around Newark <sup>i</sup>	—	33.75 (16.75)	—	0.90 (0.74)
11. Stores in towns around Camden <sup>j</sup>	—	10.91 (14.09)	—	0.21 (0.70)
12. Pennsylvania stores only <sup>k</sup>	—	-0.30 (22.00)	—	-0.33 (0.74)

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Specification	Change in employment		Proportional change in employment	
	NJ dummy (i)	Gap measure (ii)	NJ dummy (iii)	Gap measure (iv)
1. Base specification	2.30 (1.20)	14.92 (6.21)	0.05 (0.05)	0.34 (0.26)
2. Treat four temporarily closed stores as permanently closed <sup>a</sup>	2.15 (1.21)	13.90 (6.29)	0.04 (0.05)	0.31 (0.27)
3. Exclude managers in employment count <sup>b</sup>	2.34 (1.17)	14.69 (6.05)	0.05 (0.06)	0.40 (0.30)
4. Weight part-time as 0.4 x full-time <sup>c</sup>	2.34 (1.20)	15.23 (6.23)	0.05 (0.05)	0.34 (0.26)
5. Weight part-time as 0.6 x full-time <sup>d</sup>	2.27 (1.21)	14.60 (6.26)	0.05 (0.05)	0.34 (0.26)
6. Exclude stores in NJ shore area	2.59 (1.20)	16.88 (6.37)	0.06 (0.05)	0.42 (0.27)
7. Add controls for wave-2 interview date	2.29 (1.20)	15.22 (6.22)	0.05 (0.05)	0.35 (0.26)
8. Exclude stores called more than twice in wave 1 <sup>g</sup>	2.42 (1.29)	14.08 (7.11)	0.05 (0.05)	0.31 (0.29)
9. Weight by initial employment <sup>h</sup>			0.13 (0.05)	0.81 (0.26)
10. Stores in towns around Newark <sup>i</sup>		12.26 (8.68)		0.35 (0.38)
11. Stores in towns around Camden <sup>j</sup>		8.92 (10.58)		0.10 (0.57)
12. Pennsylvania stores only <sup>k</sup>		-0.30 (22.00)		-0.33 (0.74)

TABLE 6—EFFECTS OF MINIMUM-WAGE INCREASE ON OTHER OUTCOMES

Outcome measure	Mean change in outcome			Regression of change in outcome variable on:		
	NJ (i)	PA (ii)	NJ – PA (iii)	NJ dummy (iv)	Wage gap <sup>a</sup> (v)	Wage gap <sup>b</sup> (vi)
<i>Store Characteristics:</i>						
1. Fraction full-time workers <sup>c</sup> (percentage)	2.64 (1.71)	– 4.65 (3.80)	7.29 (4.17)	7.30 (3.96)	33.64 (20.95)	20.28 (24.34)
2. Number of hours open per weekday	– 0.00 (0.06)	0.11 (0.08)	– 0.11 (0.10)	– 0.11 (0.12)	– 0.24 (0.65)	0.04 (0.76)
3. Number of cash registers	– 0.04 (0.04)	0.13 (0.10)	– 0.17 (0.11)	– 0.18 (0.10)	– 0.31 (0.53)	0.29 (0.62)
4. Number of cash registers open at 11:00 A.M.	– 0.03 (0.05)	– 0.20 (0.08)	0.17 (0.10)	0.17 (0.12)	0.15 (0.62)	– 0.47 (0.74)
<i>Employee Meal Programs:</i>						
5. Low-price meal program (percentage)	– 4.67 (2.65)	– 1.28 (3.86)	– 3.39 (4.68)	– 2.01 (5.63)	– 30.31 (29.80)	– 33.15 (35.04)
6. Free meal program (percentage)	8.41 (2.17)	6.41 (3.33)	2.00 (3.97)	0.49 (4.50)	29.90 (23.75)	36.91 (27.90)
7. Combination of low-price and free meals (percentage)	– 4.04 (1.98)	– 5.13 (3.11)	1.09 (3.69)	1.20 (4.32)	– 11.87 (22.87)	– 19.19 (26.81)
<i>Wage Profile:</i>						
8. Time to first raise (weeks)	3.77 (0.89)	1.26 (1.97)	2.51 (2.16)	2.21 (2.03)	4.02 (10.81)	– 5.10 (12.74)
9. Usual amount of first raise (cents)	– 0.01 (0.01)	– 0.02 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	0.03 (0.11)	0.03 (0.11)
10. Slope of wage profile (percent per week)	– 0.10 (0.04)	– 0.11 (0.09)	0.01 (0.10)	0.01 (0.10)	– 0.09 (0.56)	– 0.08 (0.57)

Notes: Entries in columns (i) and (ii) represent mean changes in the outcome variable indicated by the row heading for stores with available data on the outcome in waves 1 and 2. Entries in columns (iv)–(vi) represent estimated regression coefficients of indicated variable (NJ dummy or initial wage gap) in models for the change in the outcome variable. Regression models include chain dummies and an indicator for company-owned stores.

