Data Scoping: Job Search Behaviour

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Overview: Calibrating Behavioural Mechanisms

The following document summarises current progress on identifying data sources to inform the job search behaviour in our labour market ABM.Once the main text is ready, I will go through and "formalise" the tone of this section and include greater detail about the data and methods.

Goals:

1. Identify parameters relevant to agent search behaviour in the ABM.
2. Assess data quality for deriving empirical estimates of these parameters.

We have narrowed the list of behavioural adjustments to the following:
- **Duration-dependent search effort**
- **Reservation Wage Adjustment Rates**
- **Cyclical On-the-Job Search**
- **Risk Aversion**: For now this is randomised to ensure variation in vacancy targeting by similar workers. This is not yet supported by data.

Data we have decided to keep:

1. Current Population Survey 2018 & 2022: Information on applications sent by unemployment duration.
2. Displaced Worker Supplement: As part of the Current Population Survey, the US Census Bureau conducts an annual Displaced Worker Supplement in which workers who have lost their job in the last three years are asked additional questions about their unemployment experiences and (if re-employed) their re-employment conditions. From this we draw a reservation wage adjustment rate as a function of unemployment duration.
3. Eeckhout et al. 2019 Unemployment Cycles: We derive the sensitivity of employed job seekers to the business cycle from the employment-to-employment transitions data as used in Eeckhout et al. Due to unreliable component parts of the Eeckhout analysis, we decided to abandon using their estimated parameters (search intensity for employed workers).
4. (Validation) Mukoyama et al. data on the intensive margin of unemployed search effort (in minutes searched) over the business cycle. We have chosen to include this as a validation exercise of our application effort imposition.
5. **Mueller et al. 2021: Job Seekers' Perceptions and Employment Prospects: Heterogeneity, Duration Dependence and Bias**

Additional analyses that we have decided to exclude as data inputs due to lack of relevance or poor data quality are in the "Additional Analyses" tab.

Application Effort and Learning Dynamics: Applications Sent

(Calibration) Current Population Survey - 2018 & 2020 Supplement

This 2020 “Beyond the Numbers” issue distills insights from a 2018 Supplement to the Current Population Survey. The below plots show the highlights relevant to our decision-making on the job search process. In nearly all cases, the results are “binned” into intervals (ie. number of people sending 81 or more applications or unemployment duration of between 5 and 14 weeks) which means that any line plots (or linear interpretation of the bar graph) should be done carefully. Preliminary results using the raw data are found in the next section.

- Figure 1: Shows the proportion of all individuals sending x amount of applications receiving y amount of interviews. The plot indicates a “consistent” return to sending more applications, although as demonstrated in Figure 3, the number of interviews received does not necessarily equate to receiving a job offer.
- Figure 2: Demonstrates the number of applications sent (red), interviews received (green), average interview:applicaiton ratio (blue), and probability of receiving a job offer (purple) by individuals in each category of unemployment duration. There is some indication (although, again, interpretation is difficult without the raw data) that both effort and success seems to increase and then decline with time spent in unemployment, apart from success as measured by receiving a job offer which seems to consistently decline with time spent in unemployment.
- Figure 3: Percentage of jobseekers receiving an offer seems to increase as a function of the number of applications sent, until a certain point.

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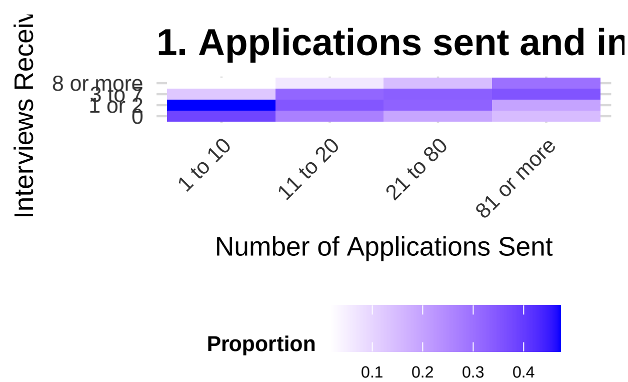
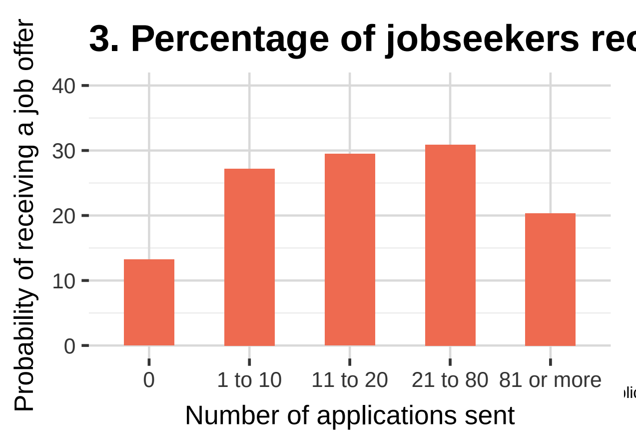


of ppl sending X applications receiving Y interviews.



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It turns out that the 2018 supplement was also run in 2022, giving us two sets of years to compare (including pre- and post-Covid). The below looks at the raw data that underlies the plotting immediately above, plus the additional data from 2022. Below find a preliminary scatter plot of applications sent versus unemployment duration. Each individual is asked how many applications they sent in the last two months (two-month periods are indicated by the grey gridlines, for reference). This does NOT include data in on the job search.

Data Source: Unemployment Insurance Nonfilers Supplement conducted in 2018 (n = 3,268) & 2022 (n = 1,901) where individuals who are unemployed but have not filed for unemployment insurance are asked the following:

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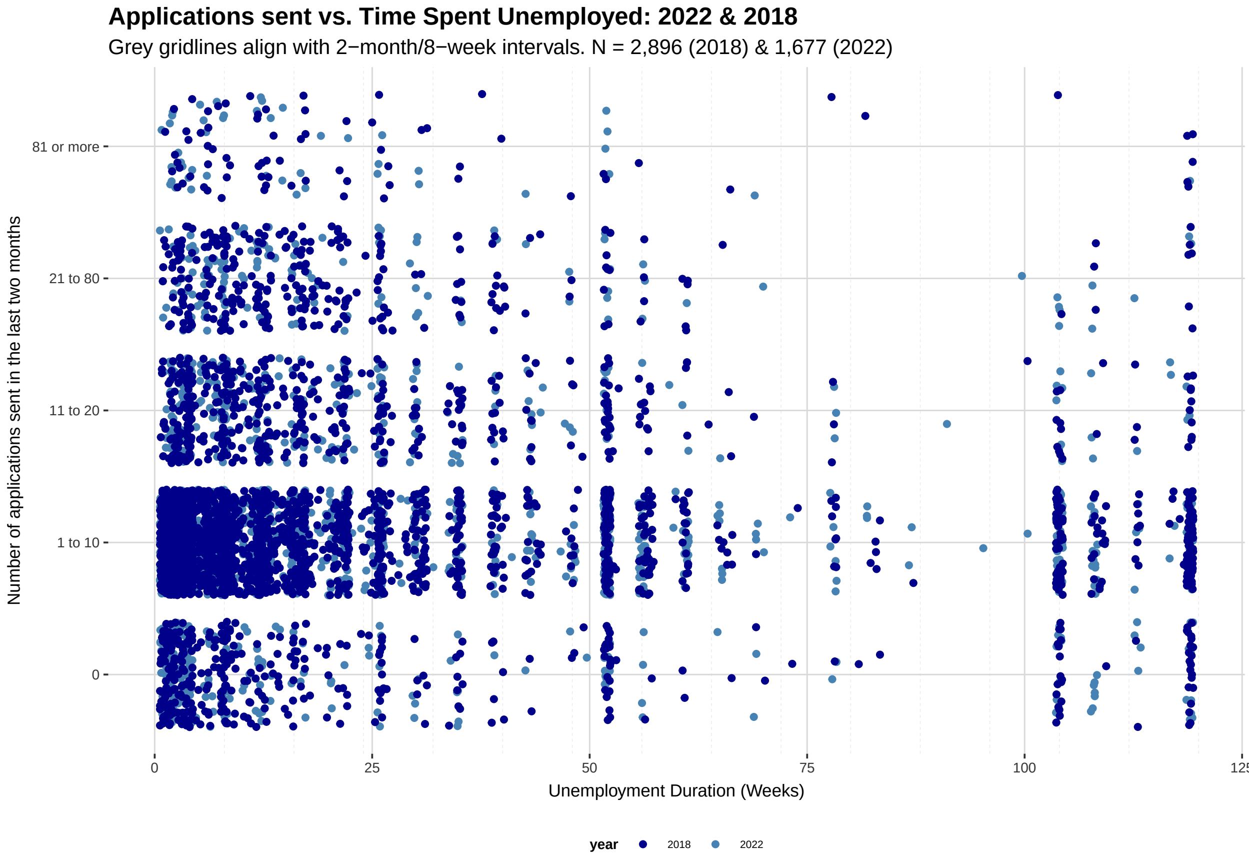
Figure 1: Survey Question: Unemployment Duration

A1	Now, we also have a few questions about your experience looking for a new job over the last 2 months. How many jobs (have you/has name) applied for, if any, in the last 2 months? (Do not read the answer choices aloud) (0) 1 (1) 1 to 10 (2) 11 to 20 (3) 21 to 80 (4) 81 or more

Figure 2: Survey Question: Applications Sent



Below, I display the results of an exploration of the probability of reporting a specific number of applications sent (in the bins as in the survey question above) using various specifications of an ordinal logistic regression. I test specifications varying three different model parameters:

1. link function
2. linear vs. quadratic unemploymentduration,
3. with and without demographic control variables (education, gender, age, family income - race excluded because of lack of statistical significance though this can be revisited.)

We estimate an ordinal logistic regression model for reported applications sent Y_i in $0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ testing four different link functions: the complementary log-log (cloglog), logistic, log-log, and probit link functions. Let $X_i^\top \beta$ denote the predictor variable. The cumulative probability of observing response category j or below, $\Pr(Y_i \leq j \mid X_i)$, is modeled as follows for each link function:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Complementary log-log (cloglog):} \quad & \Pr(Y_i \leq j \mid X_i) = 1 - \exp\left(-\exp\left(\tau_j - X_i^\top \beta\right)\right) \\
\text{Logistic (logit):} \quad & \Pr(Y_i \leq j \mid X_i) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(-(\tau_j - X_i^\top \beta)\right)} \\
\text{Loglog:} \quad & \Pr(Y_i \leq j \mid X_i) = \exp\left(-\exp\left(-(\tau_j - X_i^\top \beta)\right)\right) \\
\text{Probit:} \quad & \Pr(Y_i \leq j \mid X_i) = \Phi(\tau_j - X_i^\top \beta)
\end{aligned}$$

Here, $\Phi(\cdot)$ denotes the cumulative distribution function of the standard normal distribution. The estimated coefficients β are interpreted conditional on the choice of link function where X_i is either:

$X_i = (\text{Unemp.Dur.}_i)$

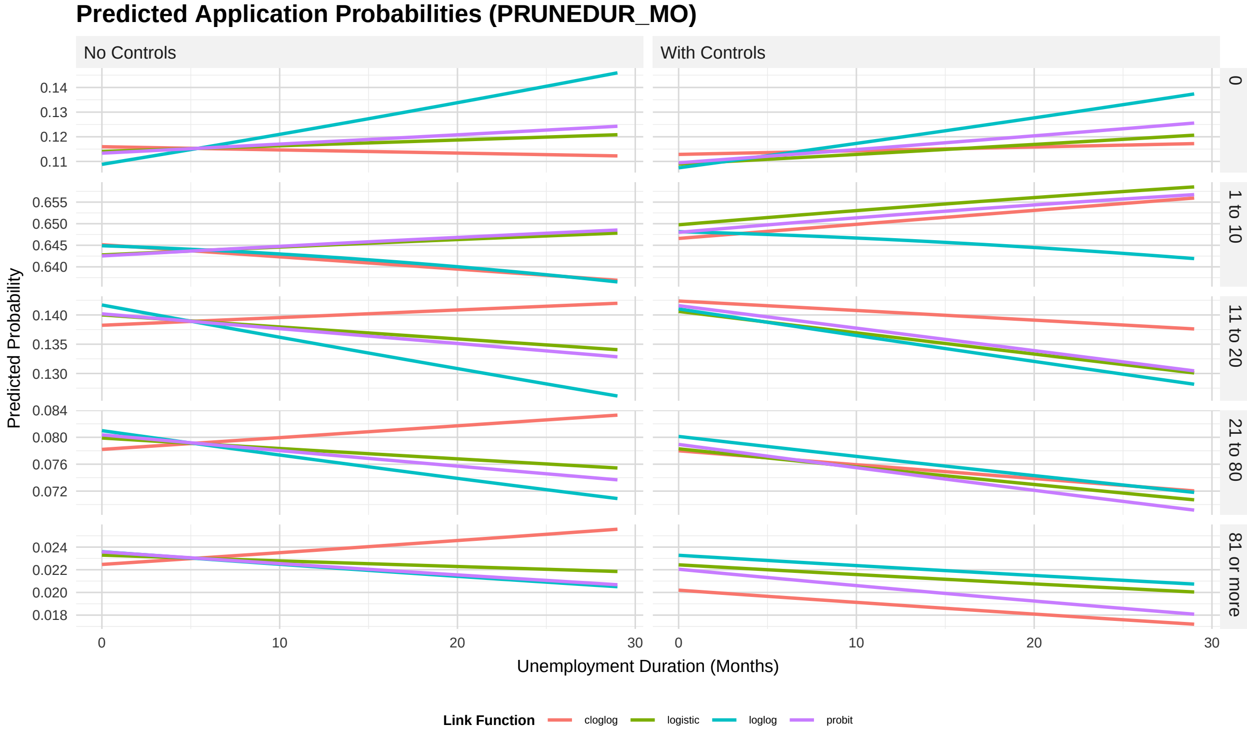
$X_i = \left(\text{Unemp.Dur.}_i^2\right)$

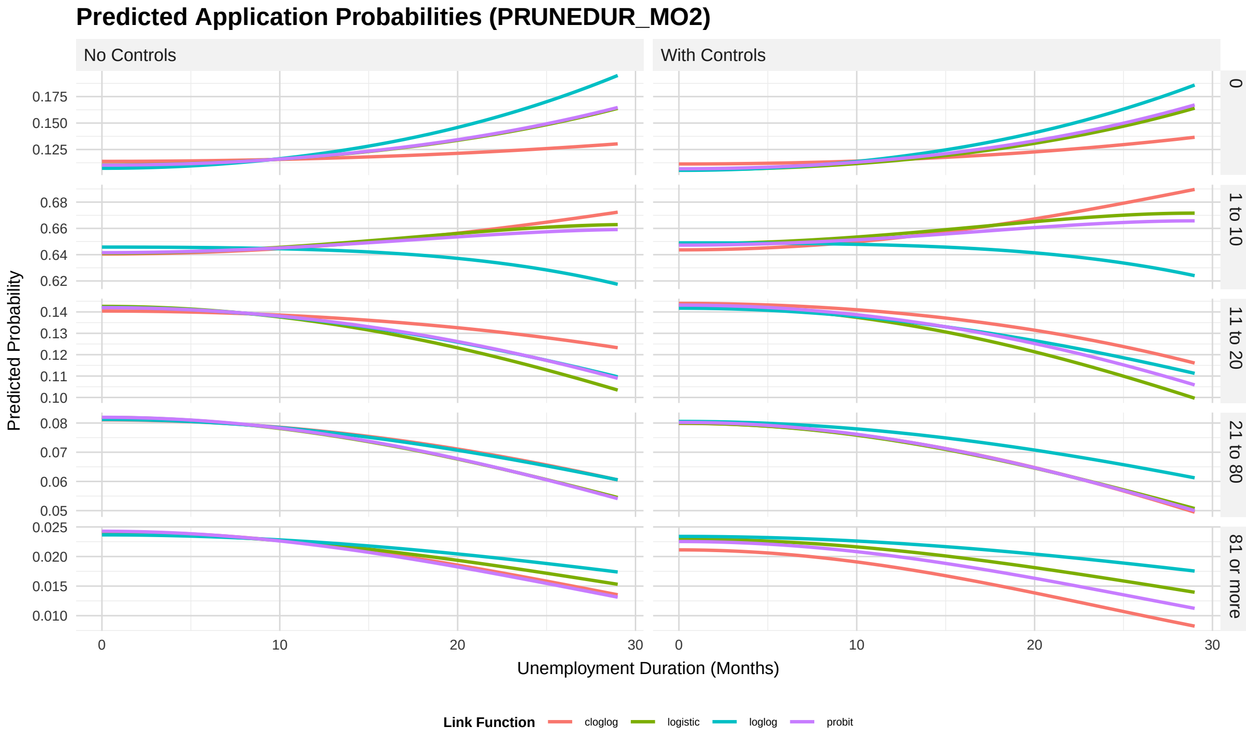
$X_i = \left(\text{Unemp.Dur.}_i, \text{Unemp.Dur.}_i^2\right)$

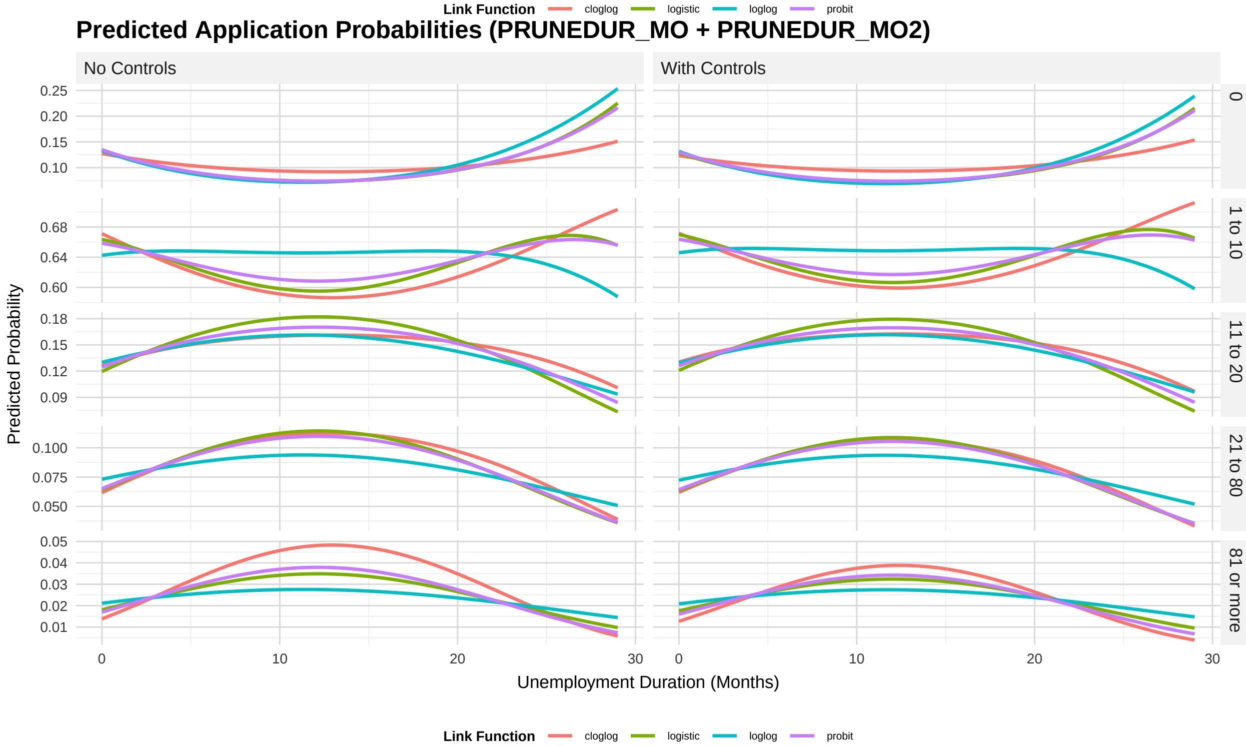
with and without control variables (education, gender, age, family income).

Assumptions about the probability distribution of the errors associated with each link function:
- *Logit:* Useful when responses are evenly distributed across categories.
- *Probit:* Useful when latent variable is assumed to be normally distributed.
- *Complementary log-log:* Useful when higher categories are more probable.
- *Log-log:* When early categories are of more importance or more probable.

Preliminary hypothesis: Best fit will be with a complementary log-log as we care more about distinguishing between lower-level bins and there are few observations in the highest-level bins.



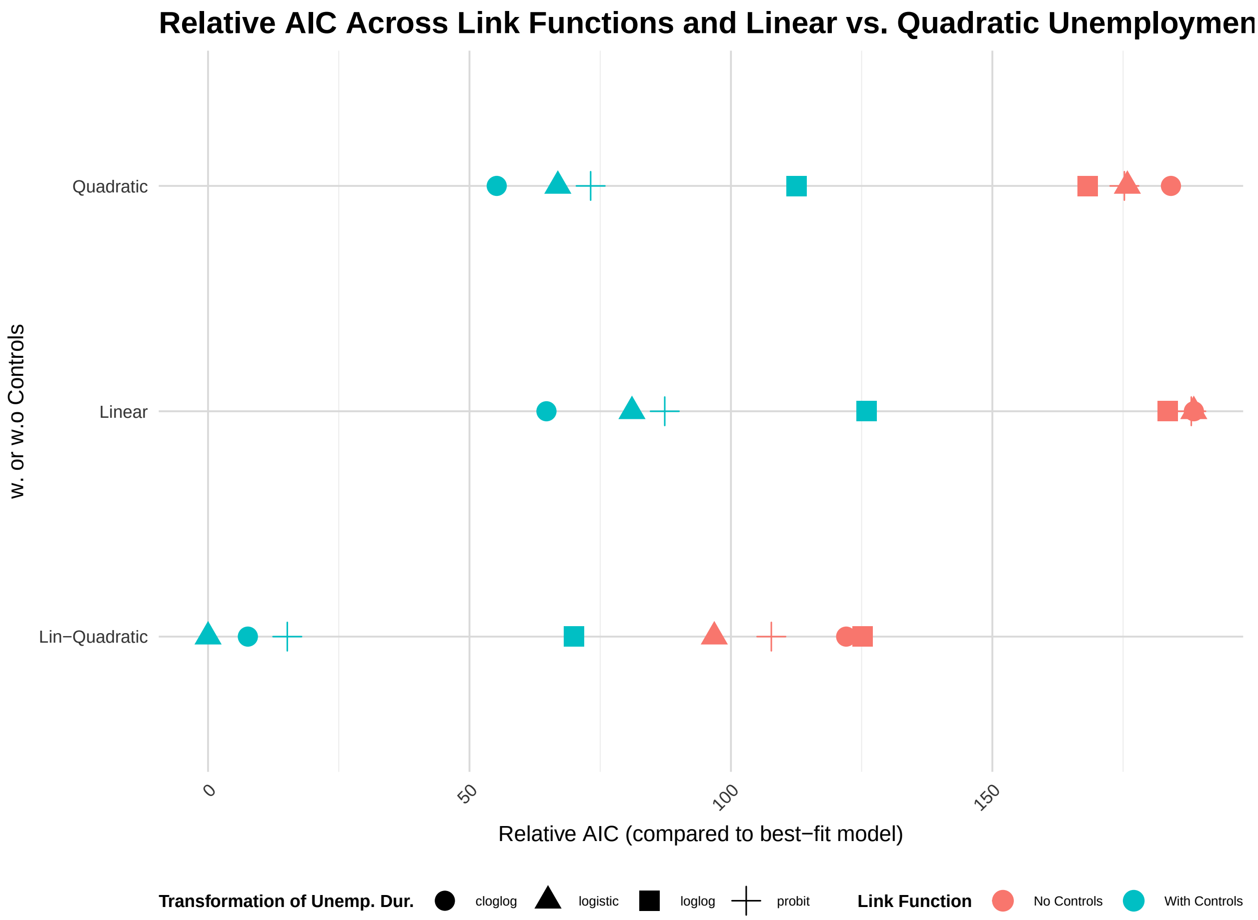




Using an AIC information criterion to compare the fit across all models, the following results are clear:
1. Models with control variables consistently perform better than those without.
2. Looking at the plots above, the relationship between unemployment duration and the predicted probability of reporting each application effort bin is very consistent except in the case of the log-log link function (blue in the panels above). In the plot below comparing the AIC the log-log link function (represented by the square symbol below) is consistently worse than all other link functions. This indicates consistency in the results reported above. Intuitively, the log-log link function is likely to be an unreasonable fit for the latent variable as we care more about shifts in the lower-level categories than higher-level categories.

