# Escaping the Losses from Trade: The Impact of Heterogeneity and Skill Acquisition

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- o Two questions:
  - + Do trade shocks affect college decisions?
  - + What are the welfare consequences in the short- and long-run?

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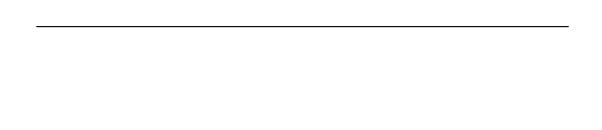
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#### o Model:

- + Short-run:
  - Higher college premium & increased college enrollment . . . for wealthy households
  - Uneven welfare gains/losses determined by region, sector, and wealth
- + Long-run:
  - Higher college enrollment mitigates the initial increase in the college premium
  - Endogenous skill acquisitions makes long-run welfare gains more equal

### Related literature

- Trade shocks and labor market adjustment
  - Autor, Dorn & Hanson (2013), Pierce & Schott (2016), Artuç, Chaudhuri, & McLaren (2010), Dix-Carneiro (2014), Traiberman (2020), Caliendo, Dvorkin & Parro (2019), Dix-Carneiro et al. (2023)...
- o Trade (spatial), human capital, and inequality
  - Findlay & Kierzkowski (1983), Blanchard & Willmann (2016), Danziger (2017), Kleineberg & Eckert (2021), Ghose (2023),
  - Atkin (2016), Greenland & Lopestri (2016), Blanchard & Olney (2018), Thukuri (2021)
  - Katz and Murphy (1992), Autor, Katz and Kearney (2008), Keane and Wolpin (1997), Huggett, Ventura and Yaron (2011), Guner, Ruggieri and Tybout (2022)
  - Helpman et al. (2010, 2017), Antràs et al. (2017), Burstein et al. (2016), Burstein & Vogel (2017)
- Macroeconomics and skill acquisition
  - Charles, Hurst & Notowidigdo (2016)
  - Abbott, Gallipoli, Meghir & Violante (2019), Daruich (2022)
  - Adao, Beraja & Pandalai-Nayar (2020)
- o Heterogeneous-agent trade-spatial macro models
  - Lyon & Waugh (2018, 2019), Carroll & Hur (2020,2022), Giannone et al. (2023), Greeney (2023), Waugh (2023), Dvorkin (2023)



**Evidence** 

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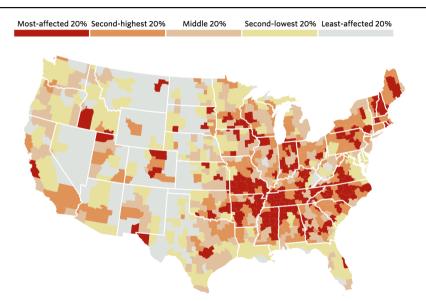
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o Data overview: 722 commuting zones (regions), two waves

+ Period 1990-2000:  $\Delta IPW_{rt}$  Median:  $\approx$ \$1,000, IQR: \$600

+ Period 2000-2007:  $\Delta IPW_{rt}$  Median:  $\approx$ \$2,000, IQR: \$1,500

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- 2. Consider individual level PSID data  $\rightarrow$  can follow individuals over time
  - → High school graduates enrolled in college Can link individuals to household

# Effect on education by wealth level

o Strategy 2: individual level regressions with PSID data

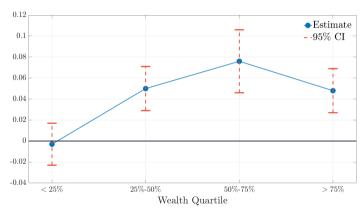
Linear prob model on college enrollment,  $e_{nrt} \in \{0,1\}$ 

$$e_{nrt} = \sum_{q} \beta^{q} \mathbb{I}_{\left\{Y_{h(n)rt} \in q\right\}} \Delta IPW_{rt} + \theta_{Y} Y_{h(n)rt} + \theta_{e} e_{h(n)rt}^{p} + \delta X_{rt} + u_{nrt}$$

- + Quartiles by households' wealth  $Y_{nrt}$ :
  - groups: <25%, 25%-50%, 50%-75%, >75%
- + controls: family wealth + HH's head education + regional-level

