The Coleridge Initiative's Applied Data Analytics Class at the University of Missouri

How Many Missouri Graduates are Expected to Get a Job Out-of-State?

Team 1

RESEARCH QUESTION

What are the characteristics of Missouri's bachelor's degree graduates that seek employment outside of the state?

Cohort:

Due to the nature of the problem requiring training and testing sets, this group defined their cohort as 2011 and 2013 graduates for their training and testing sets, respectively.

Outcome of Interest

Post-secondary education graduates from Indiana with bachelor's degrees that left Indiana for full-time employment within one year of graduation.

Metrics:

- The group started measuring employment five quarters after the individual's graduation term.
- Full-time employment: Full-quarter employment, the presence of wages with the same employer for three consecutive quarters.

Data Providers/Sources

Missouri Department of Higher Education

Post-Secondary Education Completion data

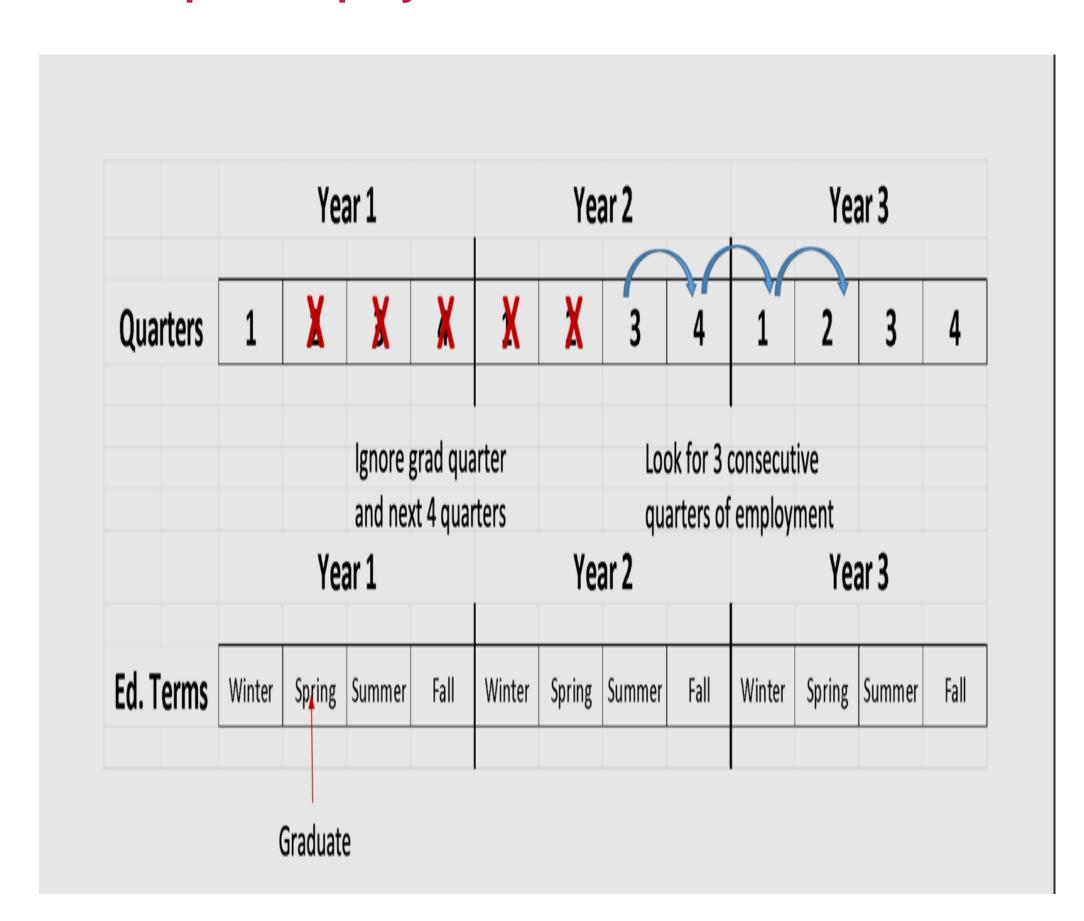
Missouri Division of Employment Security

Unemployment Insurance wage records

Open-source Datasets

- American Community Survey
- QWI Explorer
- Cross Domestic Product by State
- Industry Wages
- Median and Annual Average Income by state
- Public University Research & Development funding by state