<sup>a</sup>The wage gap is the proportional increase in starting wage necessary to raise the wage to the new minimum rate. For stores in Pennsylvania, the wage gap is zero.

<sup>b</sup>Models in column (vi) include dummies for two regions of New Jersey and two regions of eastern Pennsylvania.

<sup>c</sup>Fraction of part-time employees in total full-time-equivalent employment.

Outcome measure	Mean change in outcome			Regression of change in outcome variable on:		
	NJ (i)	PA (ii)	NJ-PA (iii)	NJ dummy (iv)	Wage gap <sup>a</sup> (v)	Wage gap <sup>b</sup> (vi)
Store Characteristics:						
1. Fraction full-time workers (percentage) <sup>c</sup>	2.65 (1.71)	-4.65 (3.80)	7.30 (4.17)	7.30 (3.95)	33.64 (20.95)	20.28 (24.35)
2. Number of hours open per weekday	-0.00 (0.06)	0.11 (0.08)	-0.11 (0.10)	-0.11 (0.12)	0.04 (0.76)	-0.24 (0.65)
3. Number of cash registers	-0.04 (0.04)	0.13 (0.10)	-0.17 (0.11)	-0.18 (0.10)	0.29 (0.62)	-0.31 (0.53)
4. Number of cash registers open at 11:00 A.M.	-0.04 (0.05)	-0.22 (0.09)	0.18 (0.10)	0.18 (0.12)	0.20 (0.63)	-0.44 (0.74)
Employee Meal Programs:						
5. Low-price meal program (percentage)	-4.67 (2.65)	-1.28 (3.86)	-3.39 (4.68)	-2.01 (5.63)	-30.31 (29.80)	-33.15 (35.04)
6. Free meal program (percentage)	8.41 (2.17)	6.41 (3.33)	2.00 (3.97)	0.49 (4.50)	29.90 (23.75)	36.91 (27.90)
7. Combination of low-price and free meals (percentage)	-4.04 (1.98)	-5.13 (3.11)	1.09 (3.69)	1.20 (4.32)	-11.87 (22.87)	-19.19 (26.81)
Wage Profile:						
8. Time to first raise (weeks)	3.77 (0.89)	1.26 (1.97)	2.51 (2.16)	2.21 (2.03)	-5.10 (12.74)	4.02 (10.81)
9. Usual amount of first raise (cents)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.02 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	0.03 (0.11)	0.03 (0.11)
10. Slope of wage profile (percent per week)	-0.10 (0.04)	-0.11 (0.09)	0.01 (0.10)	0.01 (0.10)	-0.09 (0.56)	-0.08 (0.57)



**TABLE 7—REDUCED-FORM MODELS FOR CHANGE IN THE PRICE OF A FULL MEAL**

Independent variable	Dependent variable: change in the log price of a full meal				
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
1. New Jersey dummy	0.033 (0.014)	0.037 (0.014)	—	—	—
2. Initial wage gap <sup>a</sup>	—	—	0.077 (0.075)	0.146 (0.074)	0.063 (0.089)
3. Controls for chain and ownership <sup>b</sup>	no	yes	no	yes	yes
4. Controls for region <sup>c</sup>	no	no	no	no	yes
5. Standard error of regression	0.101	0.097	0.102	0.098	0.097

*Notes:* Standard errors are given in parentheses. Entries are estimated regression coefficients for models fit to the change in the log price of a full meal (entrée, medium soda, small fries). The sample contains 315 stores with valid data on prices, wages, and employment for waves 1 and 2. The mean and standard deviation of the dependent variable are 0.0173 and 0.1017, respectively.

<sup>a</sup>Proportional increase in starting wage necessary to raise the wage to the new minimum-wage rate. For stores in Pennsylvania the wage gap is 0.

<sup>b</sup>Three dummy variables for chain type and whether or not the store is company-owned are included.

<sup>c</sup>Dummy variables for two regions of New Jersey and two regions of eastern Pennsylvania are included.

Independent variable	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
1. New Jersey dummy	0.031 (0.015)	0.036 (0.014)			
2. Initial wage gap			0.072 (0.075)	0.143 (0.075)	0.067 (0.090)
3. Controls for chain and ownership	no	yes	no	yes	yes
4. Controls for region	no	no	no	no	yes
5. Standard error of regression	0.101	0.098	0.102	0.098	0.098



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