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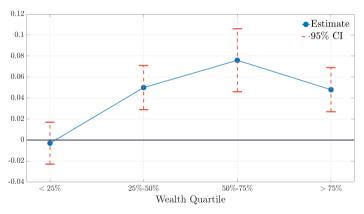
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### **Evidence** - main takeaways

- 1. Trade shocks detrimental labor market outcomes
  - → especially for less educated workers
- 2. Young individuals adjust by enrolling into college
- 3. Enrollment increase driven by the middle/top of the wealth distribution

Model

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  - + Households/Workers: continuum & finitely-lived
    - o Education: one-time decision at age  $j=1 \rightarrow$  utility cost + preference shock
    - o Sector-Region (LLM): switch at any age → utility cost + preference shock
    - o Intervivos transfer to kid at age  $j=J_k o$  bequest motive
    - o Idiosyncratic labor risk, save in bonds return  $r^*$ , retire at  $J_R$

### Intermediate goods – tradable – sector i = s, m

$$\max_{L_{cri}, L_{nri}} p_{ri} z_{ri} \left( \frac{\gamma_{ri} L_{cri}^{\frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma}} + (1 - \gamma_{ri}) L_{nri}^{\frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma - 1}} - w_{cri} L_{cri} - w_{nri} L_{nri}$$

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#### Key assumptions:

- o college and non-college workers are substitutes:  $\sigma>1$
- o Service is more intensive in college workers:  $\gamma_{rs} > \gamma_{rm}$  (Cravino and Sotelo, 2018)

Decline in manufacturing w.r.t. services  $\rightarrow$  lower demand for non-college w.r.t. college workers

## Final goods – non-tradable – sector i = s, m

+ Technology: 
$$Q_{ri} = \left[\omega^{\frac{1}{\eta_i}} D_{ri}^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}} + (1-\omega)^{\frac{1}{\eta}} (D_{ri}^*)^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}}\right]^{\frac{\eta}{\eta-1}}$$

 $\rightarrow D_i$  composite of domestic intermediates and  $D_i^*$  imported one

$$D_{ri} = \left(\sum_{r' \in \mathcal{R}} \alpha_{rr'}^{\frac{1}{\omega}} d_{rir'}^{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}}\right)^{\frac{\theta-1}{\theta}}$$

+ Profits 
$$\max_{\{d_{rir'}\}_{r'}, D_{ri}^*} \{q_{ri}Q_{ri} - \sum_{r' \in \mathcal{R}} \tau_{rir'} p_{r'i} d_{rir'} - p_i^* \tau_i^* D_{ri}^* \}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{ price of final good } q_{ri} = \left[\omega \bar{p}_{ri}^{1-\eta} + \left(1-\omega\right) \left(\tau_i^* p_i^*\right)^{1-\eta}\right]^{\frac{\cdot}{1-\eta}}$$

ightarrow  $ar{p}_{ri}$  ideal price index for the domestic Armington aggregator

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  $\tau_i^* \geq 1$  iceberg cost  $\rightarrow$  control *trade openness*

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Value of going to college e = c at age j = 1, 2

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$$q_{r}c + q_{a}a' + q_{r}s\kappa \leq w_{n\ell}x \frac{\bar{h}}{2} + (1 + r^{*})q_{a}a, \qquad a' \geq \underline{a}_{j,c}$$

- κ cost college
- o work part-time and receive non-college wage
- o looser borrowing limit for college  $\underline{a}_{j,c}$

#### **Newborns and transfers**

- $\rightarrow$  Dynastic framework with three stages: pre-education, education and working
  - + Value to a newborn who receives a transfer  $\Phi$

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+ Transfer at age  $j=J_k$ 

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  - $+\kappa \rightarrow \text{cost of college} \approx \$6,000 \text{ per year}$
  - $+ \phi(.) \rightarrow \approx 32\%$  of college graduates, inter-generational education persistence  $\approx 0.69$
  - $+ a_{c} \rightarrow \text{borrow up to} \approx $23,000 \text{ (for 14 years)}$