Example: Employment Location Determination



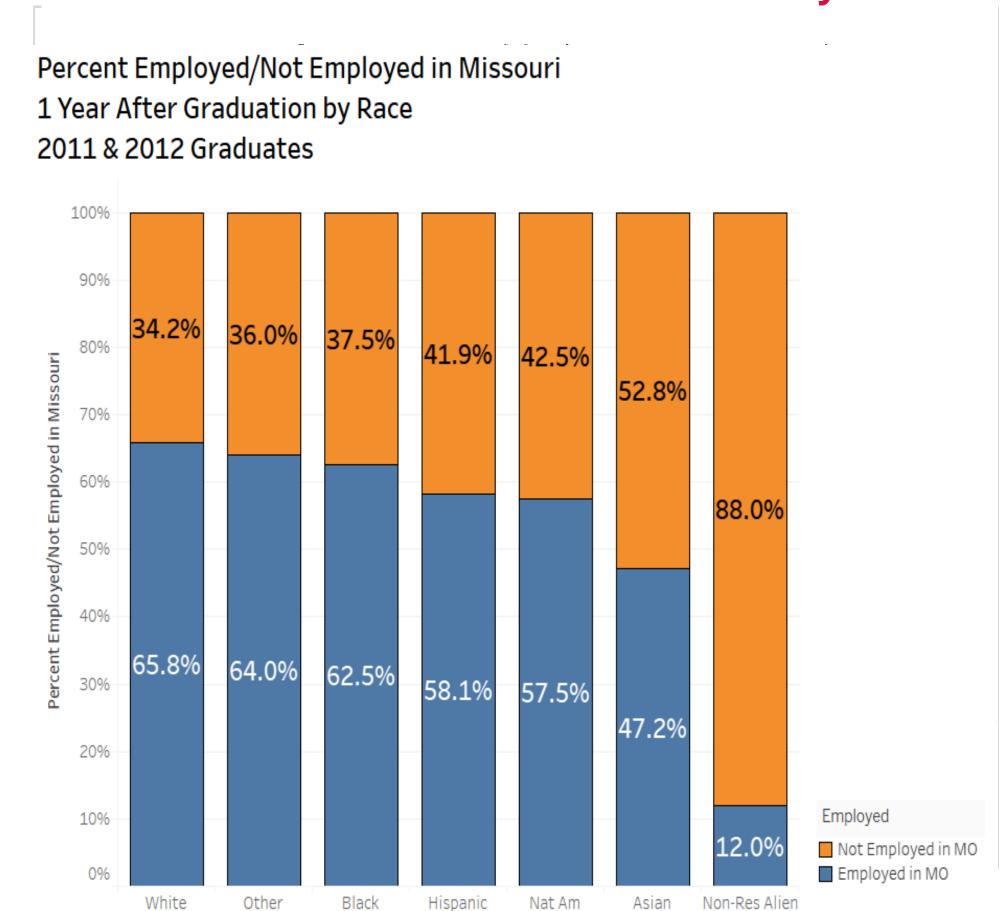
As demonstrated in the example above, a member of this cohort must have at least three quarters of any employment to be designated as employed. Within those 3+ quarters, it is possible for one to be designated as working in multiple states if they received wages from an employer in another state at a point within the quarters in question.

Key Findings

Of this cohort:

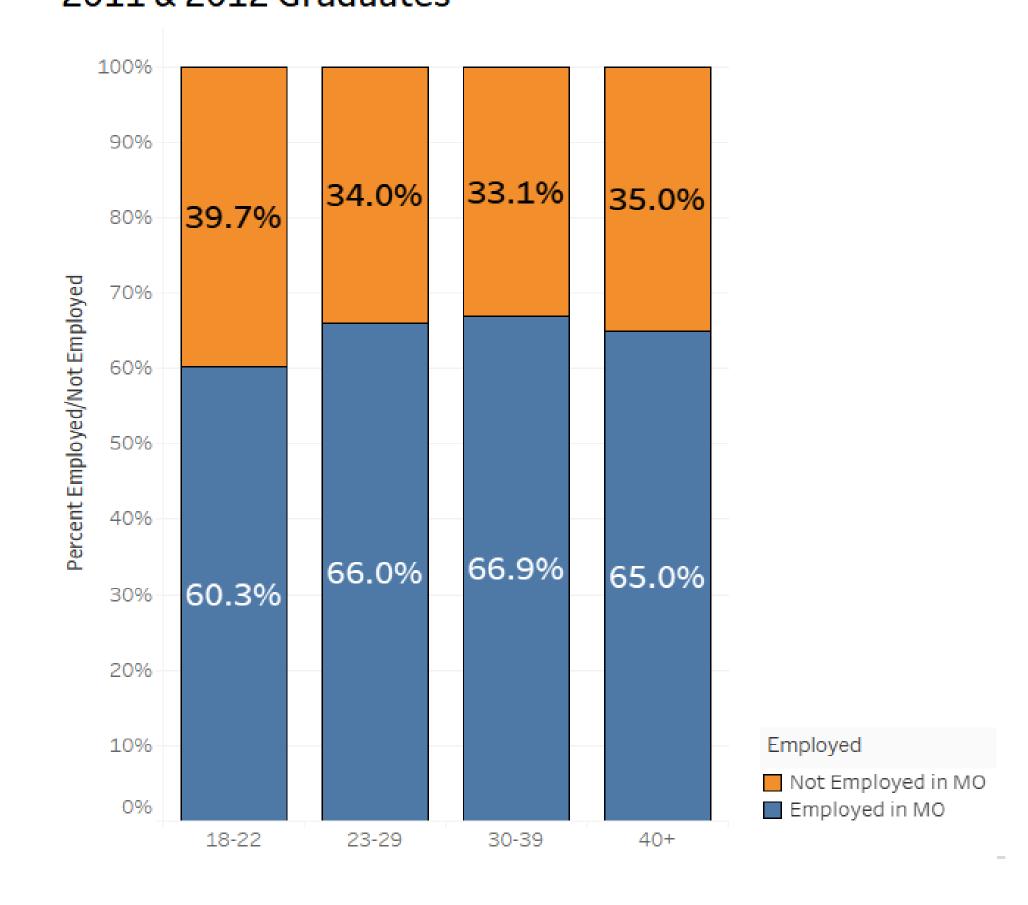
- Missouri bachelor's degree graduates who were minorities, internationals, out-of-state students, and those with STEM degrees were likely to be employed out-of-state.
- In-state graduates and those aged 23-39 were most likely to be employed in Missouri.

