

Card and Krueger, American Economic Review (1994) “Minimum Wages and Employment: A Case Study of the Fast-Food Industry in New Jersey and Pennsylvania”

The original replication file njmin.zip is posted on David Card’s website
http://davidcard.berkeley.edu/data_sets.html

CK1994 is a reorganized and slightly abridged version of the Card-Krueger data set. Their data set was organized with one row per store. CK1994 is reorganized so that each row is one observation, and therefore each store has two rows. Variables specific to each survey are dropped.

CK1994 has 820 observations and 26 variables. The sample contains 410 restaurants (stores), 331 in New Jersey and 79 in Pennsylvania.

| Name | Label | |
|--------------|---|---|
| store | Unique store ID | |
| chain | 1=Burger King, 2=KFC, 3=Roys, 4=Wendys | |
| co-owned | 1 if company owned (else 0) | |
| state | 1 if New Jersey; 0 if Pennsylvania | dummy to define the DiD (control and treatment) |
| southj | 1 if in south NJ# full-time employees | |
| centralj | 1 if in central NJ | |
| northj | 1 if in northern NJ | |
| pa1 | 1 if in PA, northeast suburbs of Philadelphia | |
| pa2 | 1 if in PA, otherwise | |
| shore | 1 if on NJ shore | |
| ncalls | Number of call-backs (0 if contacted on first call) | |
| empft | # full-time employees | |
| emppt | # part-time employees | |
| nmgrs | # managers/assistant managers | |
| wage_st | Starting wage (dollars per hour) | |
| incinme | Months to usual first raise | |
| firstinc | Usual amount of first raise (dollars/hour) | |
| meals | Free/reduced price code (see below) | |
| open | Hour of opening | |
| hoursopen | Number hours open per day | |
| pricesoda | Price of medium soda, including tax | |
| pricefry | Price of small fries, including tax | |
| priceentree | Price of entrée, including tax | |
| nregisters | Number of cash registers in store | |
| nregisters11 | Number of registers open at 11am | |
| time | 0 if first survey (2/15/1992 – 3/4/1992) 1 if second survey (11/5/1992 – 12/31/1992) | |

Free/reduced Meal Variable:

0 = none

1 = free meals

2 = reduced price meals

3 = both free and reduced-price meals