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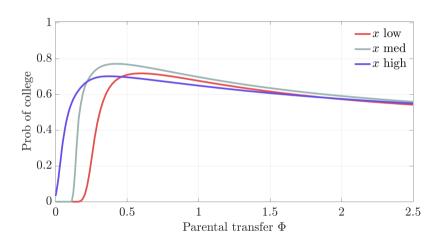
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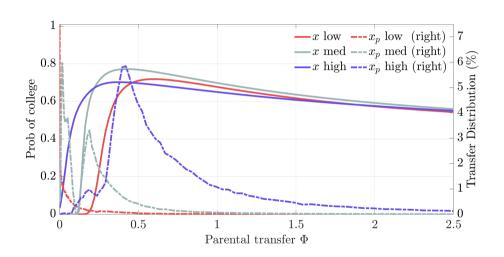
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 $\rightarrow$  aggregate labor share by sector

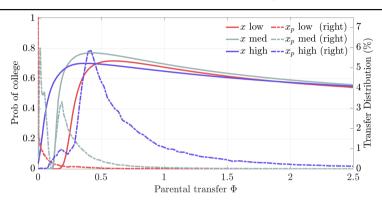
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College Graduation Rates					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
Data	0.13	0.18	0.27	0.39	0.55
Model	0.07	0.18	0.29	0.45	0.59

Source: Vardishvili (2023), NLSY 1997

## **Calibration - three regions**

- + Three regions
  - differ only in productivities  $z_{rs}$  and  $z_{rm}$
- + Match employment share + population mass by region in 1990
  - West → low exposure (low manufacturing labor share)
  - Midwest → high exposure (high manufacturing labor share)
  - North-East → mid exposure (average manufacturing labor share)
  - $\rightarrow$  choose  $z_{rs}$  and  $z_{rm}$  keeping income per-worker across regions approx constant
- + Choose domestic trade costs,  $\tau_{rmr'}$ , to match domestic trade shares (CFS for 1993)

## Modeling trade openness - nationwide

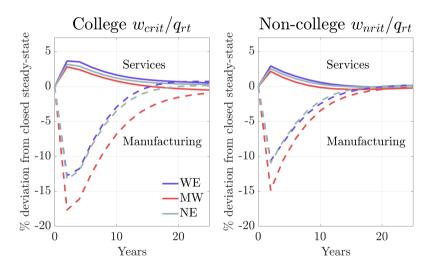
#### Main Exercise:

- o At t=0 the economy is at a steady state with high  $\tau_m^*$ , and  $\tau_s^*$ 
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  - + A sudden and permanent shock
  - + The economy slowly converges to the new steady-state
  - + "Open economy" calibrated to the 2010s  $\rightarrow$  manuf h-b  $\approx 75\%$

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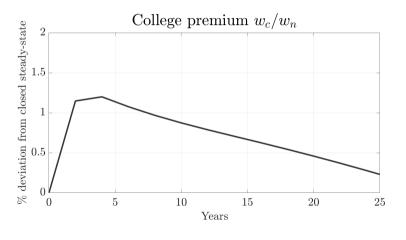
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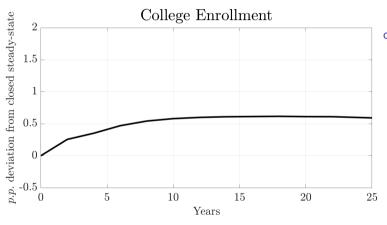
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- Wages respond accordingly
- Effect depends on exposure to the shock

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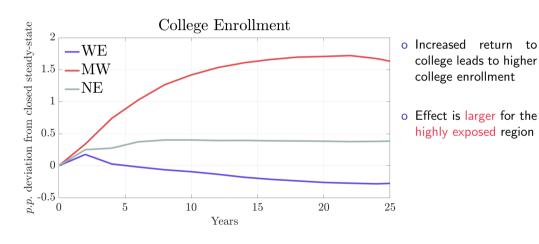
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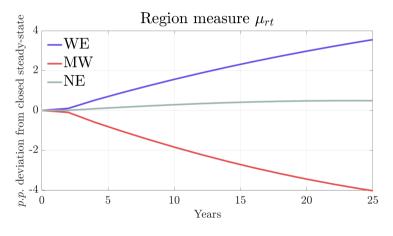