3. A complementary log-log specification for the latent variable is most suitable. This follows logically from the fact that the probability of being in the highest-level categories is relatively low.
4. Finally, a specification with a linear and quadratic estimator is consistently better than either the specification with simply a linear OR quadratic unemployment duration estimator indicating that the probability distributions represented in the final panel above are likely to be the best fit.

Result: For each additional quarter of unemployment, an individual's odds of dropping to a lower-level application category decreases by ~.1%. This is statistically significant across all specifications at the 0.1% level.

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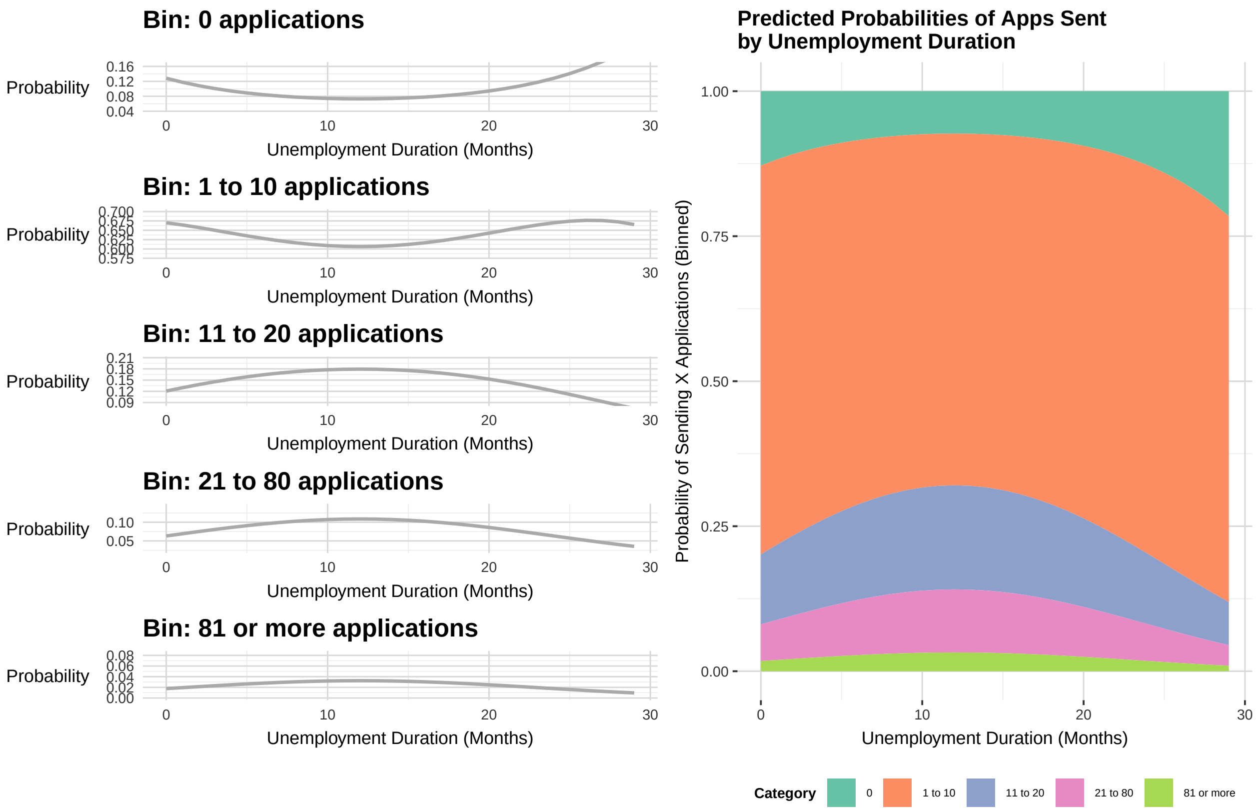
Predicted Probabilities of Application Effort by Unemployment Duration

N = 5,169
Bureau of Labor Statistics Data reported in 2018 and 2022.
Estimated using an ordinal logistic regression in which the outcome variables are bins of applications sent.
Unemployment duration enters quadratically w. sociodemographic controls.
Controls: Education, Age, Gender, Family Income. Race excluded because of lack of statistical significance.
Link function: Complementary log−log function selected using AIC comparison on 4 alternative link functions.



(Validation) Mukoyama et al. Job Search and the Business Cycle

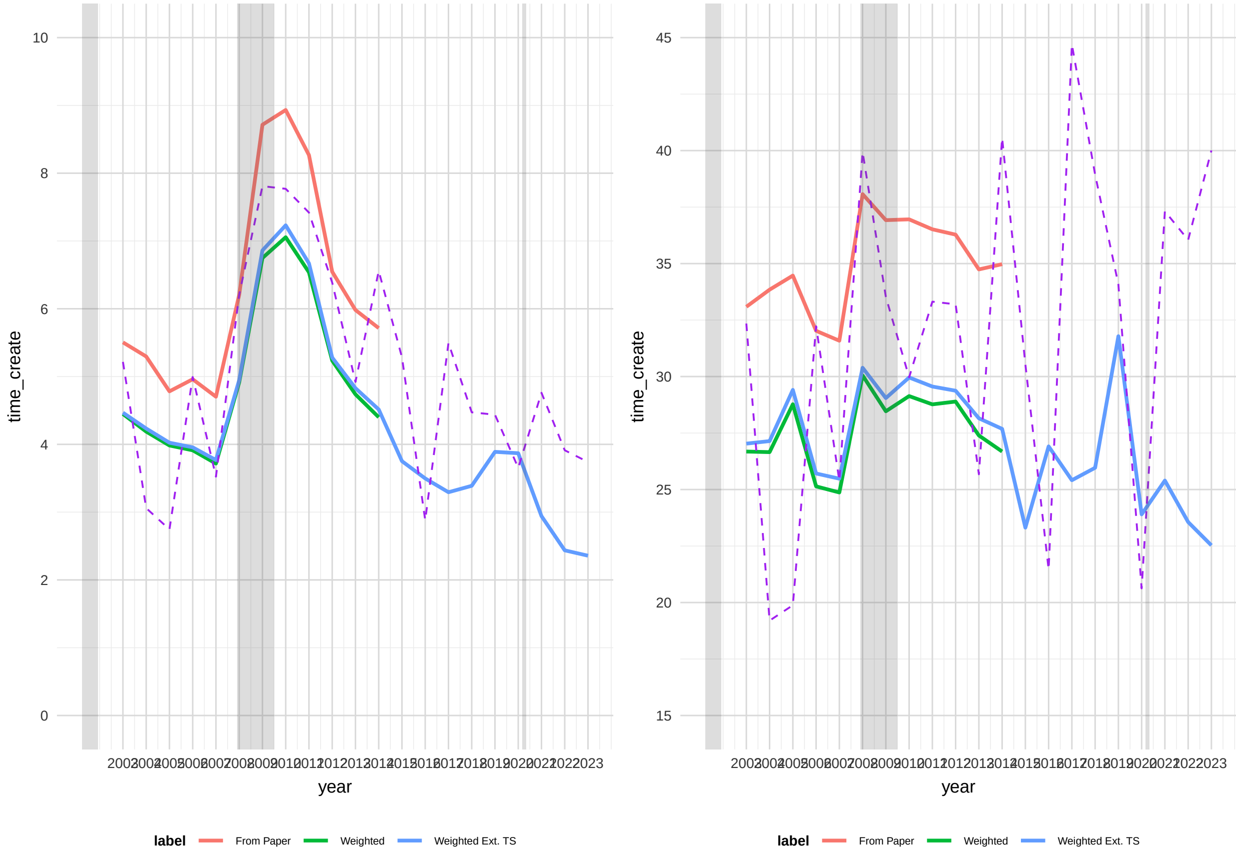
We use evidence from Mukoyama et al regarding the cyclicality of unemployed job search effort to validate the micro behaviour of our agents. I will provide more explanation on this...

(Replicated with additional data for unemployed jobseekers) **Mukoyama et al. 2018: Job Search Over the Business Cycle**

They provide a novel measure of job search effort exploiting the American Time Use and Current Population Surveys which can be reduced to just the intensive margin (changes in search effort by worker!). At the moment, I think this will be the most useful input for our model.

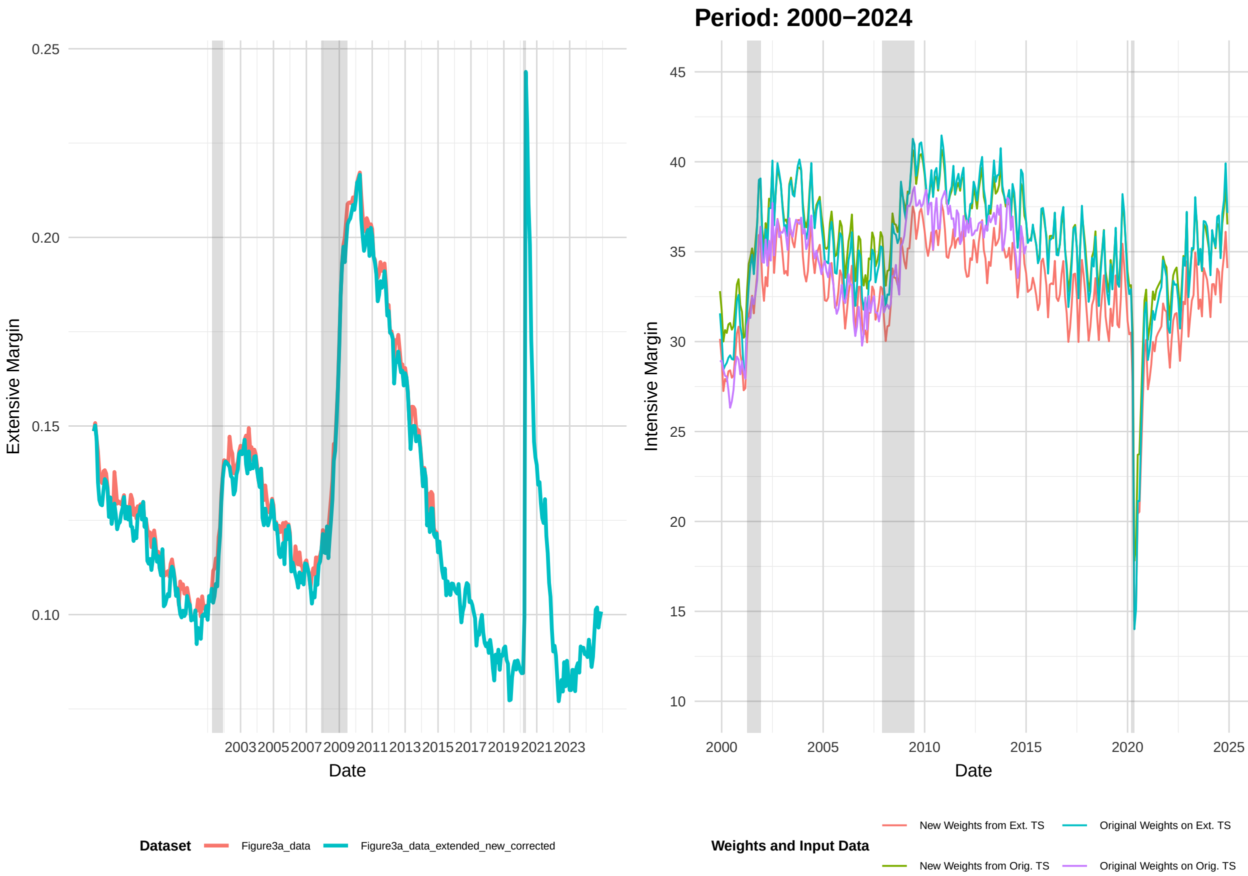
Abstract: We examine the cyclicality of search effort using time-series, cross-state, and individual variation and find that it is countercyclical. We then set up a search and matching model with endogenous search effort and show that search effort does not amplify labor market fluctuations but rather dampens them. Lastly, we examine the role of search effort in driving recent unemployment dynamics and show that the unemployment rate would have been 0.5 to 1 percentage points higher in the 2008–2014 period had search effort not increased.

Figure 2. Actual and Imputed Average Search Time (minutes per day)
for All Nonemployed Workers (panel A) and Unemployed Workers (panel B)



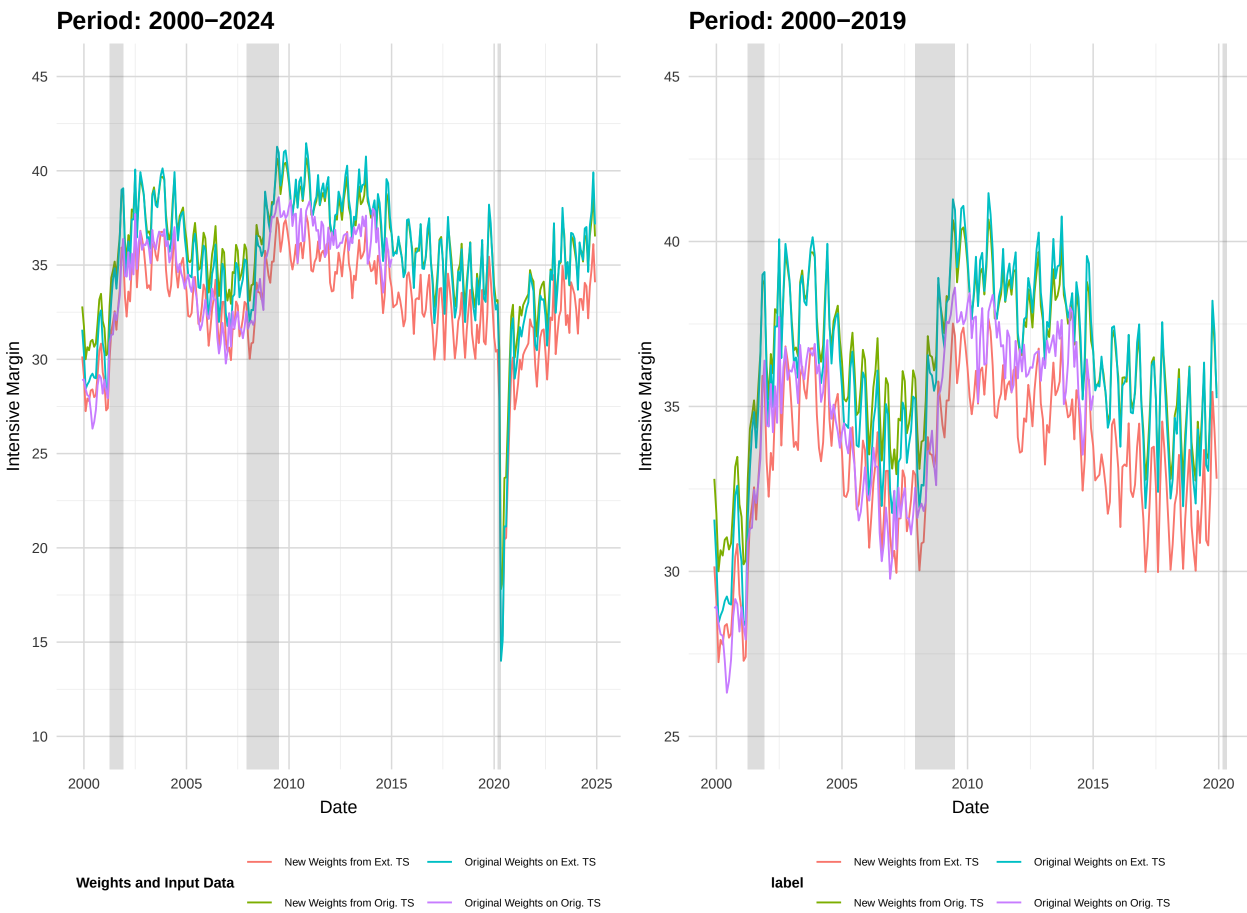
Notes: Regressions are estimated in the ATUS from 2003−2014.
A and B plot the fitted values from the sample regression, panel A plots the actual and imputed search time for all nonemployed, while panel B plots them for just the unemployed.
Observations are weighted by their ATUS sample weight.

Figure 3. The Time Series of the Extensive Margin (U/(U + N)) (panel A)
and the Intensive Margin (panel B),
Measured by the Average Minutes of Search per Day for Unemployed Workers



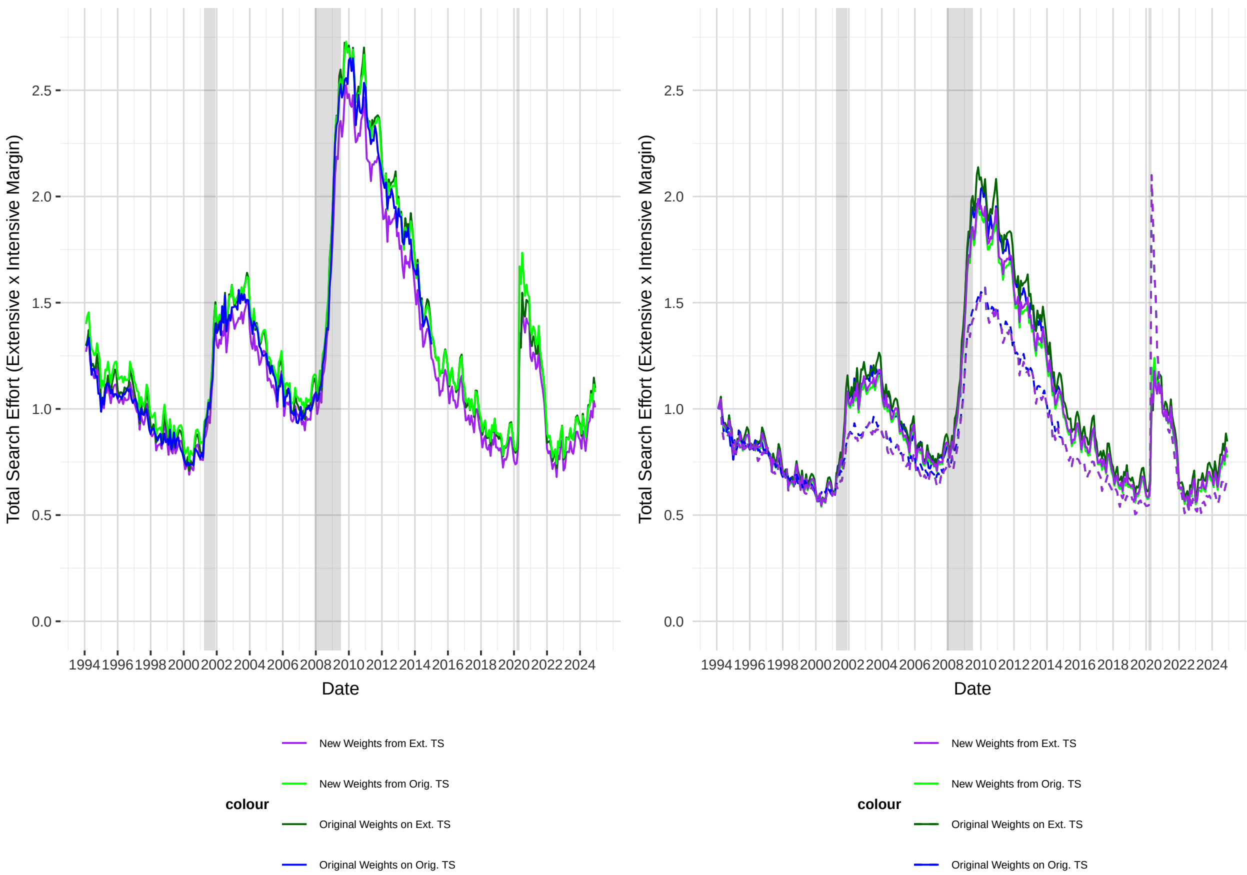
Red data is new data. Notes: Panel A plots the monthly ratio of the number of unemployed (U) to the total number of unemployed (U + N) in the CPS from 1994−2014.

Intensive Margin Measured by the Average Minutes of Search per Day for Unemployed Workers



Plots the average minutes of search per day,using the imputed minutes as a function of search methods used.
Each observation is weighted by its CPS sample weight.

Figure 4. Time Series of (Panel A) Total Search Effort and (Panel B) Total Search Effort Using the Search Time of Unemployed Workers [solid: (s*(U/(E + U + N))] versus Using the Number of Unemployed Workers [dashed: U/(E + U + N)) (panel B)



Wage Expectations and Satisficing: Reservation Wage Adjustment

As part of the Current Population Survey, the US Census Bureau conducts an annuaol Displaced Worker Supplement in which workers who have lost their job in the last three years are asked additional questions about their unemployment experiences and (if re-employed) their re-employment conditions.

"The universe for the Displaced Workers Supplement is civilians 20 or older. Respondents are further categorized as a"displaced worker" if they meet additional characteristics (see DWSTAT). After 1998, displaced workers are those who lost or left a job due to layoffs or shutdowns within the past 3 years…were not self-employed, and did not expect to be recalled to work within the next six months.

The data used below is from annual survey responses between 2000-2025. I use the supplement sample weights in all results below. I note where I have clipped the sample for outliers (wage ratio between [0.25, 2] and unemployment duration less than 96 weeks (~24 months).

Below I:

1. **Data Cleaning Procedure:** Show data cleaning just for reference (feel free to ignore)!.
2. **Descriptives:** Show some descriptives about the data itself.
3. **Regression Results on Non-Uniform Sample:** Regression results with ratio of new wage to wage at the lost job (W_h and W_w) regressed (cross-sectionally) on unemployment duration with and without various combinations of control variables (whether or not an individual received unemployment

compensation, age, race, sex, marital status, education, previous wage level.) Note that the wages are reported in hourly and weekly values but. this reporting is inconsistent across observations. In other words, though most individuals (4600/6198) report their wage in both units, 270 report only hourly and 1328 report only weekly. I have not reconciled the inconsistency so I use hourly wage ratios in majority of the below document. I could try to reconcile this.

4. Outline some considerations for further improvement of the analysis:

    1. **Reweighted Samples:** The sample is non-uniform in unemployment duration (less observations as unemployment duration increases). Try two methods of reweighting to address selection issues (Heckman Selection correction - though I think this is inappropriate for this particular selection issue) and non-uniform (entropy-balancing to deal with representativeness of population over unemployment durations) sample confirm regression results in non-uniform sample.
    2. **Representativeness of the Sample (Education, Age, Gender, and Wage):** Representativeness of the data to motivate data limitations and inform the ultimate reweighting scheme.

Overall result (at the moment): Individuals accept a ~1-percentage point change in the wage ratio per additional month of unemployment. Variations using model reweighting, different samples, combinations of control variables, reported hourly and weekly wage ratios do not seem to affect the result. However, the data seems to follow a non-linear relationship (we see little satisficing until around ~12 months of unemployment) after which the wage ratio begins to decrease. Individuals seem to accept a below-1 relative wage ratio (current wage:wage at lost job) following a year of unemployment. If we fit this model with a quadratic fit this could inform our reservation wage adjustment parameter in the model.

Important Considerations/Limitations:

1. **Displaced worker classification as outlined above.** Can we generalise from this definition to all unemployed workers?
2. **The reported 'current wage' is not necessarily the the realised wage post-re-employment.** Individuals report the wage at the lost job, the amount of time unemployed until they were re-employed, and the wage they hold at their current job. However, it is not indicated whether the current job is the same job as the first they were re-employed at. Given various comments in the literature about finding "stop-gap" employment, this might not be a problem in the sense that the "current wage" would more accurately indicate the wage an individual has "landed" at post-unemployment spell. But curious what you think about the defensibility of this.
3. **Outcome variable:** How do we feel about the outcome variable as the ratio of current to latest held job? Might we want to take the log or consider simply the (log) level regressed on the previous wage. Wondering if a ratio-based outcome variable might muddle interpretation. Curious for your reactions.

