

Table 3. Promotion of Party Secretaries Upon Term Completion (Relative Revenue Performance to Competitors).

	Provincial level				Prefecture level				County level			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Relative fiscal revenue growth	0.057 (0.051)	−0.020 (0.044)	0.032 (0.048)	−0.046 (0.038)	0.055* (0.029)	0.051* (0.030)	0.004 (0.036)	0.011 (0.037)	0.039*** (0.011)	0.038*** (0.013)	0.043*** (0.013)	0.033*** (0.016)
Political connection	0.057 (0.077)	0.031 (0.070)	0.059 (0.076)	0.031 (0.069)	−0.011 (0.042)	0.034 (0.052)	−0.002 (0.043)	0.038 (0.052)	−0.056*** (0.017)	−0.010 (0.023)	−0.056*** (0.017)	−0.011 (0.023)
Relative fiscal revenue growth × Political connection			0.089 (0.126)	0.110 (0.130)			0.130** (0.053)	0.104* (0.058)			−0.010 (0.022)	0.015 (0.028)
Local characteristics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Politician characteristics	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Province FE	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—	—	—	—
Prefecture FE	—	—	—	—	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	65	65	65	65	665	607	665	607	4,739	3,508	4,739	3,508

Clustered standard errors at the corresponding administrative level are reported in the parentheses. The variables to measure local characteristics are log (population), rural population percentage, log (brightness), log (distance to the upper level government), and the number of competitors at the same level of jurisdiction. The variables to measure politician characteristics are the age and its squared term, and total year in office and its squared term. We did not report the coefficient estimates of these control variables as well as fixed effects dummies.

FE = fixed effects.

* $p < .1$. ** $p < .05$. *** $p < .01$.