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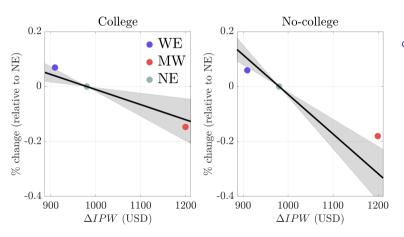


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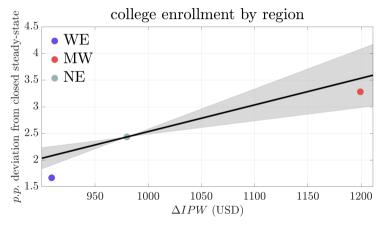
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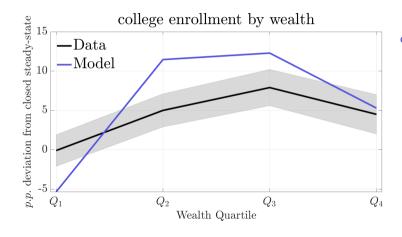
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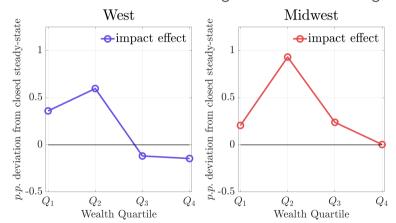
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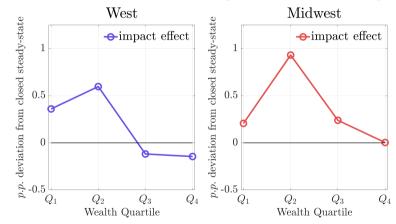




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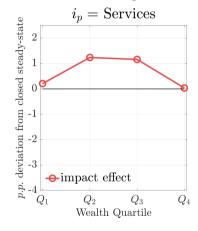


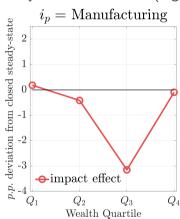


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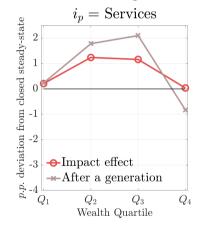


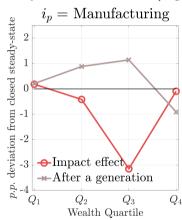


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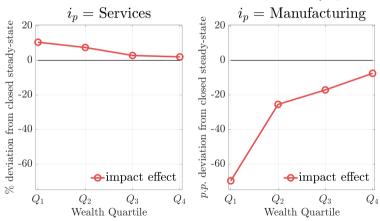




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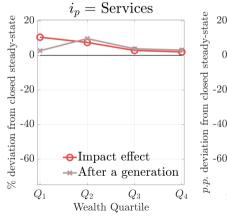
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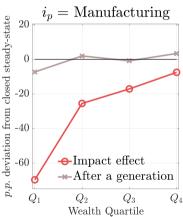


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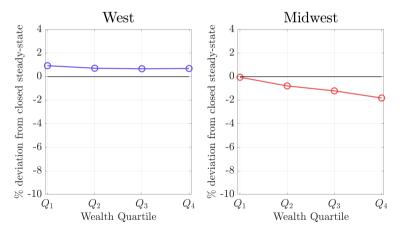




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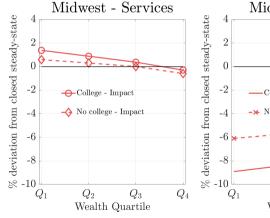
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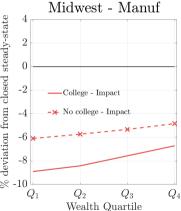


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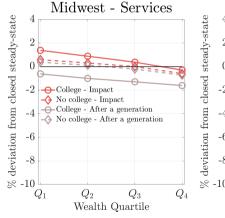


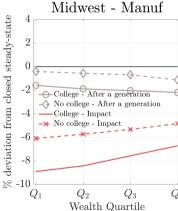


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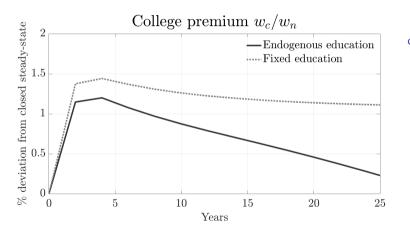
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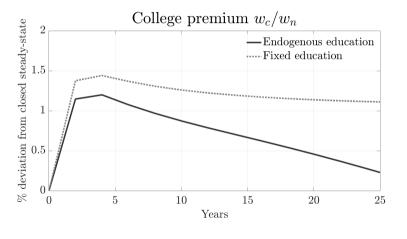
- o Education is a type inherited from parents
  - + Still have to pay cost of college
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  - + Sectoral choice as before
- → education is not a margin of adjustment any more