Data cleaning

Feel free to ignore this code chunk immediately below - included for now for transparency in case you spot issues. I include it for your info on binning and outlier trimming.

```r
# From the original dataset, I include only those that reported having lost a
# FT job in the last three years
df <- readRDS(here("data/behav_params/cps_displaced_worker_supplement/cps_disp_filtered.RDS")) %>%
  select(hwtfinl, cpsid, wtfinl, age, sex, race, marst, educ,
         # age, sex, race, marital status, educational attainment
         dwsuppwt, # Survey weight
         dwyears, # Years worked at lost job
         dwben, # Received unemployment benefits
         dwexben, # Exhausted unemployment benefits
         dwlastwrk, # Time since worked at last job
         dwweekc, # Weekly earnings at current job
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         dwweekl, # Weekly earnings at lost job
         dwwagel, # Hourly earnings at lost job
         dwwagec, # Hourly wage at current job
         dwhrswkc, # Hours worked each week at current job
         dwresp, # Eligibility and interview status for Displaced Wrkr Supplement
         # Interestingly the unemployment duration is not directly linked to
         # CURRENT job and we cannot see the wage of the start of the next job...
        # thought this feels problematic, it does indicate more accurately the
        # ultimate "recovered" wage...will need to declare as a limitation
        # but also not completely indefensible
         dwwksun) %>%  # Number of weeks not working between between end of lost
         # or left job and start of next job
  # I remove anyone who is Not in Universe (99) and declaring greater than 160
  # weeks unemployed between jobs
filter(dwhrswkc != 99 & dwwksun <= 160) %>%
  # Replacing NIU values with NA values
  mutate(dwwagel = ifelse(round(dwwagel) == 100, NA, dwwagel),
         dwwagec = ifelse(round(dwwagec) == 100, NA, dwwagec),
         dwweekl = ifelse(round(dwweekl) == 10000, NA, dwweekl),
         dwweekc = ifelse(round(dwweekc) == 10000, NA, dwweekc),
         # dwwage_rec_l = ifelse(is.na(dwagel) & !is.na(dweekl) ~ dwweekl),
         # dwweekc = ifelse(round(dwweekc) == 10000, NA, dwweekc),
         # Binning educational categories
         educ_cat = factor(case_when(educ %in% c(1) ~ NA, # (NIU)
                                     educ > 1 & educ <= 71 ~ "Less than HS", # Includes
                                         # "None" - Grade 12 no diploma
                                         # (8 subcategories (grade 1-11 etc))
                                     educ %in% c(73, 81) ~ "HS Diploma", # Includes
                                         # "High school Diploma or equivalent" and
                                         # "some college, but no degree"
                                     educ %in% c(91, 92) ~ "Associate's", # Include
                                         # "[Associate's degree, occupational/vocational
                                         # program]" and "Associate's
                                         # [Associate's degree, academic program]"
                                     educ %in% c(111) ~ "Bachelor's",#Bachelor's degree
                                     educ > 111 ~ "Postgraduate Degree" # Includes
                                         # Master's, Professional School & Doctorate
                                     ), , levels = c("Less than HS", "HS Diploma",
                                                     "Associate's", "Bachelor's",
                                                     "Postgraduate Degree")),
         # Marital status to binary indicator
         marst = case_when(marst == 1 ~ 1, # Married with a present spouse
                           # Might consider dividing this differently
                           TRUE ~ 0), # Married with absent spouse, separated,
                          # divorced, widowed, never married/single

         female = sex == 2, # gender to 0,1 values
         white = race == 100, # race to higher-level categories w binary values
         black = race == 200,
         mixed = race %in% c(801, 802, 803, 804, 805,
                             806, 810, 812, 813, 820, 830),
         aapi = race %in% c(650, 651, 652, 808, 809),
         native = race == 300
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        # age is continuous which seems fine...binning likely unnecessary
        ) %>%

  mutate(ratio_wage = dwwagec/dwwagel, # Ratio of hourly wage current:lost job
         ratio_weekly = dwweekc/dwweekl, # Ratio of wkly wage of current:lost job
         # Reconciling missing reporting between weekly and hourly wage.
         # Take either the min, max or mean value.
         ratio_reconciled_min = case_when(is.na(ratio_wage) ~ ratio_weekly,
                                          is.na(ratio_weekly) ~ ratio_wage,
                                          TRUE ~ pmin(ratio_weekly, ratio_wage)),
         ratio_reconciled_max = case_when(is.na(ratio_wage) ~ ratio_weekly,
                                          is.na(ratio_weekly) ~ ratio_wage,
                                          TRUE ~ pmax(ratio_weekly, ratio_wage)),
         ratio_reconciled_mean = case_when(is.na(ratio_wage) ~ ratio_weekly,
                                          is.na(ratio_weekly) ~ ratio_wage,
                                          TRUE ~ rowMeans(across(c(ratio_wage,
                                                                 ratio_weekly)),
                                                          na.rm = TRUE)),
         # Create monthly unemployment duration for continuous
         dwmosun = floor(dwwksun/4),
         dwmosun2 = dwmosun^2,
         dwmosun3 = dwmosun^3,
         # Unemployment duration:
                  # (reported as time between lost job and start of next job)
         # I bin in...
           # monthly intervals (4 weeks) from 1-6 months
           # quarterly intervals (12 weeks) from 7 mos-1 year
           # half-year interval from 1-2.5 years
           # single bin for anyone about 120 weeks
         dwwksun_bin = case_when(
           # Monthly intervals (4 weeks) from 1-6 months
           dwwksun <= 4 ~ 1, #"Less than 4 weeks",
                               dwwksun > 4 & dwwksun <= 8 ~ 2,
                               dwwksun > 8 & dwwksun <= 12 ~ 3,
                               dwwksun > 12 & dwwksun <= 16 ~ 4,
                               dwwksun > 16 & dwwksun <= 20 ~ 5,
                               dwwksun > 20 & dwwksun <= 24 ~ 6,
                               # Quarterly Intervals (12 wks) from 6+ mos-1 yr
                               dwwksun > 24 & dwwksun <= 36 ~ 7,
                               dwwksun > 36 & dwwksun <= 48 ~ 8,
                               # Half-year Intervals (24 weeks) from 1-2.5 yrs
                               dwwksun > 48 & dwwksun <= 72 ~ 9,