Percent Employed/Not Employed in Missouri 1 Year After Graduation by Race

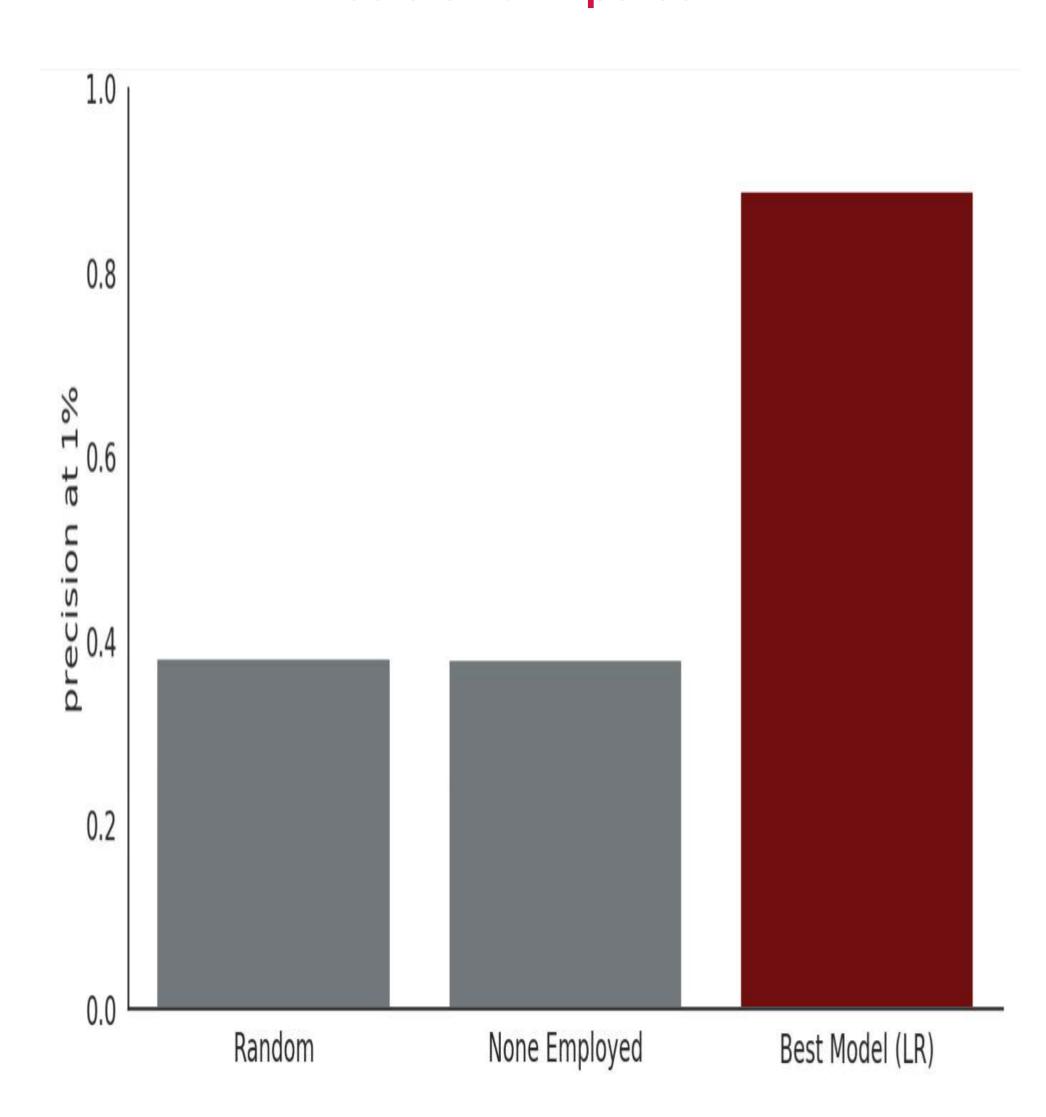


Percent Employed/Not Employed in Missouri 1 Year After Graduation by Age Group

Percent Employed/Not Employed in Missouri 1 Year After Graduation by Age Group 2011 & 2012 Graduates



Machine Learning Model Comparison: Precision at 1 percent



Caveats

The group made a key assumption that individuals not found in the Missouri wage data were employed out of state.

Possible Extensions

Conduct a similar analysis using Unemployment Insurance wage records from other states, particularly bordering states, which would nullify the caveat of this project by accurately identifying out-of-state workers.

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