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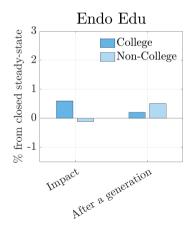
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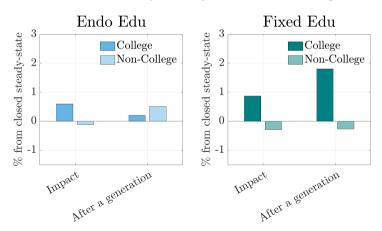
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### Model - main takeaways

- Trade openness has very different effects across regions
- o Services expand  $\rightarrow$  wage premium increases  $\rightarrow$  college enrollment increases
  - + Effect concentrated in wealthier households and/or in services
- o Welfare implications:
  - + Short-run: uneven gains and losses driven by region and sector
  - + Long-run: only gains, more even due to endogenous skill acquisiton

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# Thank you!

Appendix

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o **Import penetration** in region (market) r in period t

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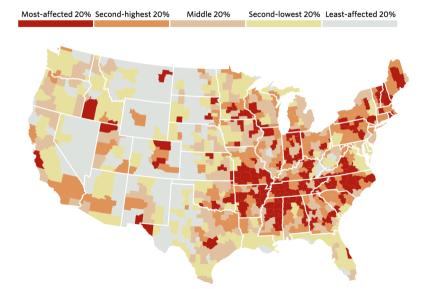
i: sector,  $M_{it}$ : Chinese imports,  $L_{rit}$ : workers sector i and region r,

$$L_{rt} = \sum_{i} L_{rit}$$
, and  $L_{it} = \sum_{r} L_{rit}$ 

- o Data overview:
  - + 722 commuting zones (regions)
  - + Two waves
    - Period 1990-2000:  $\Delta IPW_{rt}$  Median: \$890, IQR: \$600
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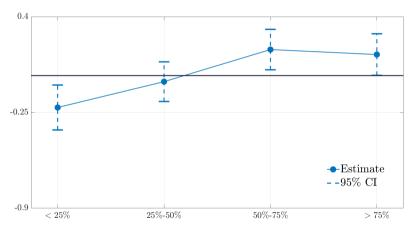
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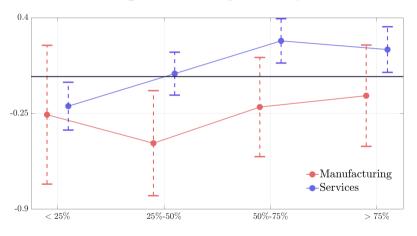
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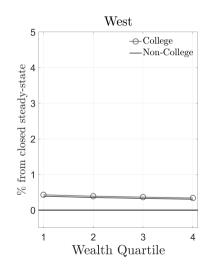


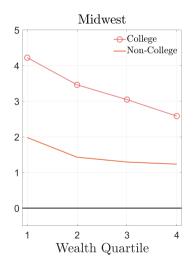
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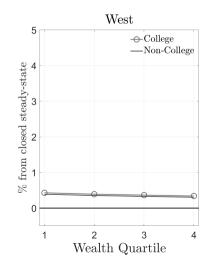


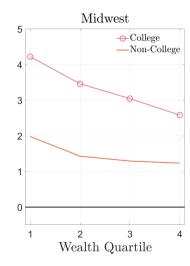


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# **Effect on Migration - ACS data**

 $\Delta y_{rt}$ : change in migration number

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	ages 18-25	ages 18-25	ages 30-55
	college	no college	
$\Delta IPW_{rt}$	0.026**	0.008	0.012
	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)

- o A \$1,000 increase in imports per worker
  - + Increases migration for ages 18-25 if enrolled in college by 2.6%
  - + Migration doesn't respond for other groups