                               dwwksun > 72 & dwwksun <= 96 ~ 10,
                               dwwksun > 96 & dwwksun <= 120 ~ 11,
                               # Anyone above-recall this is capped at 160 wks
                                # as per filter above
                               dwwksun > 120 ~ 12),
         # Bin labels
         dwwksun_bin_labs = case_when(dwwksun_bin == 1 ~ "<= 1 mo.", #"< 4 wks",
                               dwwksun_bin == 2 ~ "1-2 mos.",
                               dwwksun_bin == 3 ~ "2-3 mos.",
                               dwwksun_bin == 4 ~ "3-4 mos.",
                               dwwksun_bin == 5 ~ "4-5 mos.",
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                                 dwwksun_bin == 6 ~ "5-6 mos.",
                                 # Quarterly Intervals (12 wks) from 6+ mos-1 yr
                                 dwwksun_bin == 7 ~ "6-9 mos.",
                                 dwwksun_bin == 8 ~ "9-12 mos.",
                                 # Half-year Intervals (24 wks) from 1-2.5 years
                                 dwwksun_bin == 9 ~ "12-18 mos.",
                                 dwwksun_bin == 10 ~ "18-24 mos.",
                                 dwwksun_bin == 11 ~ "24-30 mos.",
                                 # Anyone above-recall this is capped at 160 wks
                                 # as per filter above
                                 dwwksun_bin == 12 ~ "30+ mos."),
         log_ratio_wage = log(ratio_wage),
         log_ratio_weekly = log(ratio_weekly),
         # I clip the sample to an accepted wage ratio between [0.5, 2]
         # and less than 96 weeks of unemployment
         clipped_sample_hwage =
           ratio_wage >= 0.5 & ratio_wage <= 2 & dwwksun_bin < 11,
         clipped_sample_wwage =
           ratio_weekly >= 0.5 & ratio_weekly <= 2  & dwwksun_bin < 11,
         clipped_sample_rec_min =
           ratio_reconciled_min>=0.5 & ratio_reconciled_min<=2 & dwwksun_bin<11,
         clipped_sample_rec_max =
           ratio_reconciled_max>=0.5 & ratio_reconciled_max<=2 & dwwksun_bin<11,
         clipped_sample_rec_mean =
           ratio_reconciled_mean>=0.5 & ratio_reconciled_mean<=2 & dwwksun_bin<11)
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Descriptives

All descriptives below use the Displaced Worker Sample Weights.

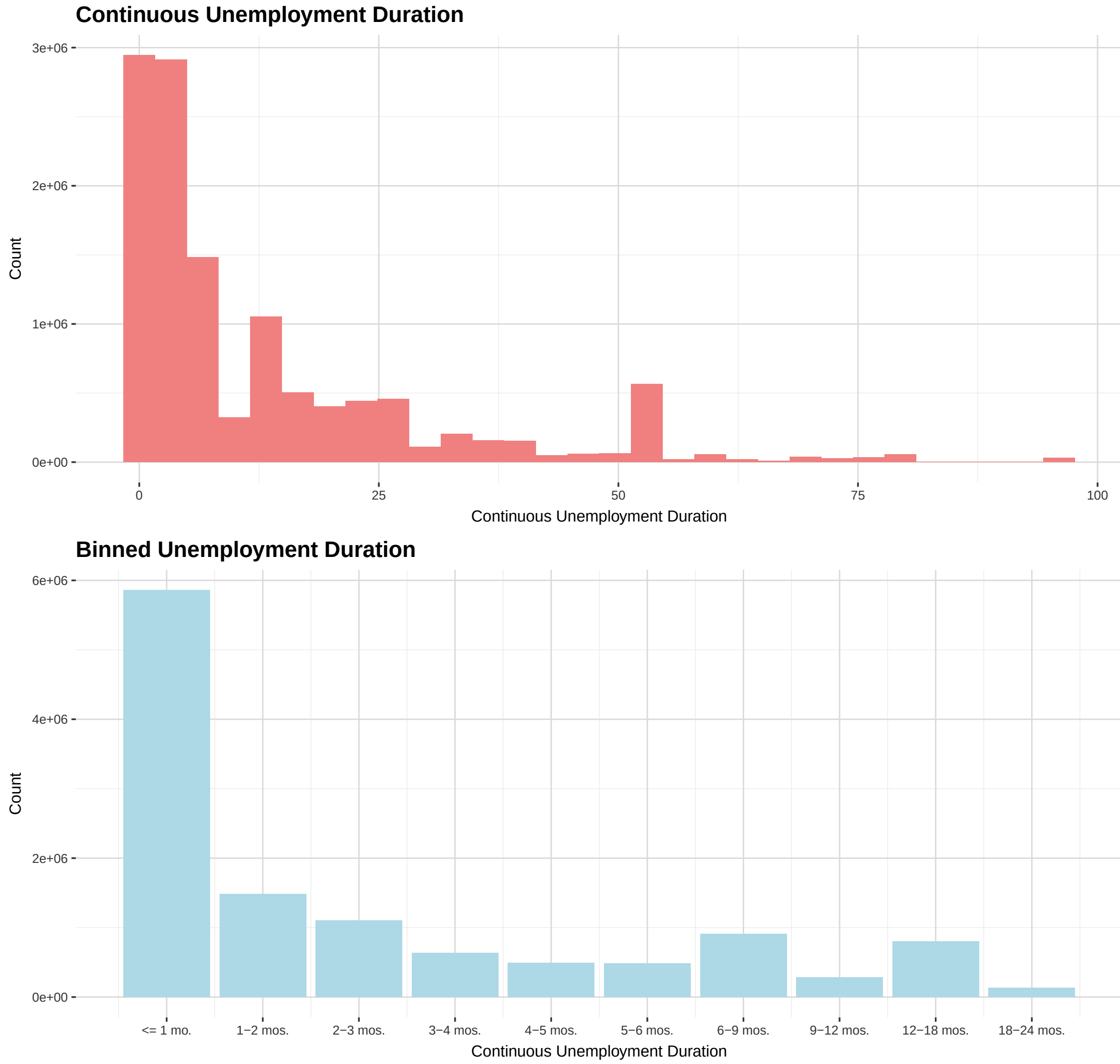
Histogram: sample is skewed (see reweighting alternatives at end of document).

Box plots: Looking at the reported wage ratios in weekly and hourly values, the mean is fixed near 1 until >12 mos of unemployment in hourly wage reporting. In weekly wage reporting, the "satisficing" seems to start earlier in unemployment duration (sample size is larger for weekly reporting - might be worth focusing on those wages).

Scatter plot: I fit a linear and spline fit to the scatted plot of the wage ratio to unemployment duration before using the regression. Indicates decline in the wage ratio with unemployment duration that has a potentially non-linear fit.

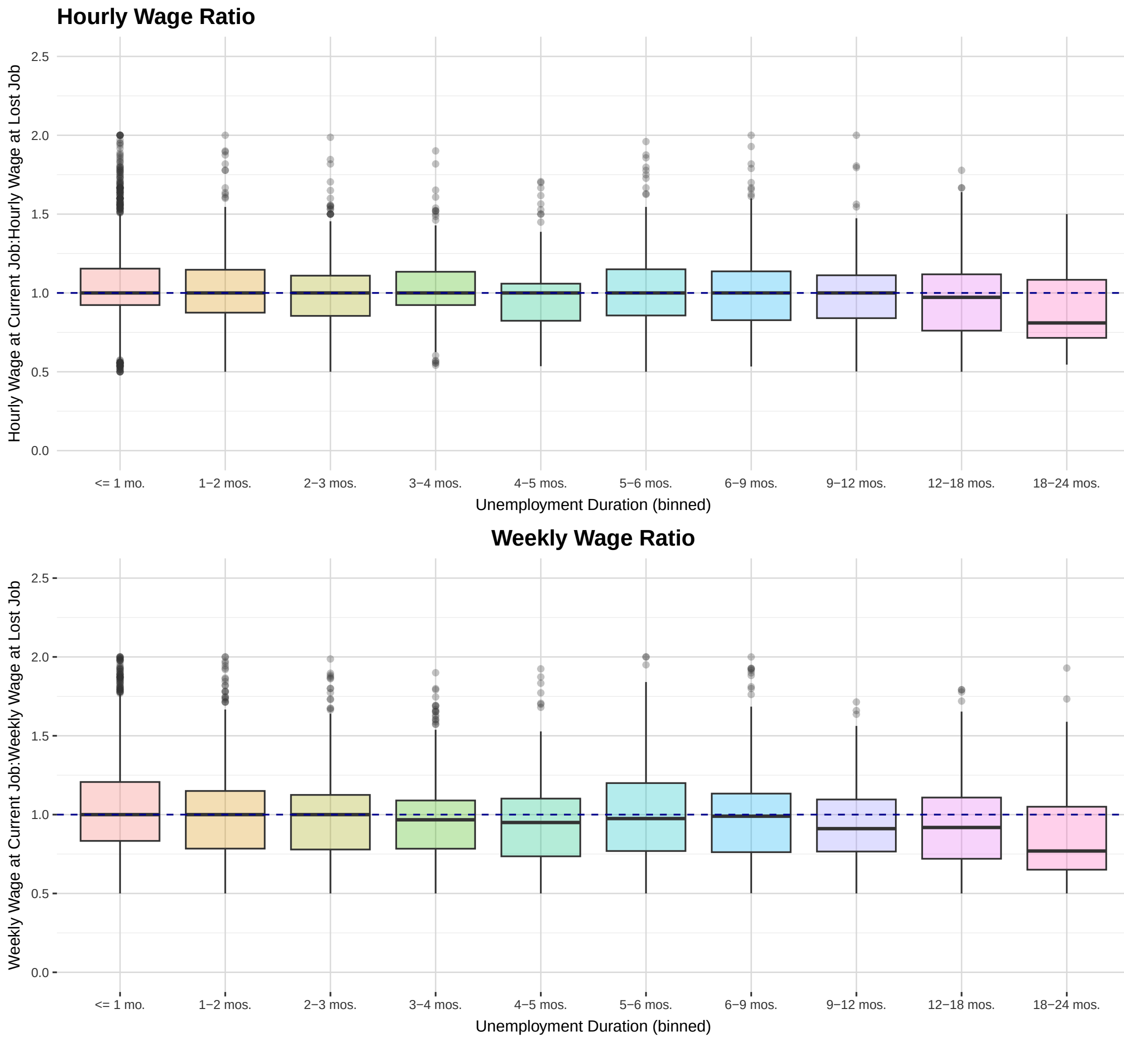
Reported unemployment duration between lost job and next job

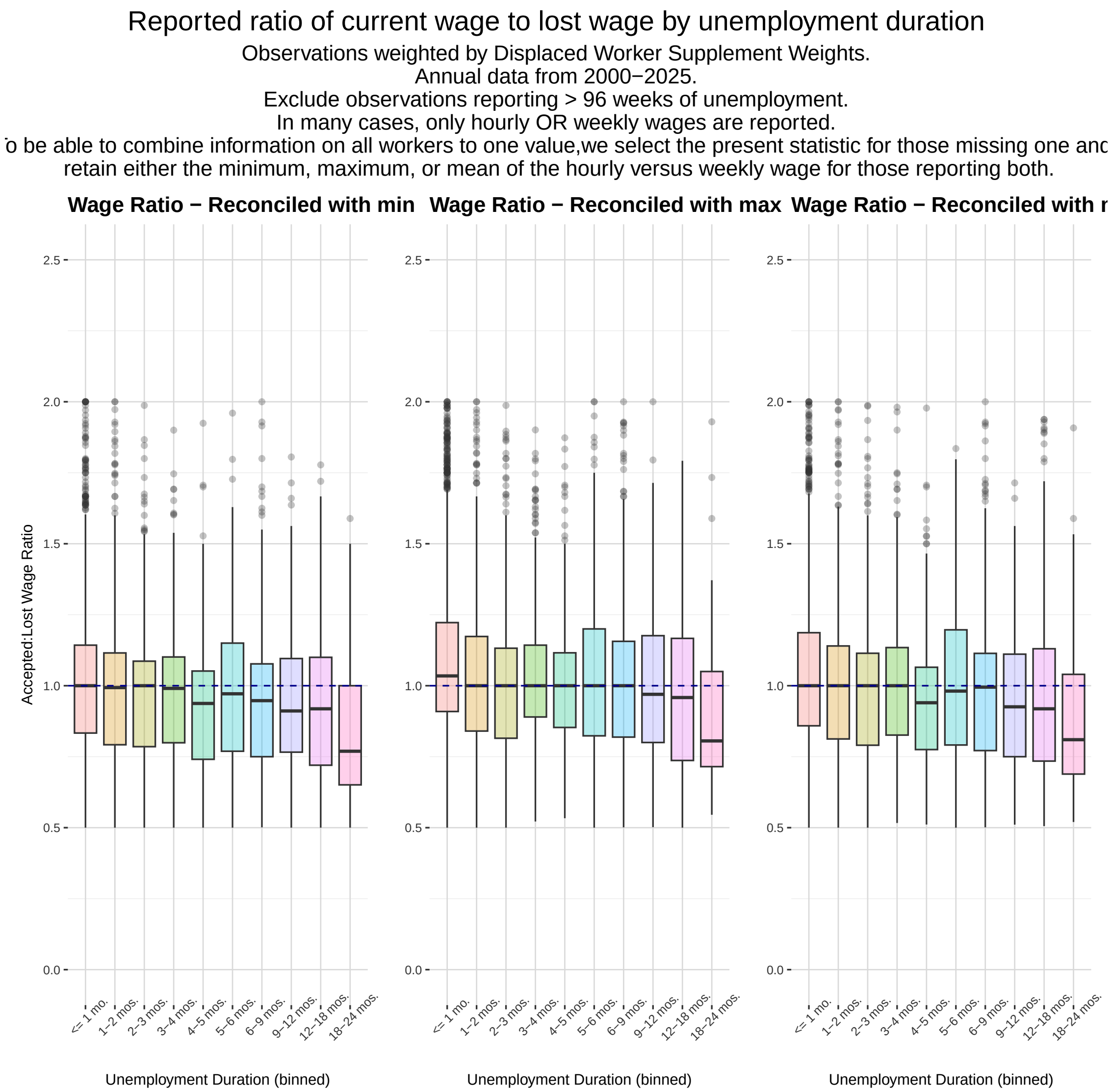
Observations weighted by Displaced Worker Supplement Weights. Annual data from 2000−2025. Exclude observations reporting > 96 weeks of unemployment.



Reported ratio of current wage to lost wage by unemployment duration

Observations weighted by Displaced Worker Supplement Weights.
Annual data from 2000−2025.
Exclude observations reporting > 96 weeks of unemployment.

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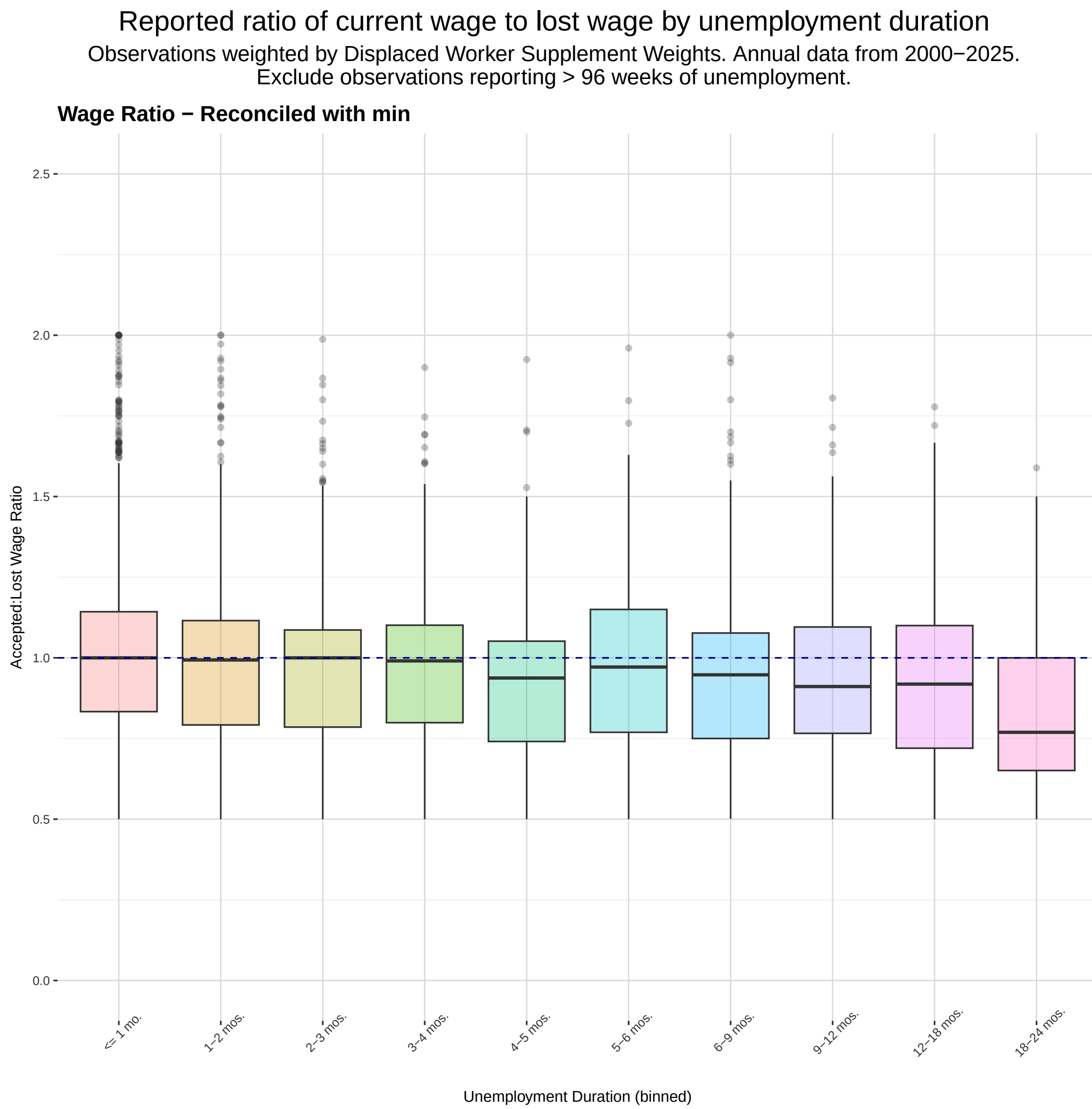
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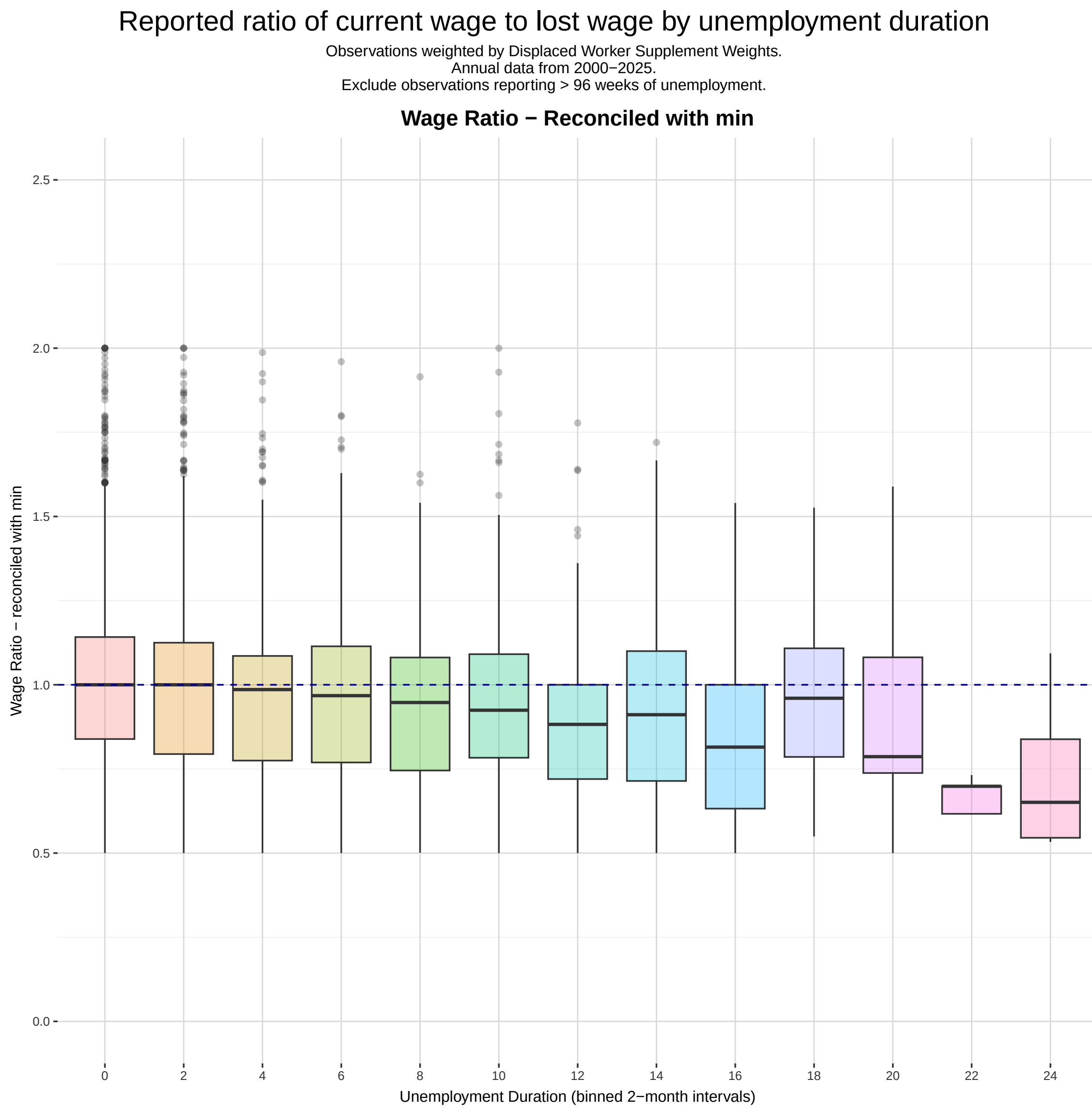
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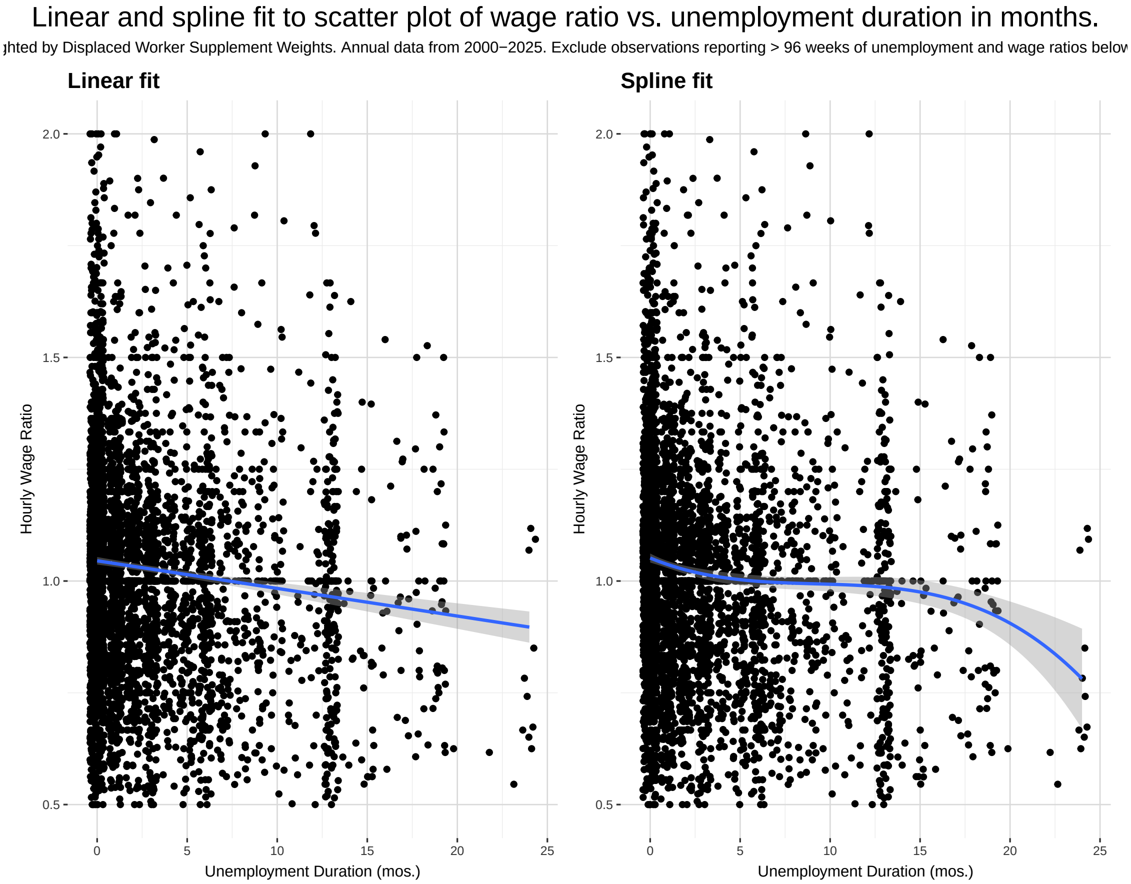
Unemployment Duration (binned 2−month intervals)



Regressions (non-uniform sample)

Next, (ignoring for now the non-uniformity of the sample ie. that there are less observations present for higher unemployment durations) I run the following regression (with various modifications to sample and control variables). $W_i = \alpha_i + \beta_1 d_i + \beta_2 UI_i + \beta_3 X_i + \epsilon_i$

where W_i: Ratio of accepted wage to wage at lost job (hourly values).

d_i: Unemployment duration (continuous or binned).

UI_i: Control variable for having used or exhausted unemployment benefits.

X_i: Vector of control variables (sex, age, race (white, black, mixed), marital status (married or not), whether individual used UI benefits, whether individual exhausted UI benefits, education level, and previous wage level).

There are 48 models present with all combinations of the following:

- **Continuous vs. Discrete Treatment Variable (2 alternatives):** Continuous (monthly) versus binned unemployment duration.
- **w. UI vs w. Exhausted UI (3 alternatives):** The data includes a variable for whether individuals USE and/or EXHAUST unemployment benefits. I run the regressions without these UI controls, with control for having used UI, with control for having exhausted UI.
- **w. Controls (2 alternatives):** With or without additional demographic controls (sex, age, race, married, education)

- **w. Wage Level (2 alternatives):** With or without wage level of lost job to control for income. The level of the previous wage likely affects the wage ratio.
- **Outlier clipped sample (2 alternatives):** (As described in the intro section) Remove outliers where the wage ratio is within [0.25, 2.5] and reported unemploymetn duration is below 96 weeks (~ 2 years).

I include the full set of coefficients (again, apologies for verbose output) in case you find the coefficients on the controls interesting (I think the coefficient on age and holding a Bachelor's degree particularly interesting). But I highlight in blue our main interest in β_1.

Across all models in the tabs below we see a consistently negative coefficient on unemployment duration (~0.7-1 percentage point increase in the wage ratio for each additional month spent in unemployment). If we look more closely at the performance of our model with continuous unemployment duration, UI use (not exhaustion), all controls, wage levels, and outlier correction we see that the model performs fairly well across various diagnostic tests.

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## [1] "Continuous U Duration. w. UI Control w. demographic controls (clipped sample)"
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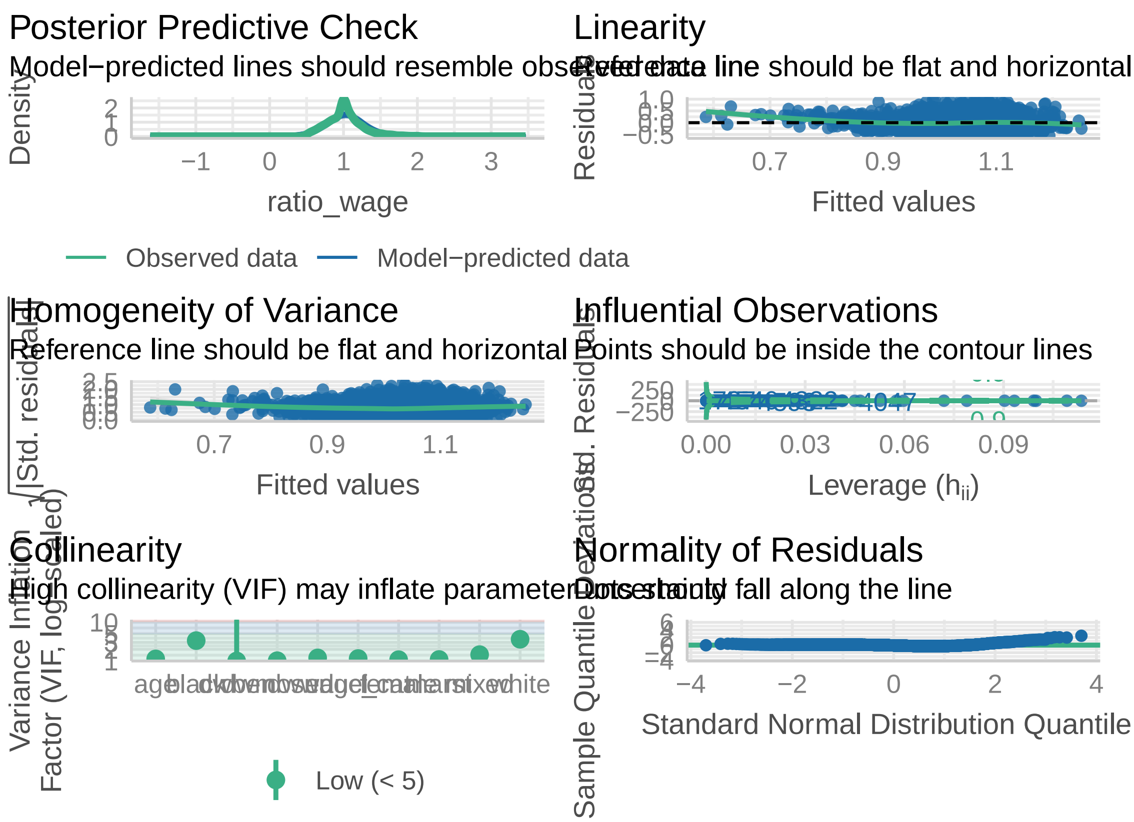

Continuous UE Duration

Continuous UE duration treatment is reported in monthly values. A one-unit increase in the treatment variable = 1 additional month of unemployment.

Table 1: Continuous UE Duration w.o Wage Level Control

	Cont.	Cont. (clipped)	Cont. w. UI	Cont. w. UI (clipped)	Cont. w. exhausted UI	Cont. w. exhausted UI (clipped)	Cont. Sq	Cont. Sq (clipped)	Cont. Sq w. UI	Cont. Sq w. UI (clipped)	Cont. Sq w. exhausted UI	Cont. Sq w. exhausted UI (clipped)
Intercept	1.053***	1.045***	1.053***	1.045***	1.006***	1.006***	1.055***	1.046***	1.055***	1.046***	1.002***	1.001***
	(0.006)	(0.004)	(0.006)	(0.004)	(0.010)	(0.007)	(0.007)	(0.005)	(0.007)	(0.005)	(0.011)	(0.008)
Unemployment Duration (Months)	−0.007***	−0.006***	−0.007***	−0.006***	−0.005***	−0.004***	−0.009***	−0.007**	−0.009***	−0.007**	−0.003	−0.001
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.003)	(0.002)
Received Unemployment Compensation			0.000	0.000					0.000	0.000		
			(0.001)	(0.001)					(0.001)	(0.001)		
Exhausted Unemployment Compensation					0.001***	0.001***					0.001***	0.001***
					(0.000)	(0.000)					(0.000)	(0.000)
dwmosun2							0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
							(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Num.Obs.	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644
R2	0.009	0.012	0.009	0.012	0.017	0.022	0.010	0.012	0.010	0.012	0.017	0.023
R2 Adj.	0.009	0.012	0.009	0.011	0.016	0.022	0.009	0.011	0.009	0.011	0.016	0.022
F	46.344		23.169		41.487		23.546		15.694		27.802	
RMSE	0.38	0.24	0.38	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.38	0.24	0.38	0.24	0.37	0.24

	Cont. w. controls	Cont. w. controls (clipped)	Cont. w. UI w. controls	Cont. w. UI w. controls (clipped)	Cont. w. exhausted UI w. controls	Cont. w. exhausted UI w. controls (clipped)	Cont. Sq w. controls	Cont. Sq w. controls (clipped)	Cont. Sq w. UI w. controls	Cont. Sq w. UI w. controls (clipped)	Cont. Sq w. exhausted UI w. controls	Cont. Sq w. exhausted UI w. controls (clipped)
Intercept	1.180***	1.163***	1.180***	1.163***	1.119***	1.113***	1.180***	1.163***	1.180***	1.163***	1.116***	1.108***
	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.033)	(0.023)	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.033)	(0.023)
Unemployment Duration (Months)	−0.006***	−0.006***	−0.006***	−0.006***	−0.004***	−0.004***	−0.008**	−0.006**	−0.008**	−0.006**	−0.003	−0.001
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.003)	(0.002)
Received Unemployment Compensation			0.000	0.000					0.000	0.000		
			(0.001)	(0.001)					(0.001)	(0.001)		
Exhausted Unemployment Compensation					0.001***	0.000***					0.001***	0.001***
					(0.000)	(0.000)					(0.000)	(0.000)
dwmosun2							0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
							(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Female	0.003	−0.003	0.003	−0.003	0.003	−0.003	0.003	−0.003	0.003	−0.003	0.003	−0.003
	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)
Age	−0.003***	−0.002***	−0.003***	−0.002***	−0.003***	−0.002***	−0.003***	−0.002***	−0.003***	−0.002***	−0.003***	−0.002***
	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
White	−0.035	−0.052**	−0.035	−0.052**	−0.033	−0.051**	−0.035	−0.052**	−0.035	−0.052**	−0.033	−0.051**
	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)
Black	−0.048+	−0.057**	−0.048+	−0.057**	−0.045+	−0.055**	−0.048+	−0.057**	−0.048+	−0.057**	−0.045+	−0.056**
	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)
Mixed	0.014	−0.070**	0.014	−0.070*	0.017	−0.068*	0.014	−0.070**	0.014	−0.070*	0.016	−0.068*
	(0.040)	(0.027)	(0.040)	(0.027)	(0.040)	(0.027)	(0.040)	(0.027)	(0.040)	(0.027)	(0.040)	(0.027)
Married	0.005	0.011	0.005	0.011	0.005	0.012+	0.005	0.011	0.005	0.011	0.005	0.012+
	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)
High School	0.005	0.001	0.005	0.001	0.011	0.005	0.006	0.001	0.006	0.001	0.011	0.005
	(0.016)	(0.011)	(0.016)	(0.011)	(0.016)	(0.011)	(0.016)	(0.011)	(0.016)	(0.011)	(0.016)	(0.011)
educ_catAssociate's	0.032	−0.009	0.032	−0.009	0.038+	−0.005	0.032	−0.009	0.032	−0.009	0.037+	−0.005
	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)
Bachelor's Degree	0.079***	0.066***	0.079***	0.066***	0.085***	0.070***	0.080***	0.066***	0.080***	0.066***	0.084***	0.070***
	(0.021)	(0.015)	(0.021)	(0.015)	(0.021)	(0.015)	(0.021)	(0.015)	(0.021)	(0.015)	(0.021)	(0.015)
Postgraduate Degree	0.114*	0.030	0.114*	0.030	0.122**	0.037	0.115*	0.030	0.115*	0.030	0.122**	0.037
	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)
Num.Obs.	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644
R2	0.025	0.032	0.025	0.032	0.030	0.040	0.025	0.032	0.025	0.032	0.030	0.040
R2 Adj.	0.022	0.029	0.022	0.029	0.028	0.037	0.022	0.029	0.022	0.029	0.027	0.038
F	11.151		10.220		12.521		10.252		9.462		11.589	
RMSE	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24

+ p < 0.1, * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

Table 2: Continuous UE Duration w. Wage Level Control

	Cont.	Cont. (clipped)	Cont. w. UI	Cont. w. UI (clipped)	Cont. w. exhausted UI	Cont. w. exhausted UI (clipped)	Cont. Sq	Cont. Sq (clipped)	Cont. Sq w. UI	Cont. Sq w. UI (clipped)	Cont. Sq w. exhausted UI	Cont. Sq w. exhausted UI (clipped)
Intercept	1.185***	1.131***	1.186***	1.130***	1.145***	1.094***	1.186***	1.131***	1.187***	1.131***	1.141***	1.090***
	(0.011)	(0.008)	(0.011)	(0.008)	(0.014)	(0.010)	(0.012)	(0.008)	(0.012)	(0.008)	(0.015)	(0.011)
Hourly Wage of Lost Job	−0.009***	−0.006***	−0.009***	−0.006***	−0.009***	−0.006***	−0.009***	−0.006***	−0.009***	−0.006***	−0.009***	−0.006***
	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)
Unemployment Duration (Months)	−0.007***	−0.006***	−0.007***	−0.006***	−0.005***	−0.004***	−0.007**	−0.006**	−0.007**	−0.006**	−0.003	−0.002
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.003)	(0.002)
Received Unemployment Compensation			0.000	0.000					0.000	0.000		
			(0.001)	(0.001)					(0.001)	(0.001)		
Exhausted Unemployment Compensation					0.001***	0.000***					0.001***	0.000***
					(0.000)	(0.000)					(0.000)	(0.000)
dwmosun2							0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
							(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Num.Obs.	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644
R2	0.048	0.046	0.048	0.046	0.052	0.053	0.048	0.046	0.048	0.046	0.052	0.053
R2 Adj.	0.047	0.046	0.047	0.046	0.051	0.053	0.047	0.046	0.047	0.045	0.051	0.053
F	121.551		81.034		88.352		81.047		60.784		66.451	
RMSE	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24

	Cont. w. controls	Cont. w. controls (clipped)	Cont. w. UI w. controls	Cont. w. UI w. controls (clipped)	Cont. w. exhausted UI w. controls	Cont. w. exhausted UI w. controls (clipped)	Cont. Sq w. controls	Cont. Sq w. controls (clipped)	Cont. Sq w. UI w. controls	Cont. Sq w. UI w. controls (clipped)	Cont. Sq w. exhausted UI w. controls	Cont. Sq w. exhausted UI w. controls (clipped)
Intercept	1.263***	1.217***	1.263***	1.217***	1.213***	1.173***	1.263***	1.217***	1.263***	1.217***	1.210***	1.169***
	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.033)	(0.022)	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.033)	(0.023)
Hourly Wage of Lost Job	−0.011***	−0.007***	−0.011***	−0.007***	−0.011***	−0.007***	−0.011***	−0.007***	−0.011***	−0.007***	−0.011***	−0.007***
	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)
Unemployment Duration (Months)	−0.006***	−0.006***	−0.006***	−0.006***	−0.005***	−0.004***	−0.007**	−0.006**	−0.007**	−0.006**	−0.003	−0.002
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.003)	(0.002)
Received Unemployment Compensation			0.000	0.000					0.000	0.000		
			(0.001)	(0.001)					(0.001)	(0.001)		
Exhausted Unemployment Compensation					0.000***	0.000***					0.000***	0.000***
					(0.000)	(0.000)					(0.000)	(0.000)
dwmosun2							0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
							(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Female	−0.028**	−0.023**	−0.028**	−0.023**	−0.028**	−0.023**	−0.028**	−0.023**	−0.028**	−0.023**	−0.028**	−0.023**
	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)
Age	−0.002***	−0.001***	−0.002***	−0.001***	−0.001***	−0.001***	−0.002***	−0.001***	−0.002***	−0.001***	−0.001***	−0.001***
	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
White	−0.034	−0.050**	−0.034	−0.050**	−0.032	−0.049**	−0.034	−0.050**	−0.034	−0.050**	−0.032	−0.050**
	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)
Black	−0.058*	−0.061***	−0.058*	−0.061***	−0.055*	−0.060***	−0.057*	−0.061***	−0.057*	−0.061***	−0.055*	−0.060***
	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)
Mixed	0.016	−0.067*	0.016	−0.067*	0.019	−0.065*	0.016	−0.067*	0.016	−0.067*	0.018	−0.066*
	(0.039)	(0.027)	(0.039)	(0.027)	(0.039)	(0.026)	(0.039)	(0.027)	(0.039)	(0.027)	(0.039)	(0.026)
Married	0.013	0.018*	0.013	0.018*	0.013	0.018*	0.013	0.018*	0.013	0.018*	0.014	0.018*
	(0.010)	(0.007)	(0.010)	(0.007)	(0.010)	(0.007)	(0.010)	(0.007)	(0.010)	(0.007)	(0.010)	(0.007)
High School	0.033*	0.019+	0.033*	0.019+	0.037*	0.022*	0.033*	0.019+	0.033*	0.019+	0.037*	0.022*
	(0.015)	(0.011)	(0.015)	(0.011)	(0.015)	(0.011)	(0.015)	(0.011)	(0.015)	(0.011)	(0.015)	(0.011)
educ_catAssociate's	0.084***	0.027+	0.084***	0.027+	0.088***	0.029*	0.084***	0.027+	0.084***	0.027+	0.087***	0.030*
	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)
Bachelor's Degree	0.161***	0.121***	0.161***	0.121***	0.164***	0.123***	0.161***	0.121***	0.161***	0.121***	0.163***	0.123***
	(0.022)	(0.015)	(0.022)	(0.015)	(0.022)	(0.015)	(0.022)	(0.015)	(0.022)	(0.015)	(0.022)	(0.015)
Postgraduate Degree	0.244***	0.120***	0.244***	0.120***	0.248***	0.123***	0.245***	0.120***	0.245***	0.120***	0.248***	0.123***
	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)
Num.Obs.	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644
R2	0.069	0.073	0.069	0.073	0.073	0.079	0.069	0.073	0.069	0.073	0.073	0.079
R2 Adj.	0.067	0.071	0.067	0.071	0.070	0.077	0.067	0.071	0.067	0.071	0.070	0.077
F	30.216		27.890		29.347		27.893		25.899		27.287	
RMSE	0.37	0.23	0.37	0.23	0.37	0.23	0.37	0.23	0.37	0.23	0.37	0.23

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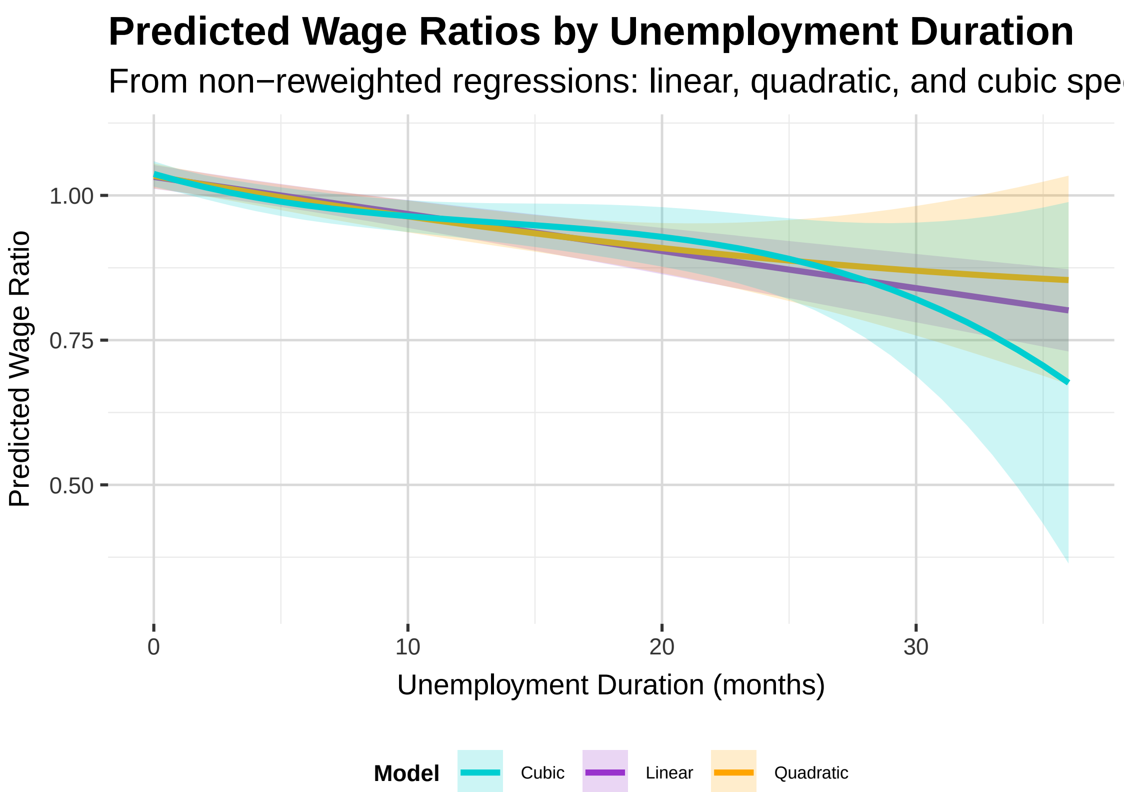

Binned UE Duration

Binned UE duration treatment is reported in bins as indicated in the box plots and code cleaning above.

Additional Considerations

Below I:

Table 3: Binned UE Duration w.o Wage Level Control

	Disc.	Disc. (clipped)	Disc. w. UI	Disc. w. UI (clipped)	Disc. w. exhausted UI	Disc. w. exhausted UI (clipped)	Disc. w. controls	Disc. w. controls (clipped)	Disc. w. UI w. controls	Disc. w. UI w. controls (clipped)	Disc. w. exhausted UI w. controls	Disc. w. exhausted UI w. controls (clipped)
Intercept	1.069***	1.055***	1.069***	1.055***	1.016***	1.010***	1.190***	1.170***	1.190***	1.170***	1.127***	1.116***
	(0.008)	(0.005)	(0.008)	(0.005)	(0.012)	(0.008)	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.034)	(0.023)
Unemployment Duration (Binned)	−0.013***	−0.009***	−0.013***	−0.009***	−0.008***	−0.005***	−0.011***	−0.008***	−0.011***	−0.008***	−0.007***	−0.005***
	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)
Received Unemployment Compensation			0.000	0.000					0.000	0.000		
			(0.001)	(0.001)					(0.001)	(0.001)		
Exhausted Unemployment Compensation					0.001***	0.001***					0.001***	0.001***
					(0.000)	(0.000)					(0.000)	(0.000)
Female							0.003	−0.003	0.003	−0.003	0.003	−0.003
							(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)
Age							−0.003***	−0.002***	−0.003***	−0.002***	−0.003***	−0.002***
							(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
White							−0.035	−0.052**	−0.035	−0.052**	−0.033	−0.050**
							(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)
Black							−0.047+	−0.056**	−0.047+	−0.056**	−0.045+	−0.055**
							(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)
Mixed							0.014	−0.070**	0.014	−0.070*	0.017	−0.068*
							(0.040)	(0.027)	(0.040)	(0.027)	(0.040)	(0.027)
Married							0.004	0.011	0.004	0.011	0.005	0.012
							(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)
High School							0.006	0.001	0.006	0.001	0.012	0.005
							(0.016)	(0.011)	(0.016)	(0.011)	(0.016)	(0.011)
educ_catAssociate's							0.033	−0.009	0.033	−0.009	0.038+	−0.005
							(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)
Bachelor's Degree							0.082***	0.067***	0.082***	0.067***	0.087***	0.071***
							(0.021)	(0.015)	(0.021)	(0.015)	(0.021)	(0.015)
Postgraduate Degree							0.116**	0.030	0.116**	0.030	0.124**	0.038
							(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)
Num.Obs.	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644
R2	0.010	0.011	0.010	0.011	0.016	0.021	0.025	0.031	0.025	0.031	0.030	0.039
R2 Adj.	0.009	0.011	0.009	0.010	0.016	0.021	0.022	0.028	0.022	0.028	0.027	0.036
F	47.638		23.816		40.199		11.165		10.232		12.314	
RMSE	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24

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Table 4: Binned UE Duration w. Wage Level Control

	Disc.	Disc. (clipped)	Disc. w. UI	Disc. w. UI (clipped)	Disc. w. exhausted UI	Disc. w. exhausted UI (clipped)	Disc. w. controls	Disc. w. controls (clipped)	Disc. w. UI w. controls	Disc. w. UI w. controls (clipped)	Disc. w. exhausted UI w. controls	Disc. w. exhausted UI w. controls (clipped)
Intercept	1.198***	1.139***	1.199***	1.139***	1.154***	1.098***	1.272***	1.224***	1.272***	1.224***	1.220***	1.176***
	(0.012)	(0.008)	(0.012)	(0.008)	(0.016)	(0.011)	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.031)	(0.021)	(0.034)	(0.023)
Hourly Wage of Lost Job	−0.009***	−0.006***	−0.009***	−0.006***	−0.009***	−0.006***	−0.011***	−0.007***	−0.011***	−0.007***	−0.011***	−0.007***
	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)	(0.001)	(0.000)
Unemployment Duration (Binned)	−0.011***	−0.009***	−0.011***	−0.009***	−0.008***	−0.005***	−0.011***	−0.008***	−0.010***	−0.008***	−0.007***	−0.005***
	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)
Received Unemployment Compensation			0.000	0.000					0.000	0.000		
			(0.001)	(0.001)					(0.001)	(0.001)		
Exhausted Unemployment Compensation					0.000***	0.000***					0.000***	0.000***
					(0.000)	(0.000)					(0.000)	(0.000)
Female							−0.028**	−0.023**	−0.028**	−0.023**	−0.028**	−0.023**
							(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)	(0.011)	(0.007)
Age							−0.002***	−0.001***	−0.002***	−0.001***	−0.001***	−0.001***
							(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
White							−0.034	−0.050**	−0.034	−0.050**	−0.032	−0.049**
							(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)	(0.023)	(0.016)
Black							−0.057*	−0.061***	−0.057*	−0.061***	−0.054*	−0.059***
							(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.026)	(0.018)
Mixed							0.017	−0.067*	0.017	−0.067*	0.019	−0.065*
							(0.039)	(0.027)	(0.039)	(0.027)	(0.039)	(0.026)
Married							0.013	0.017*	0.013	0.017*	0.013	0.018*
							(0.010)	(0.007)	(0.010)	(0.007)	(0.010)	(0.007)
High School							0.034*	0.019+	0.034*	0.019+	0.038*	0.022*
							(0.015)	(0.011)	(0.015)	(0.011)	(0.015)	(0.011)
educ_catAssociate's							0.085***	0.027+	0.085***	0.027+	0.088***	0.030*
							(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)	(0.021)	(0.014)
Bachelor's Degree							0.163***	0.122***	0.163***	0.122***	0.166***	0.124***
							(0.022)	(0.015)	(0.022)	(0.015)	(0.022)	(0.015)
Postgraduate Degree							0.246***	0.120***	0.246***	0.120***	0.250***	0.124***
							(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)	(0.045)	(0.031)
Num.Obs.	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644	4870	4644
R2	0.047	0.045	0.047	0.045	0.051	0.052	0.069	0.072	0.069	0.072	0.072	0.078
R2 Adj.	0.047	0.045	0.047	0.045	0.050	0.051	0.067	0.070	0.067	0.070	0.070	0.076
F	120.632		80.422		86.995		30.090		27.774		29.084	
RMSE	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.24	0.37	0.23	0.37	0.23	0.37	0.23

+ p < 0.1, * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

1. Show results from some sample reweighting to address the non-uniformity of our cross-sectional data.
2. Histogram of an additional explanatory variable that might be interesting - the tenure of the lost job. How long (in years) did the individual hold the job they lost.
3. Additionally, I show some rough graphs/figures about the sample population (age, education, gender, wage distributions). I am still working on an occupational distribution graph to understand the "skills"/occupational distribution of the sample.

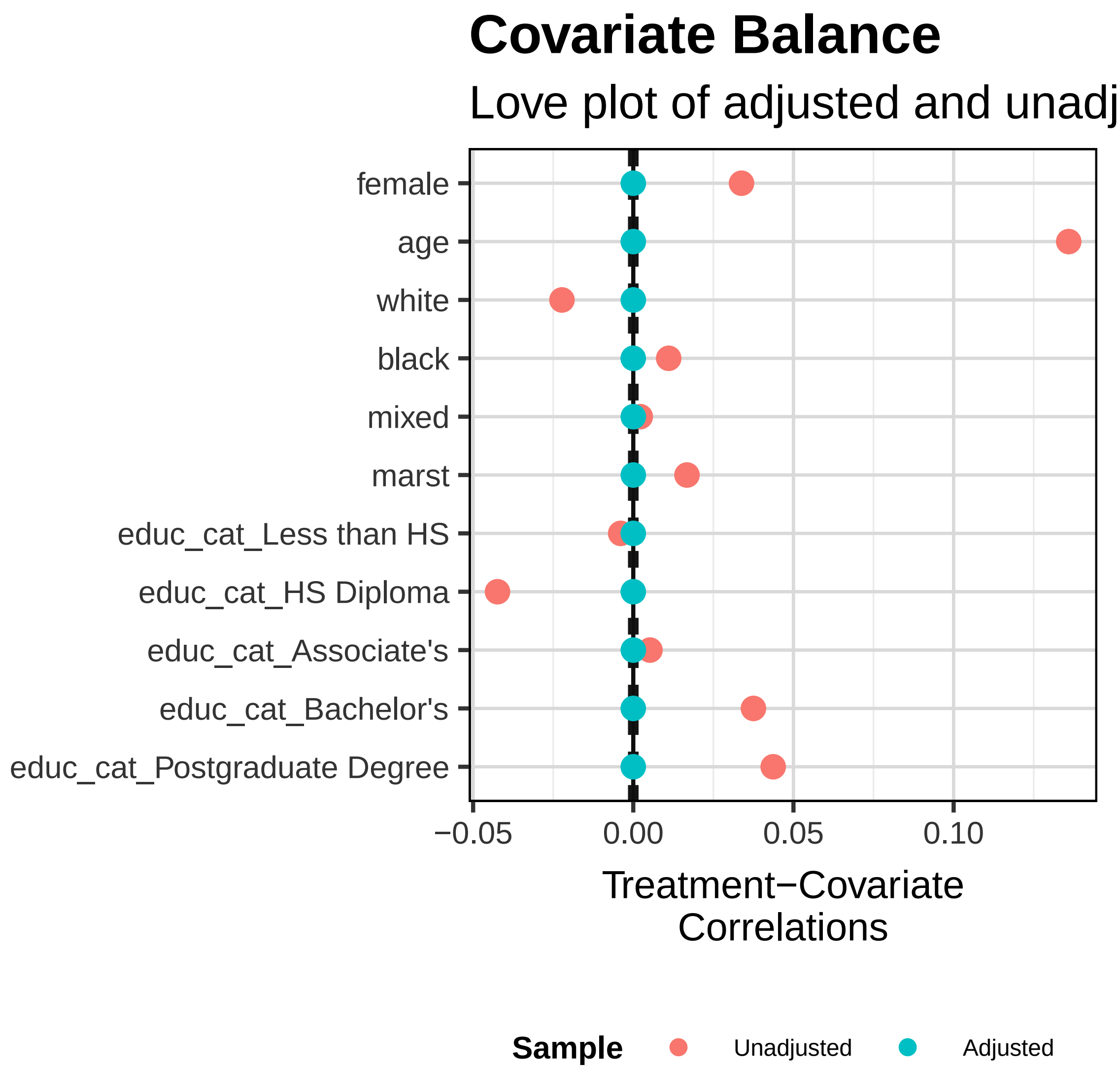
Selection Issues with Non-Random Sample

NOTE: Skip ahead to "Regression Results with Sample Reweighting for Regression Results if you don't wish to look at the reweighting details below.

One of the challenges with this data is that the sample grows significantly smaller for higher reported of unemployment duration (see scatter plots in Descriptives section). One option is a sample reweighting (beyond the census weights) to ensure population similarity across bins (below I choose GLM propensity score matching & entropy-balancing) or a Heckman Selection. Again, I include the code below (apologies for verbose output), mainly because I am not yet 100% sure of the implementation as I have never implemented such sample correction in a cross-sectional study). Open to suggestions and corrections :)

Conclusion: With this implementation (which may very well be wrong for now!), the coefficients on unemployment duration remain stable.

Entropy Balancing Entropy balancing simply reweights observations to ensure population matching across the key dependent variable.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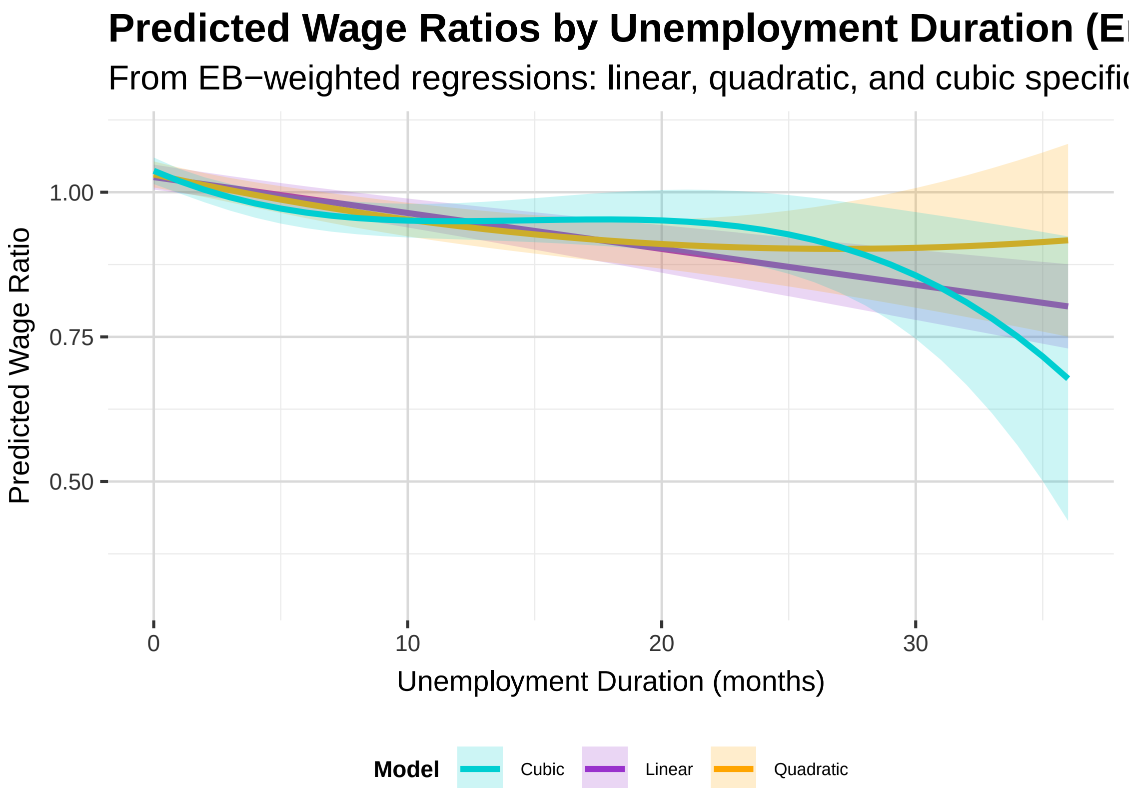
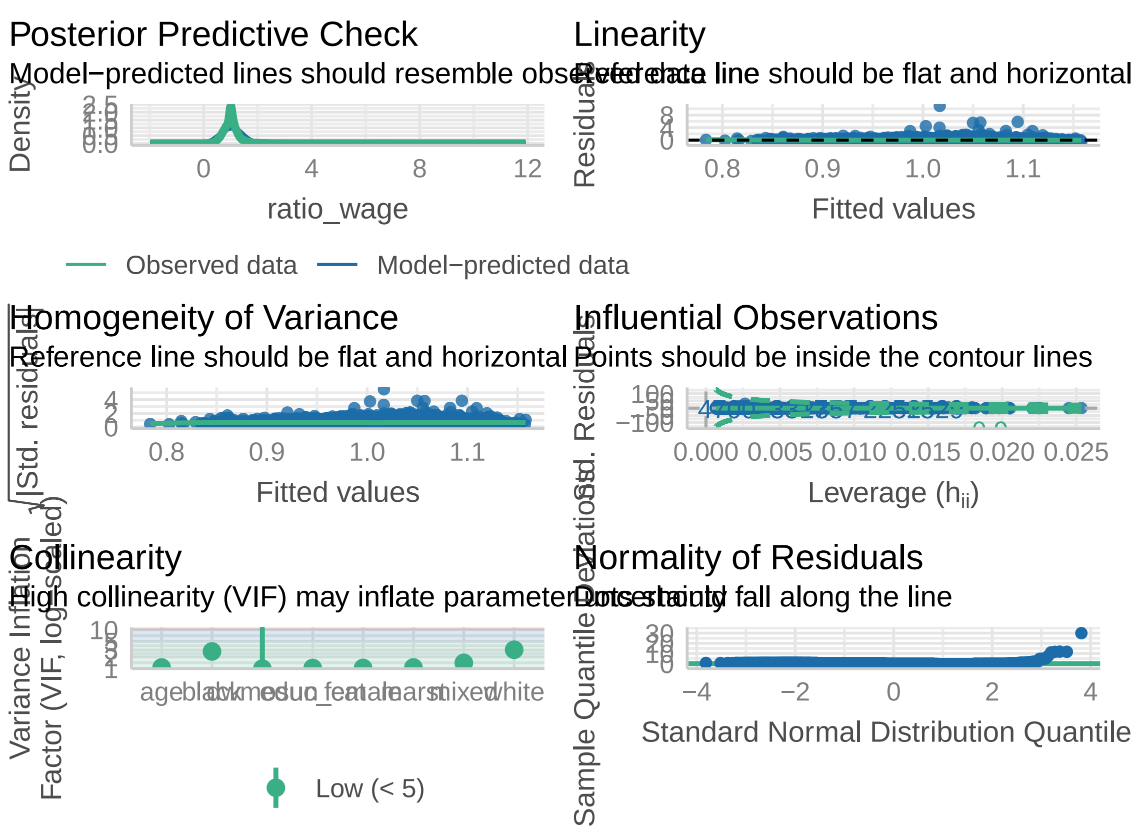
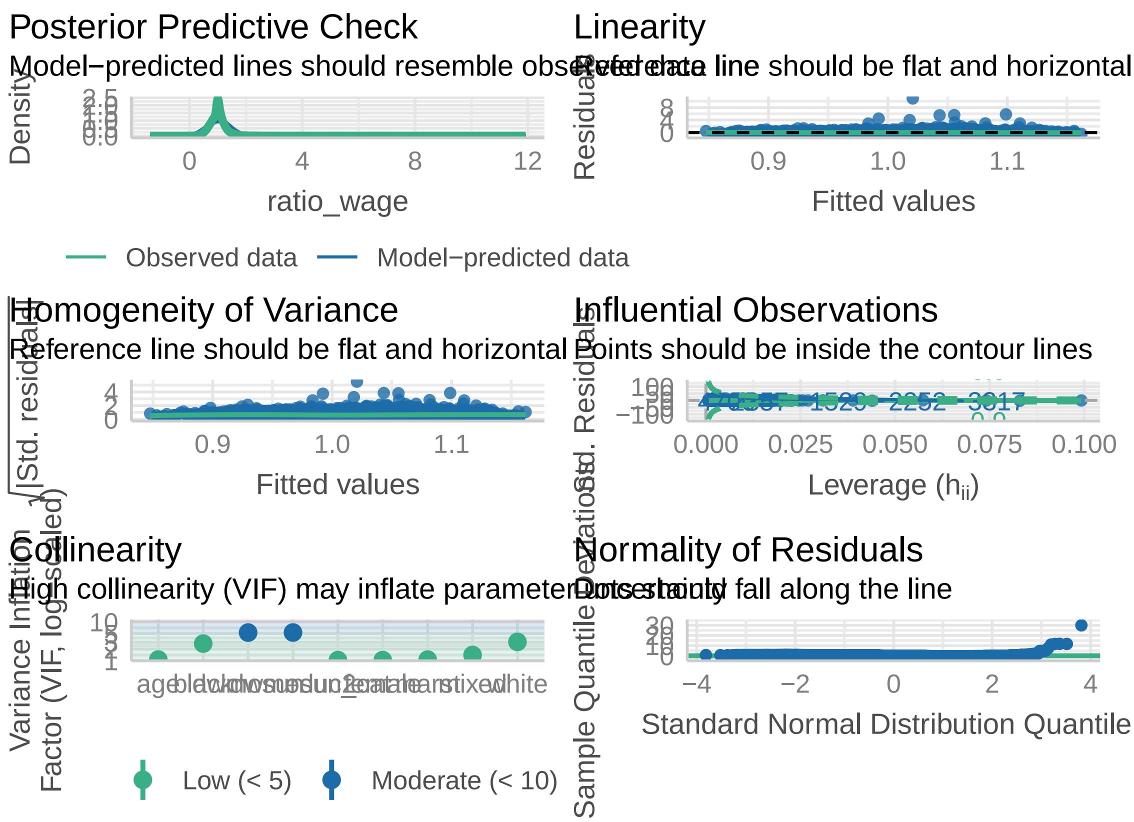
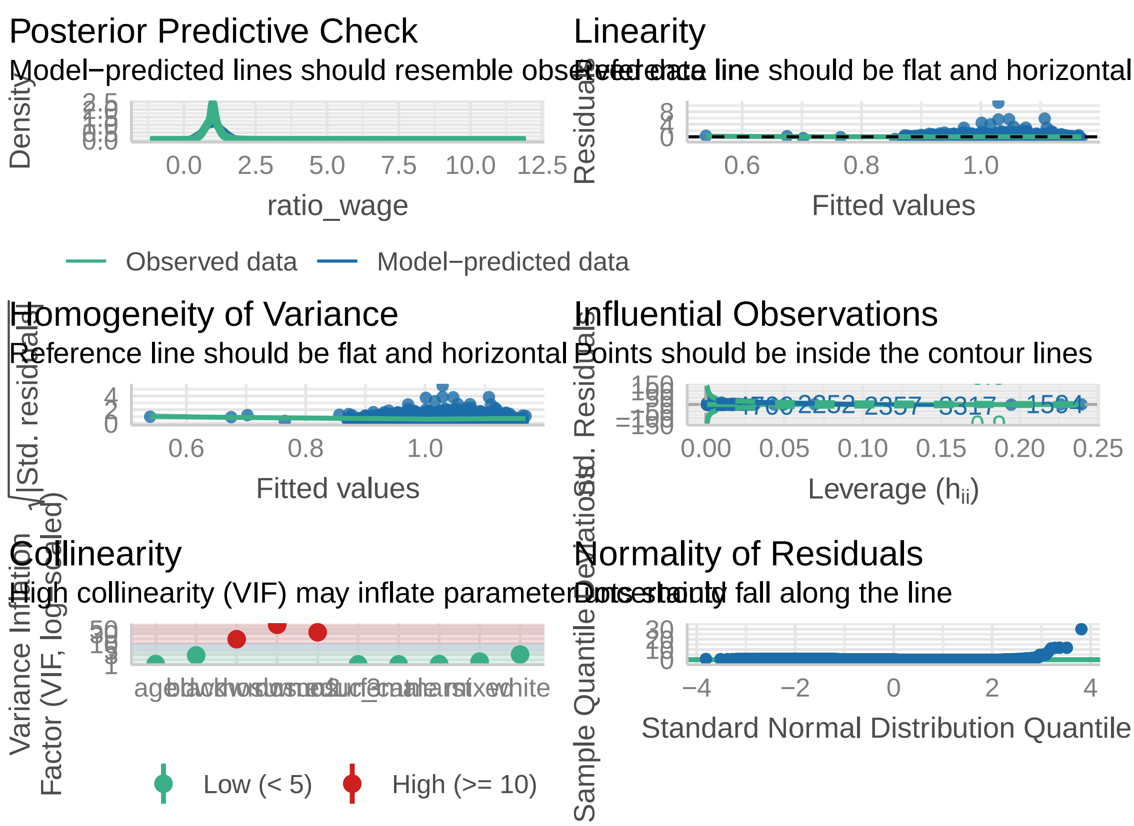


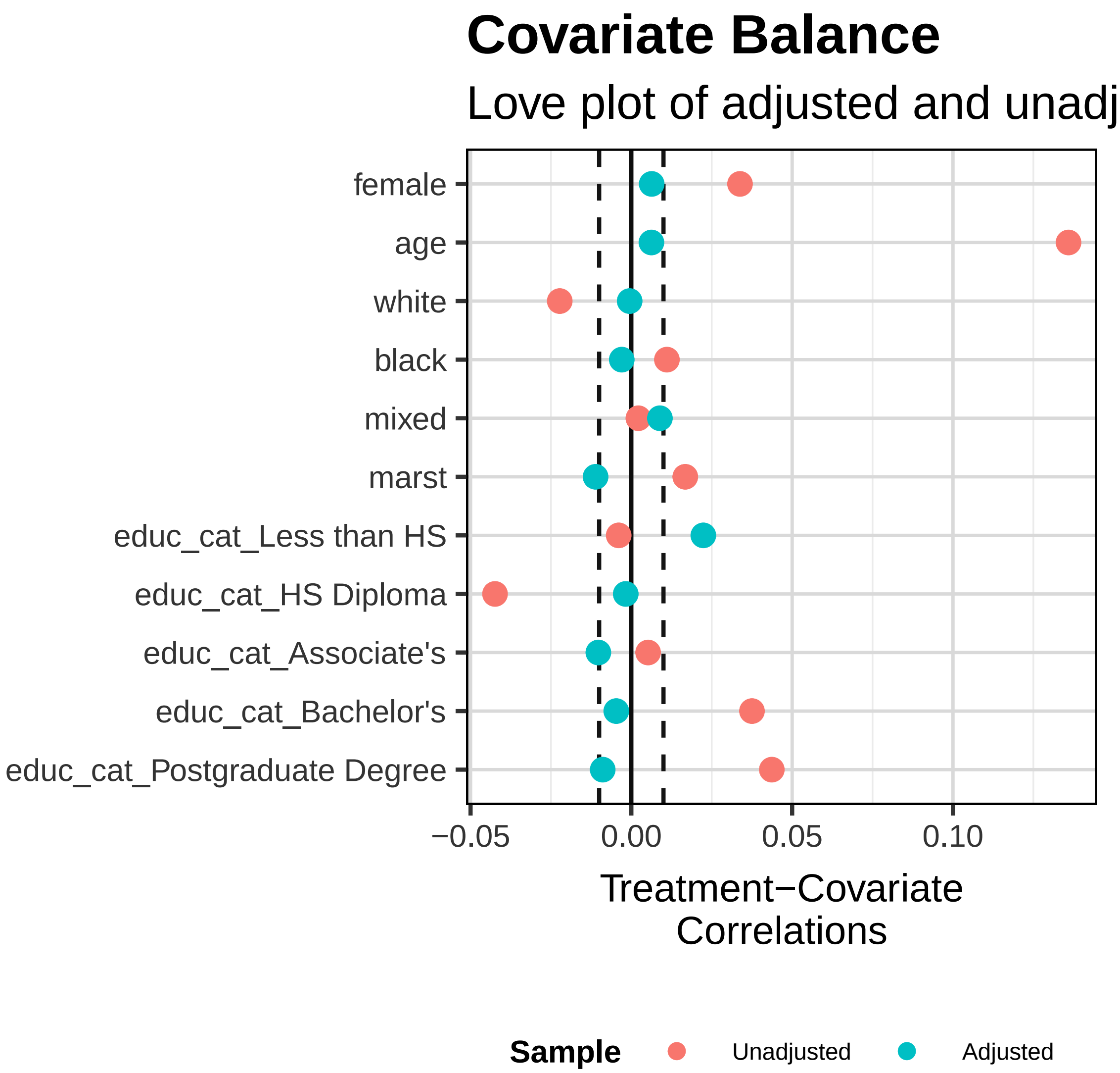
Diagnostic Tests for Entropy-balanced Reweighted Sample







Propensity Score Weighting with GLM Estimator



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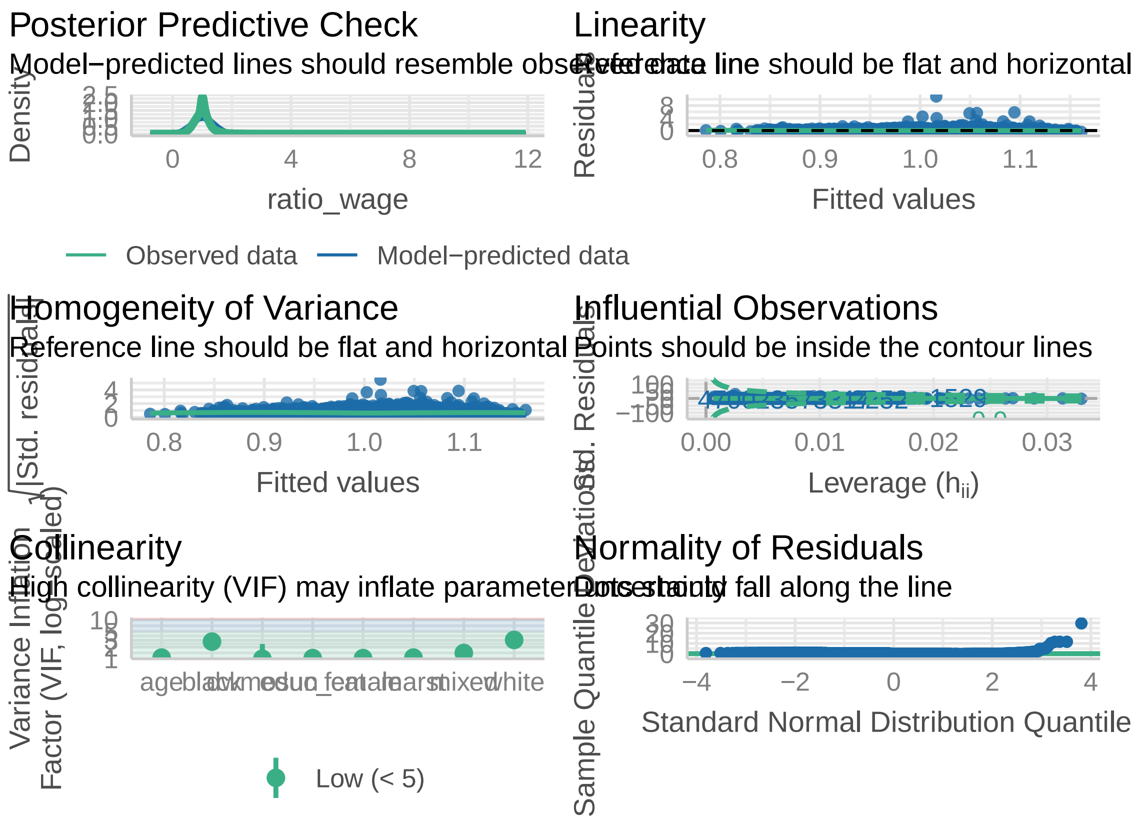
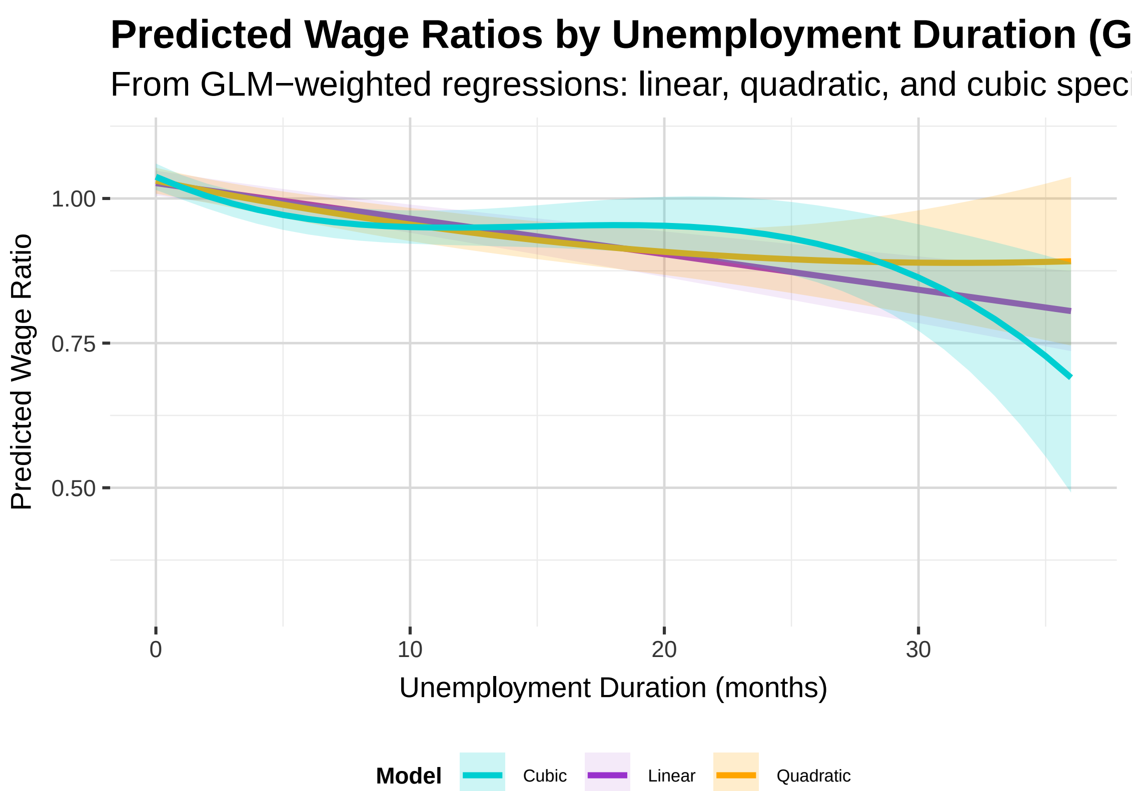
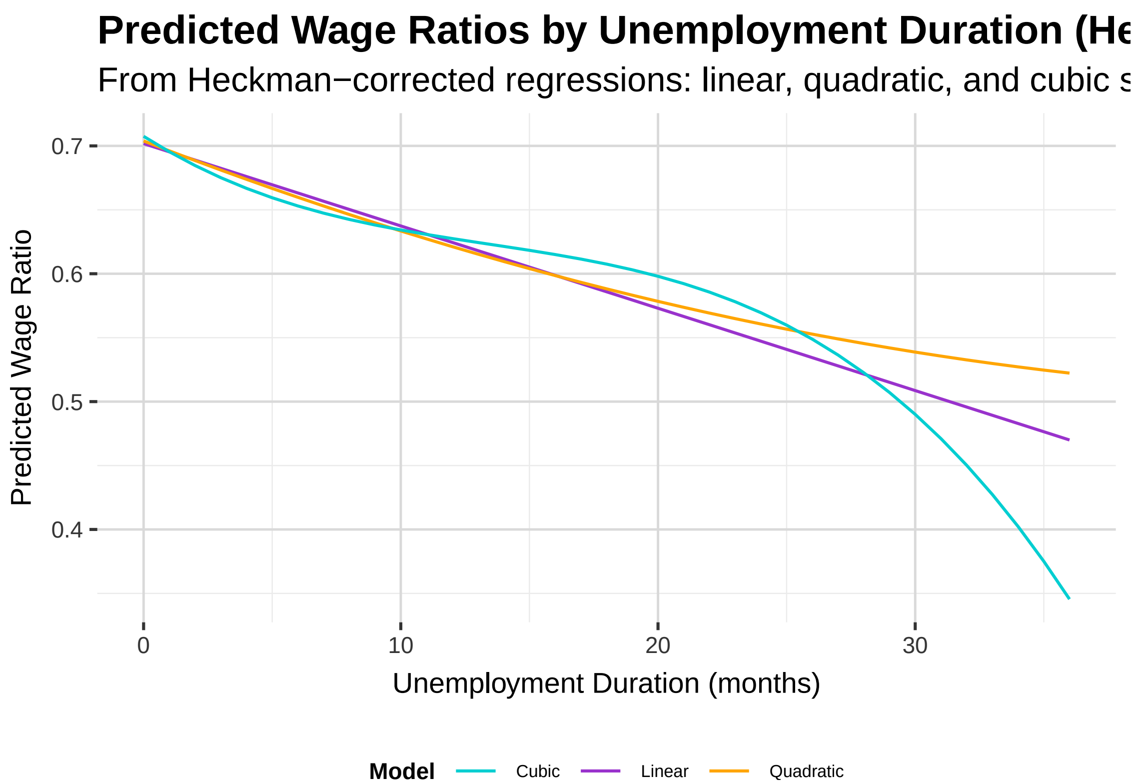


Predicted Reservation Wage using GLM Reweighted Sample



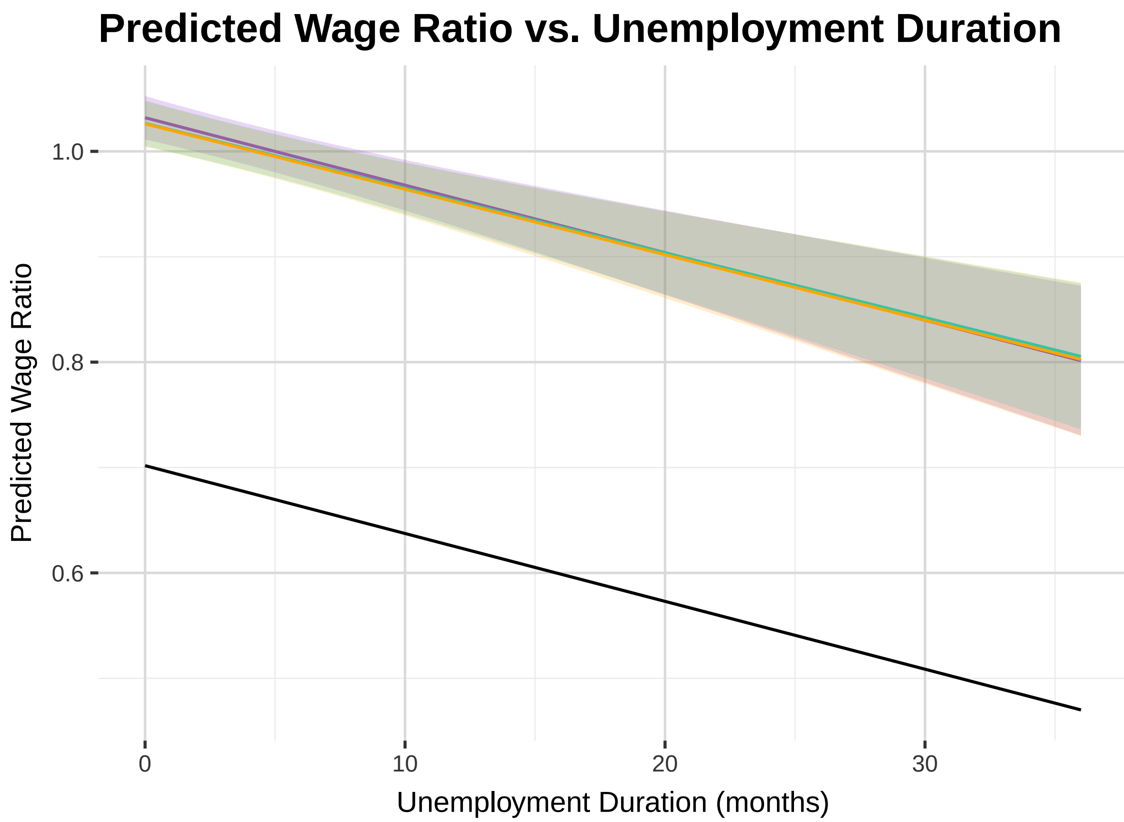
Heckman Selection Another option is a Heckman Selection correction though I do not think this addresses the particular selection concern we have where there are simply less observations in longer unemployment durations.



Regression Results with Sample Reweighting

	Heckman Correction	Entropy Balanced Reweight	GLM Reweight
Intercept	1.131***	1.147***	1.143***
	(0.041)	(0.033)	(0.033)
Unemployment Duration (Months)	−0.006***	−0.006***	−0.006***
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Female	0.018	0.001	0.001
	(0.014)	(0.011)	(0.011)
Age	−0.007***	−0.002***	−0.002***
	(0.002)	(0.000)	(0.000)
White	−0.162*	−0.027	−0.023
	(0.074)	(0.025)	(0.025)
Black	−0.125*	−0.040	−0.036
	(0.050)	(0.030)	(0.030)
Mixed	−0.054	0.003	0.007
	(0.055)	(0.044)	(0.044)
Married	0.003	0.005	0.004
	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)
High School	−0.014	−0.014	−0.014
	(0.019)	(0.017)	(0.017)
XOeduc_catAssociate's	−0.078		
	(0.064)		
Bachelor's Degree	−0.217	0.054*	0.054*
	(0.165)	(0.023)	(0.023)
Postgraduate Degree	−0.479	0.083+	0.086+
	(0.330)	(0.048)	(0.047)
Inverse Mills Ratio	0.870+		
	(0.479)		
educ_catAssociate's		0.007	0.006
		(0.022)	(0.022)
Num.Obs.	4870	4870	4870
R2	0.893	0.014	0.015
R2 Adj.	0.893	0.012	0.013
F		6.487	6.798
RMSE	0.37	0.37	0.37

+ p < 0.1, * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001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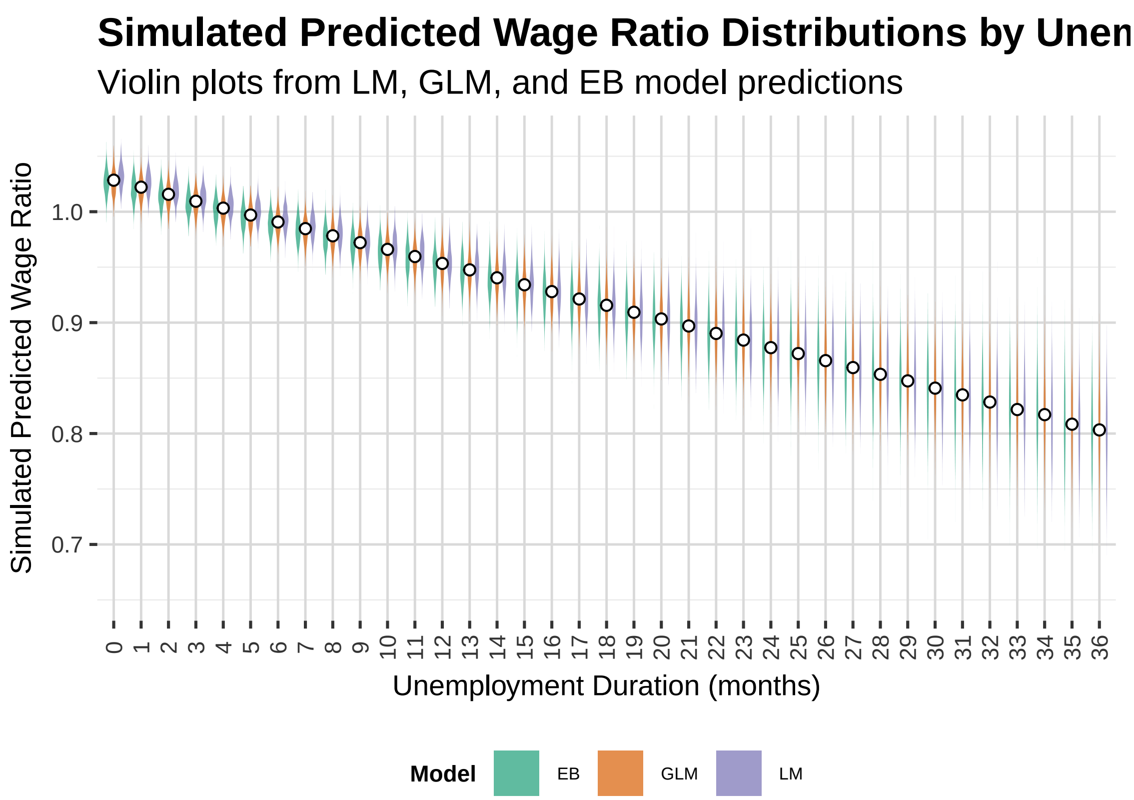
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Unemployment Duration (months)
Model
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GLM
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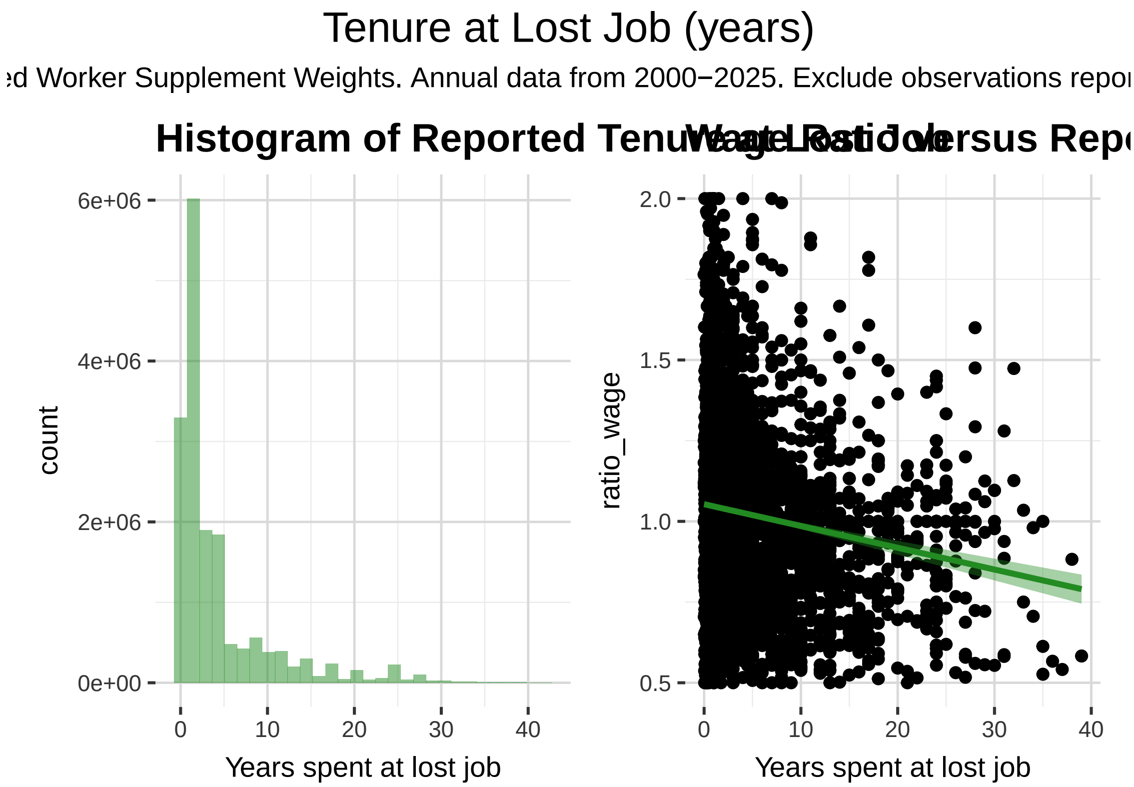
Job Tenure

We have information on the tenure spent at the last job which could impact the result. This could speak to the "adaptability" of individuals. Wage ratio seems to decrease (although not sure if meaningfully) with tenure at previous job.



Representation

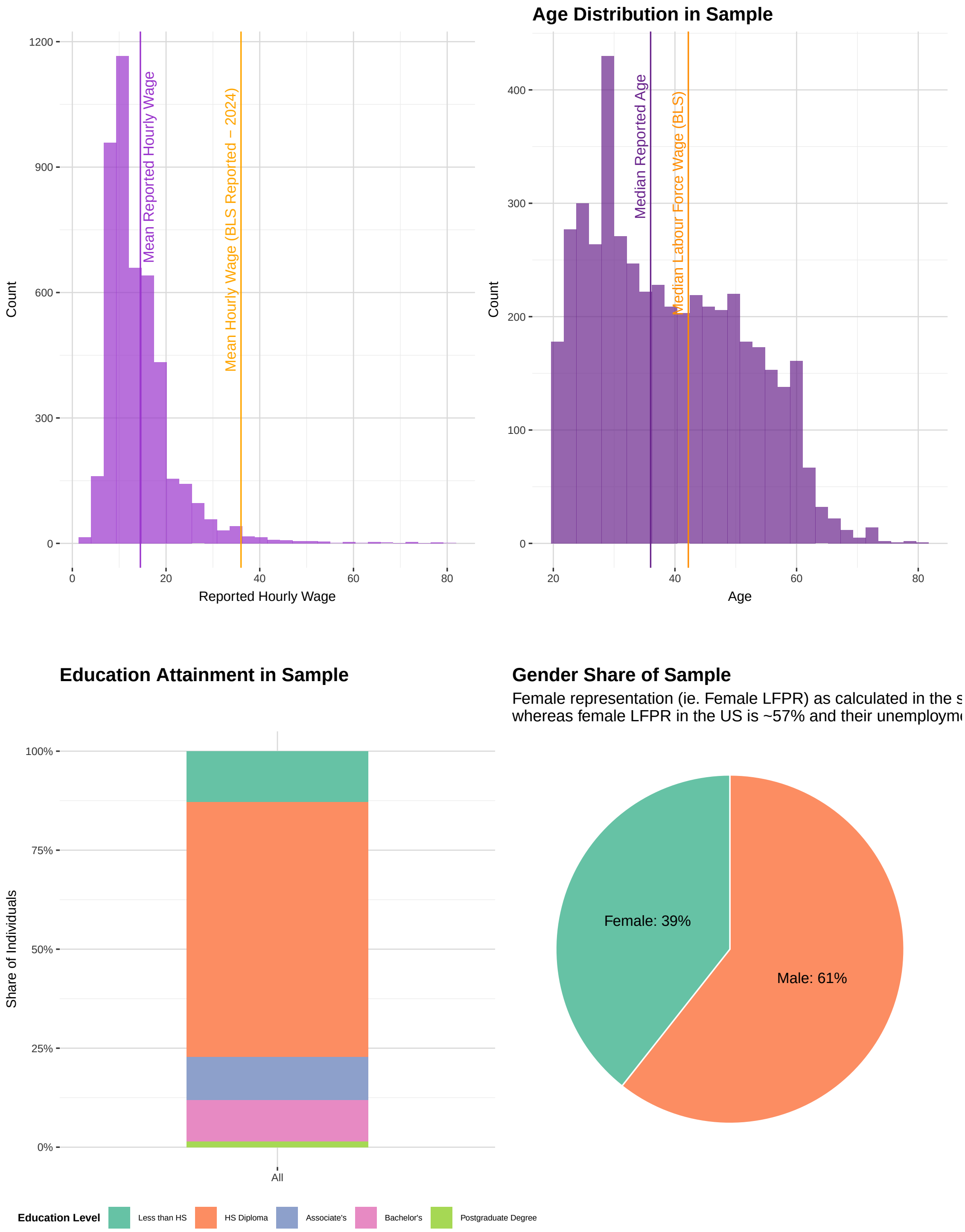
Although the survey does provide sample weights which we use above, it's still likely that those who are laid off might be systematically more susceptible to layoffs (lower-wage, low-skill occupation, male, etc). Below, some (very rough) graphs to indicate what the sample looks like.

Headline result: it seems the sample over-represents below-mean wage earners and women. Age looks reasonably accurate (in relation to a simple median though....have not checked spread). Have not yet checked match to educational attainment. Individuals with only a HS diploma is strong majority in sample - not sure how accurate this is (likely correlated with wage however...so this might be cause for concern and confirm a skewed sample in that sense).

If we wish to pursue this data, I could improve on the below but it will have to do for now.

Preliminary Look at Sample Composition by Age, Wage, Education, Gender, Occupation

Observations weighted by Displaced Worker Supplement Weights. Annual data from 2000−2025. Exclude observations reporting > 96 weeks of unemployment.



OTJ Search

Eeckhout et al. 2019 Unemployment Cycles

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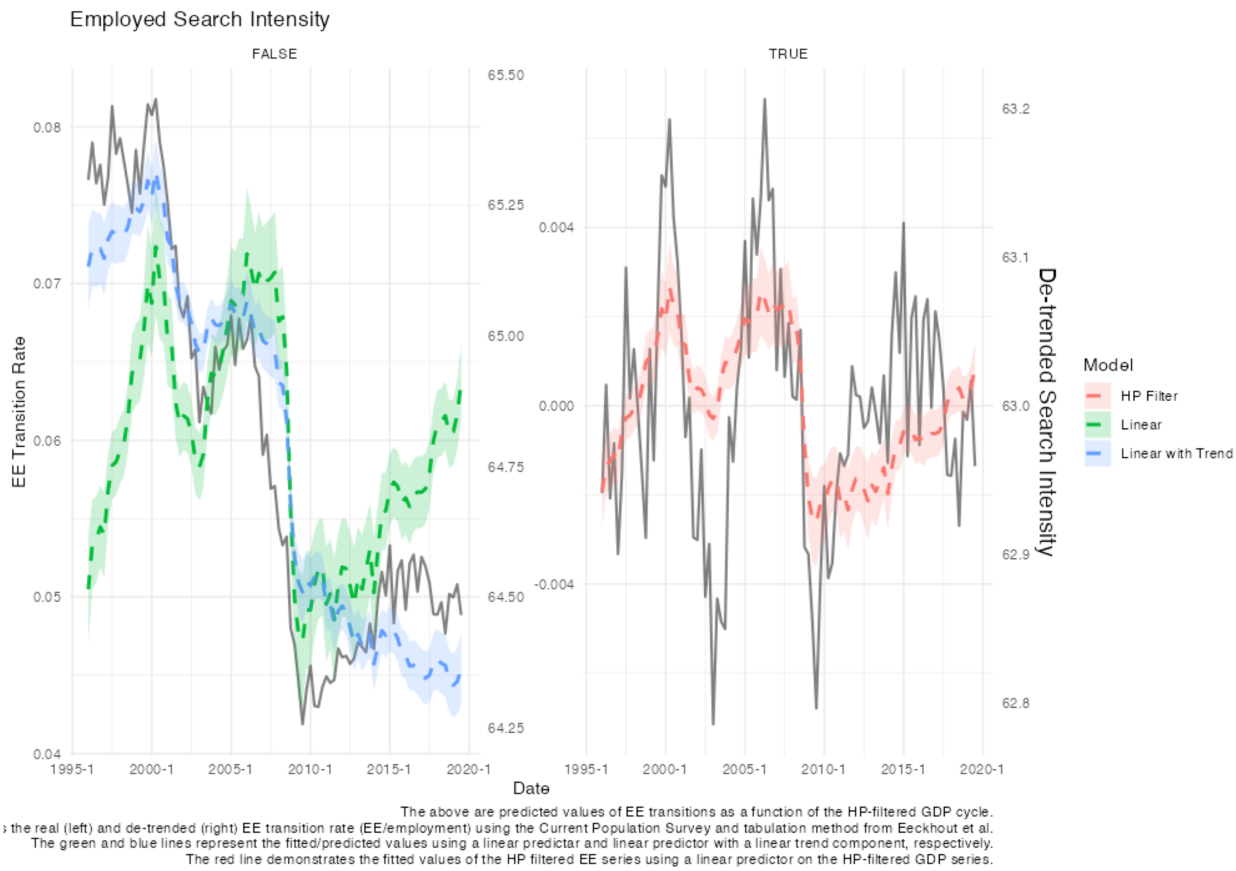

Figure 3: Employed Search Effort Fit

	Linear	Linear with Trend	HP Filter
(Intercept)	−0.174***	−0.053**	−0.049***
	(0.035)	(0.018)	(0.008)
x	0.233***	0.129***	0.049***
	(0.035)	(0.017)	(0.008)
trend		0.000***	
		(0.000)	
Num.Obs.	95	95	95
R2	0.323	0.854	0.282
R2 Adj.	0.315	0.851	0.275
AIC	−594.7	−738.3	−872.6
BIC	−587.0	−728.1	−865.0
Log.Lik.	300.334	373.173	439.307
F	44.309	268.734	36.593
RMSE	0.01	0.00	0.00

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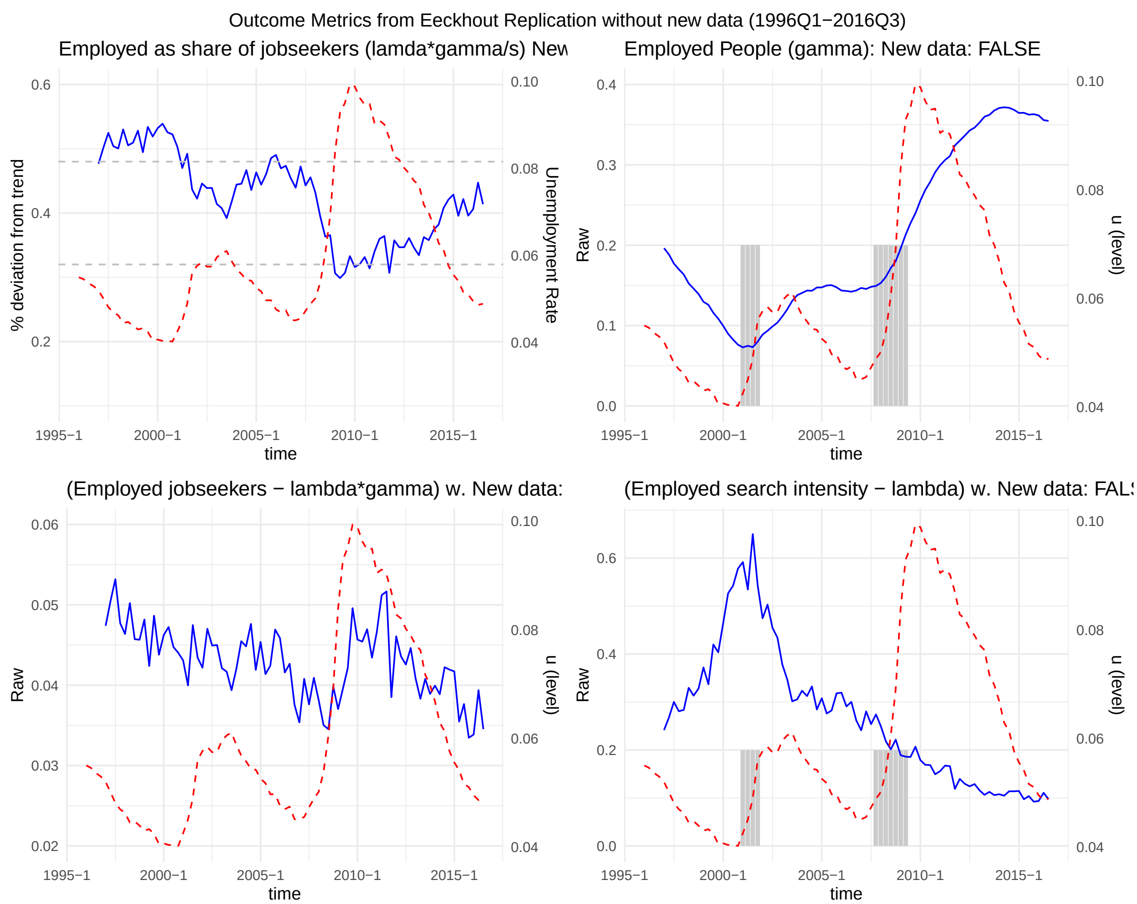

Outcome Metrics from Eeckhout Replication without new data (1996Q1−2024Q4)
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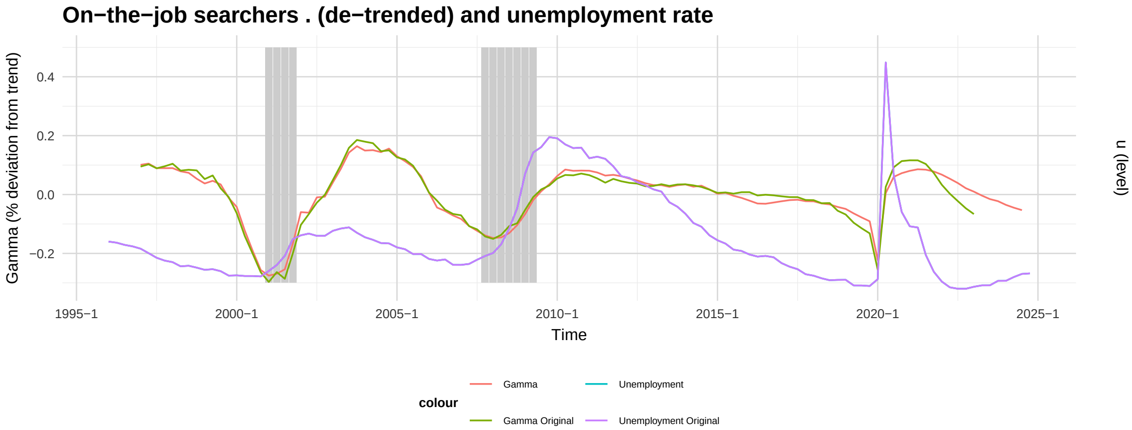

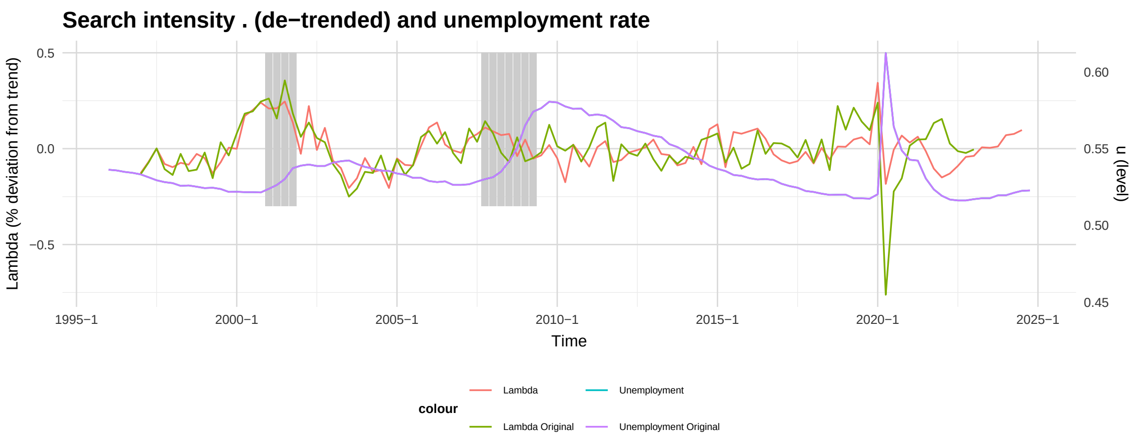

Learning Rate

Mueller et al. Job Seekers' Perceptions and Employment Prospects: Heterogeneity, Duration Dependence and Bias

Mueller et al: Job Seekers' Perceptions and Employment Prospects

The authors claim to disentangle the effects of duration dependence and dynamic selection by using job seekers' elicited beliefs about job-finding. Assuming (and confirming empirically) that job-seekers have realistic initial beliefs about job-finding they isolate the heterogeneity in jobseekers from true duration dependence. Ultimately, they find that dynamic selection selection explains most of the negative duration dependence (rather than pure, true duration dependence).

Findings: Results are remarkably consistent even when including additional data from 2019-2024. The below results replicate the findings in Mueller et al and extend the analysis to include a longer time series. Plot and regression table titles have been maintained for easy comparison.

We aim to include this information in our theoretical model of the job search effort as a learning rate (ie. individuals learn about their re-employment probability with repeated failures in the job search).

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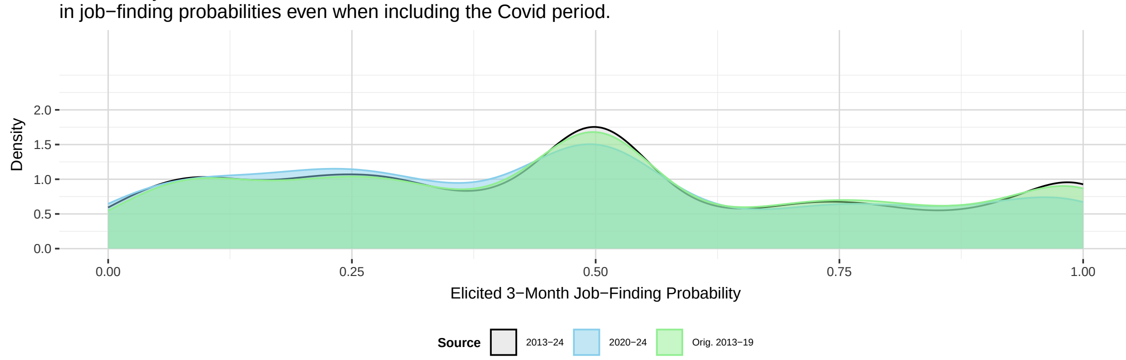
Table 5: Descriptive Statistics (SCE)

Variable	Orig. 2013-19	2013-24	2020-24
High-School Degree or Less	44.5	40.6	36.9
Some College Education	32.4	34.9	37.6
College Degree or More	23.1	24.6	25.6
Age 20-34	25.4	27.2	30.0
Age 35-49	33.5	33.6	35.3
Age 50-65	41.1	39.2	34.8
Female	59.3	61.2	60.8
Black	19.1	17.9	16.4
Hispanic	12.5	13.0	12.6
UE transition rate	18.7	19.1	18.2
UE transition rate: ST	25.8	26.5	24.3
UE transition rate: LT	12.7	12.7	12.3
# respondents	948	1,367	433
# respondents w/ at least 2 u obs	534	780	252
# observations	2,597	3,926	1,347

Density Comparison of
Elicited Job−Finding Probabilities

Remarkably consistent beliefs
in job−finding probabilities even when including the Covid period.



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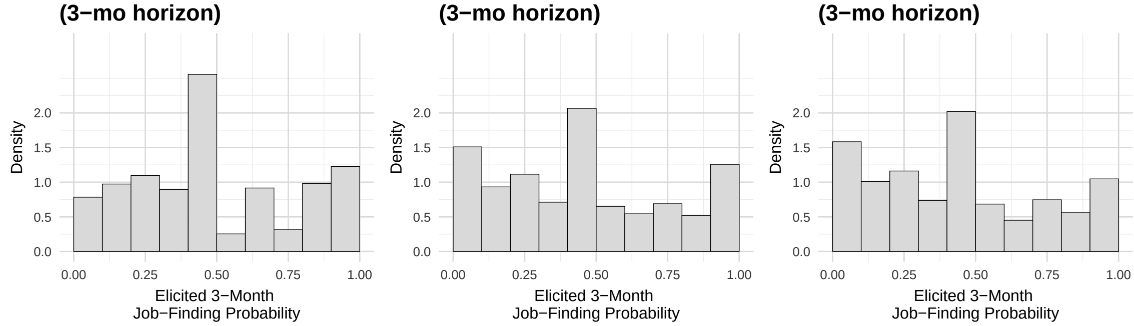

Figure 2: Averages of Realized Job−Finding Rates, by Bins of Elicited Probabilities (SCE)

Demonstrates the predictive power of beliefs. Remarkably consistent even when including the Covid period except for those who were perhaps overly optimistic.

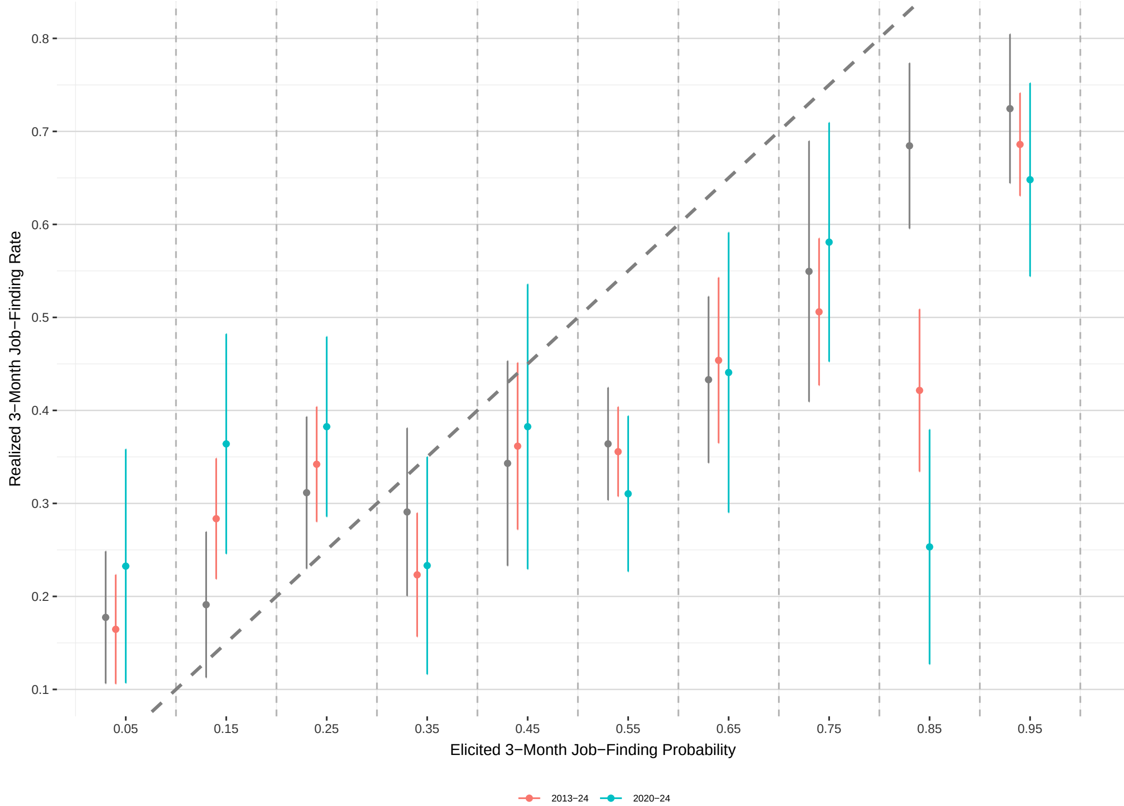

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Table 6: Table 2—Regressions of Realized on Elicited 3-Month Job-Finding Probabilities (SCE): Contemporaneous elicitations

	Dependent variable:		
	T+3 UE Transitions (3-Months)		
	Orig. 2013-19	2013-24	2020-24
	(1)	(2)	(3)
find_job_3mon	0.464^{***}	0.396^{***}	0.265^{***}
	(0.045)	(0.036)	(0.067)
1 |userid			
Constant	−0.104	−0.080	−0.136
	(0.169)	(0.137)	(0.267)
Observations	1,201	1,911	673
R^2	0.218	0.139	0.105
Adjusted R^2	0.207	0.132	0.083
Residual Std. Error	0.467 (df = 1184)	0.475 (df = 1894)	0.478 (df = 656)
Note:			*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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	Dependent variable:		
	T+3 UE Transitions (3-Months)		
	Orig. 2013-19	2013-24	2020-24
	(1)	(2)	(3)
find_job_3mon	0.501^{***}	0.418^{***}	0.391^{***}
	(0.061)	(0.051)	(0.094)
findjob_3mon_longterm	-0.258^{***}	-0.170^{**}	-0.360^{***}
	(0.088)	(0.071)	(0.133)
longterm_unemployed	−0.078	-0.127^{***}	−0.043
	(0.051)	(0.041)	(0.075)
1 |userid			
Constant	−0.062	−0.063	−0.402
	(0.175)	(0.139)	(0.266)
Observations	1,201	1,911	673
R^2	0.259	0.182	0.155
Adjusted R^2	0.248	0.174	0.132
Residual Std. Error	0.455 (df = 1182)	0.464 (df = 1892)	0.465 (df = 654)
Note:			*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table 8: Table 2—Regressions of Realized on Elicited 3-Month Job-Finding Probabilities (SCE): Lagged elicitations

	Dependent variable:		
	T+3 UE Transitions (3-Months)		
	Orig. 2013-19	2013-24	2020-24
	(1)	(2)	(3)
tplus3_percep_3mon	0.332***	0.241***	0.203**
	(0.067)	(0.056)	(0.102)
1 |userid			
Constant	0.304	0.490**	0.451
	(0.270)	(0.207)	(0.394)
Observations	474	798	300
R^2	0.168	0.090	0.179
Adjusted R^2	0.139	0.071	0.132
Residual Std. Error	0.398 (df = 457)	0.436 (df = 781)	0.447 (df = 283)
Note:			*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Table 9: Table 2—Regressions of Realized on Elicited 3-Month Job-Finding Probabilities (SCE): Lagged elicitations

	Dependent variable:		
	T+3 UE Transitions (3-Months)		
	Orig. 2013-19	2013-24	2020-24
	(1)	(2)	(3)
find_job_3mon	0.301***	0.205***	−0.035
	(0.069)	(0.058)	(0.110)
1 |userid			
Constant	0.201	0.422**	0.361
	(0.274)	(0.207)	(0.400)
Observations	474	798	300
R^2	0.159	0.083	0.168
Adjusted R^2	0.129	0.064	0.121
Residual Std. Error	0.400 (df = 457)	0.437 (df = 781)	0.450 (df = 283)
Note:			*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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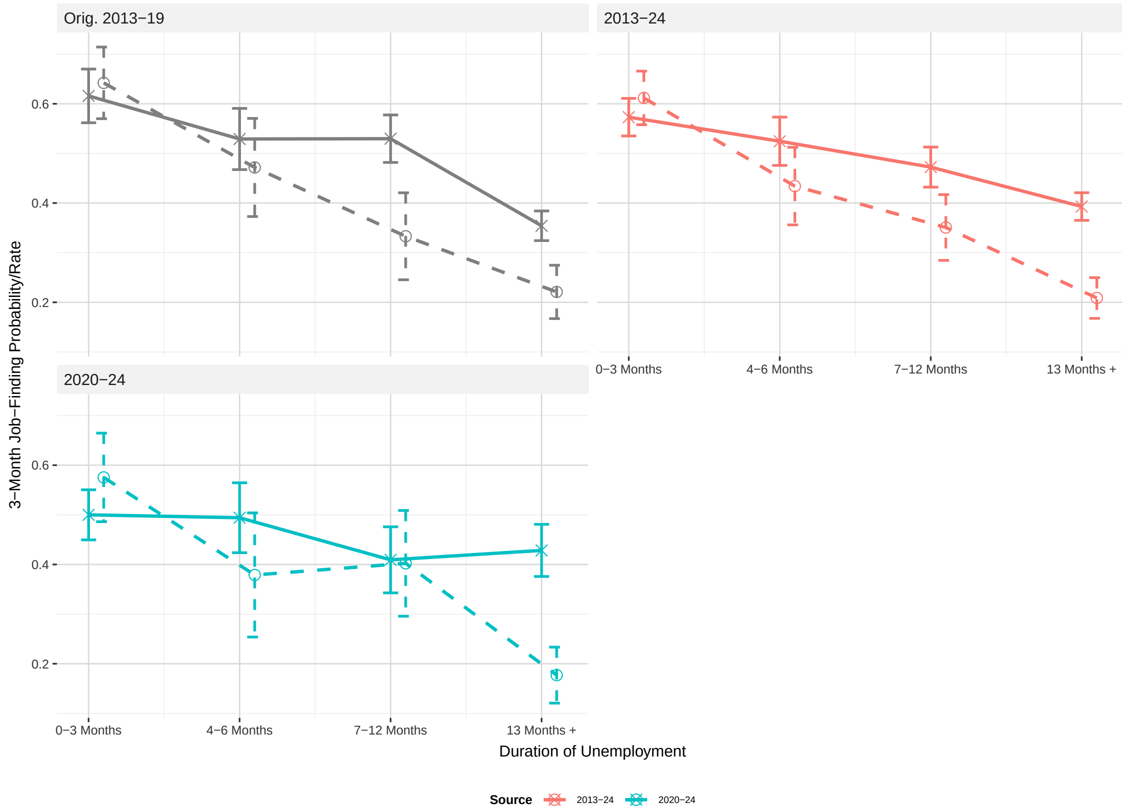

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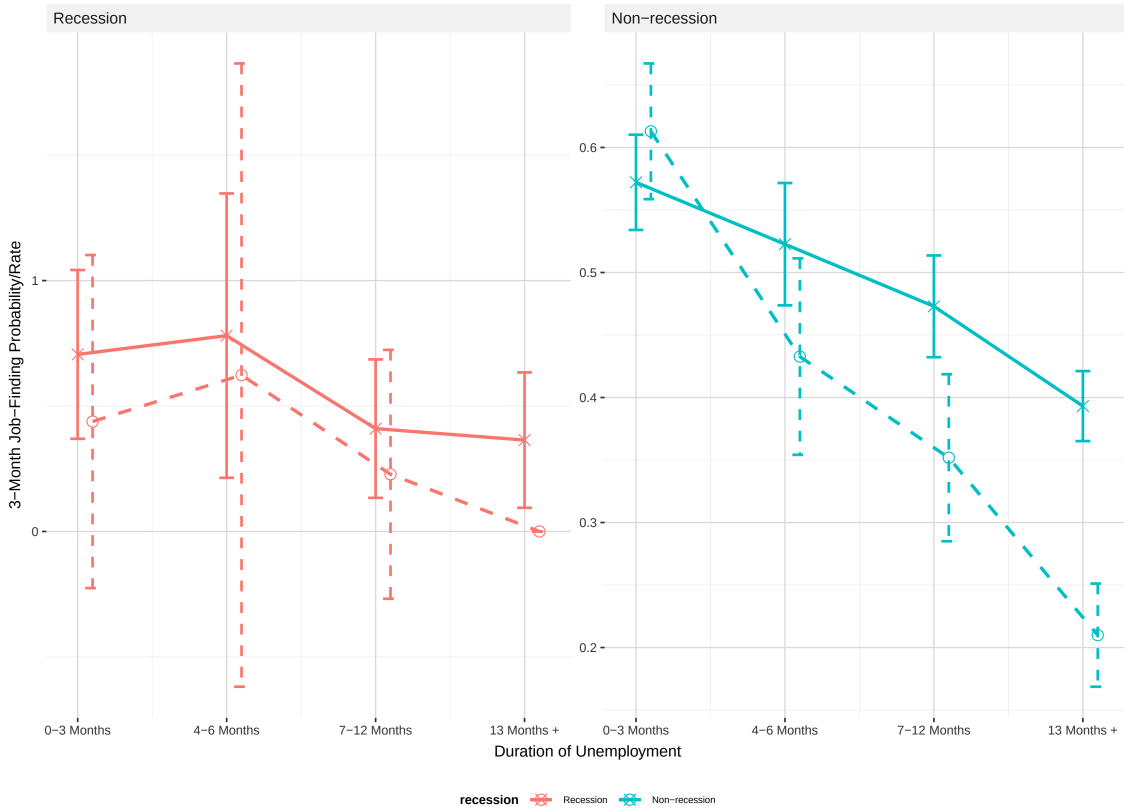
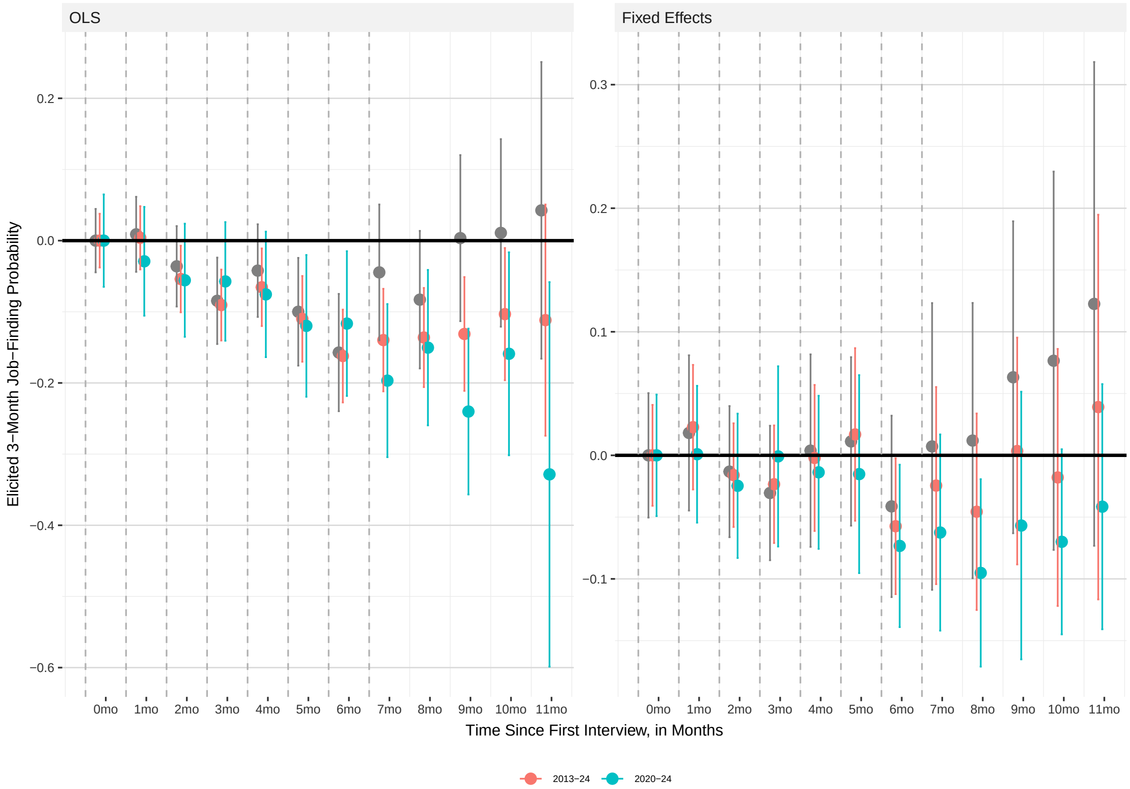


Fig 4. Changes in Job−Finding Probability Across and Within Spells

Figure 4 illustrates the difference between the observed (cross−sectional − left panel) duration dependence and the true (individual−level − right panel) duration dependence in the reported beliefs graphically.



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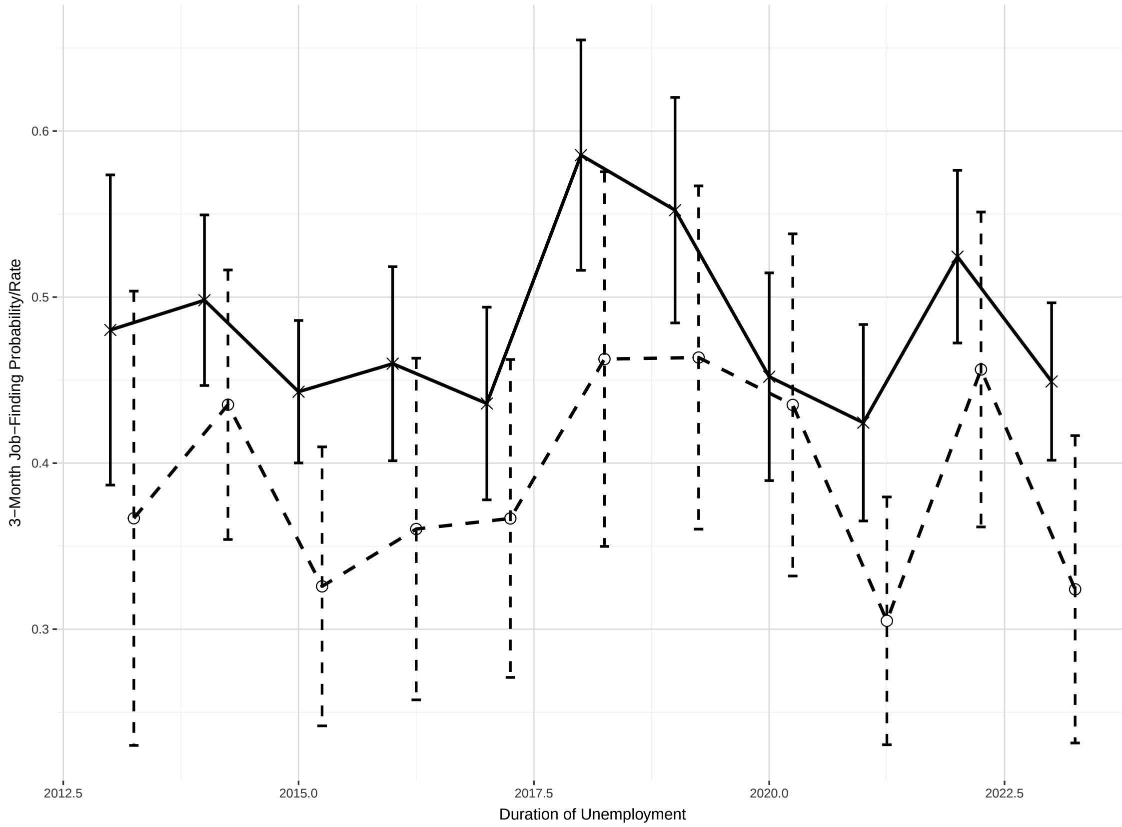
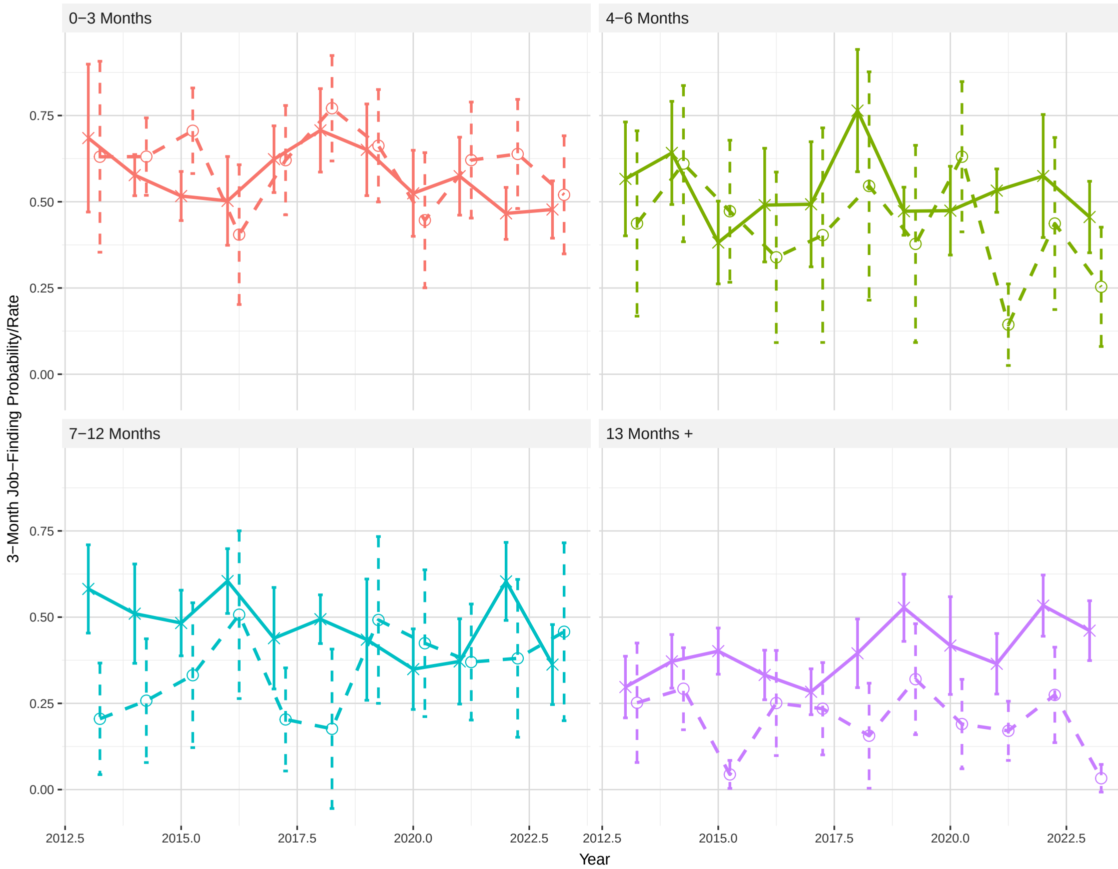


Fig 3. Perceived and Realized Job Finding, by Year



Additional Analyses

SCE Labor Market Survey: Reservation Wages

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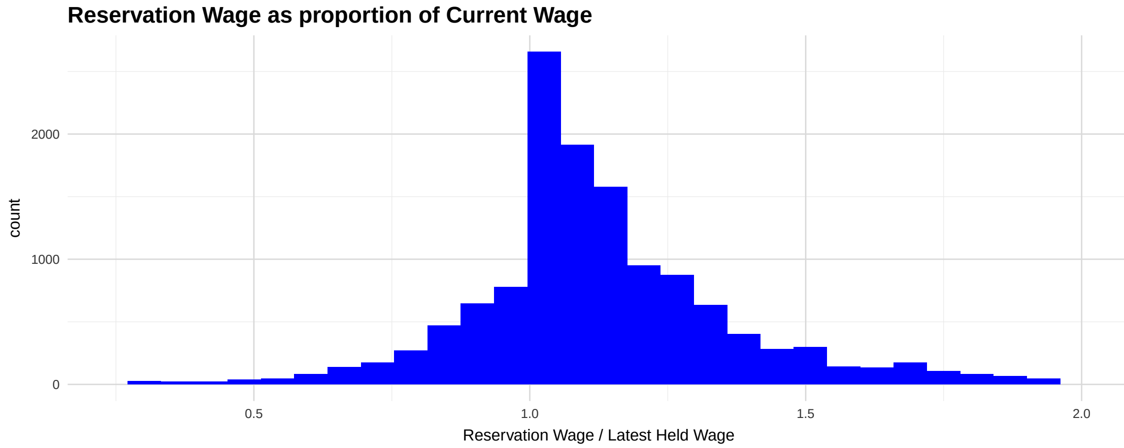
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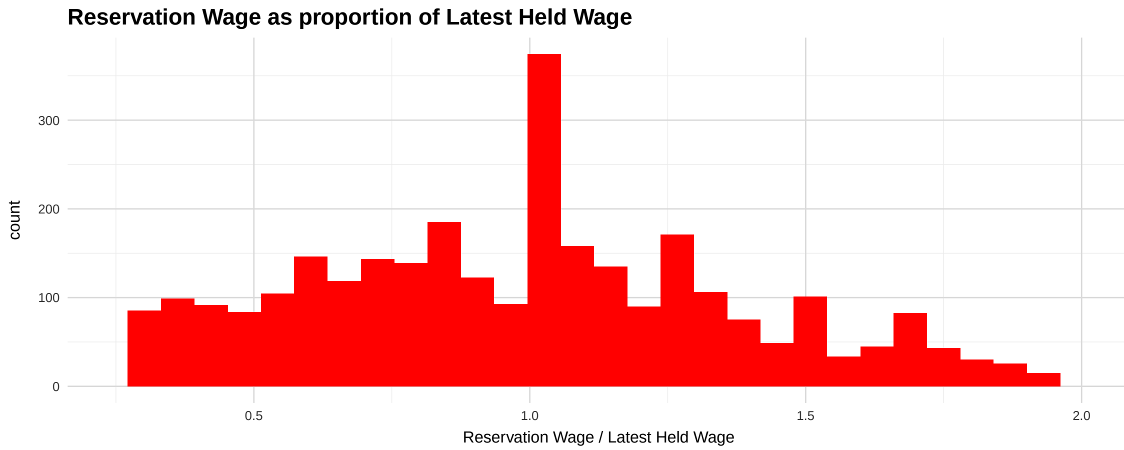
Reservation Wage / Latest Held Wage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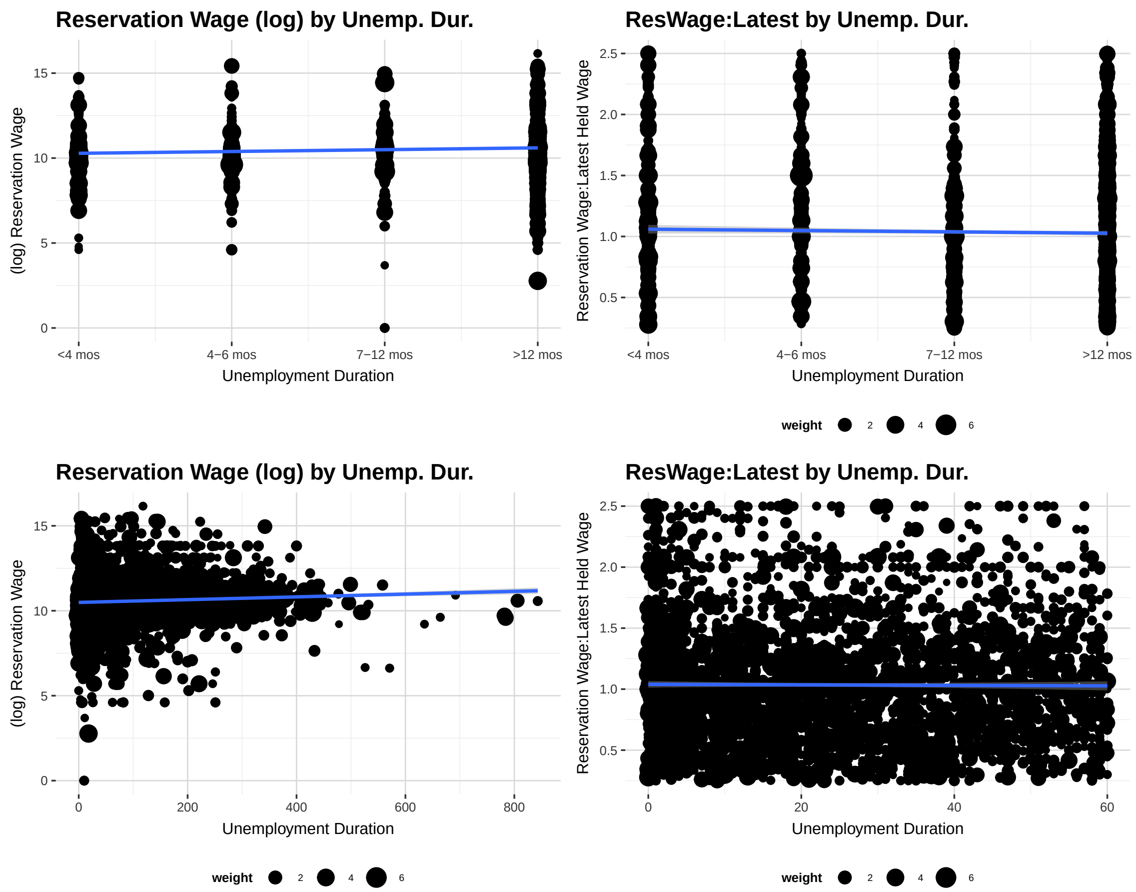

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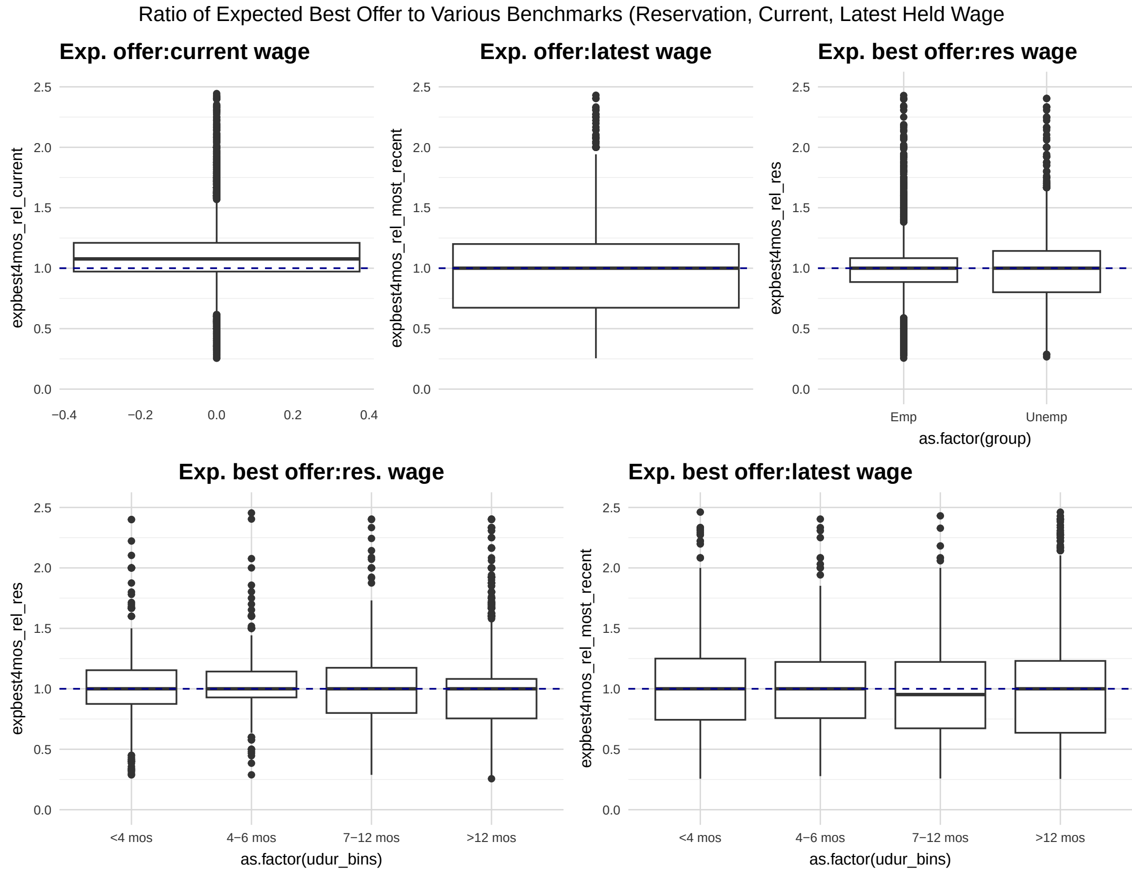

Notes: Regressions are estimated in the Survey of Consumer Expectations between 2014−2022.
Observations are weighted by their SCE sample weight.

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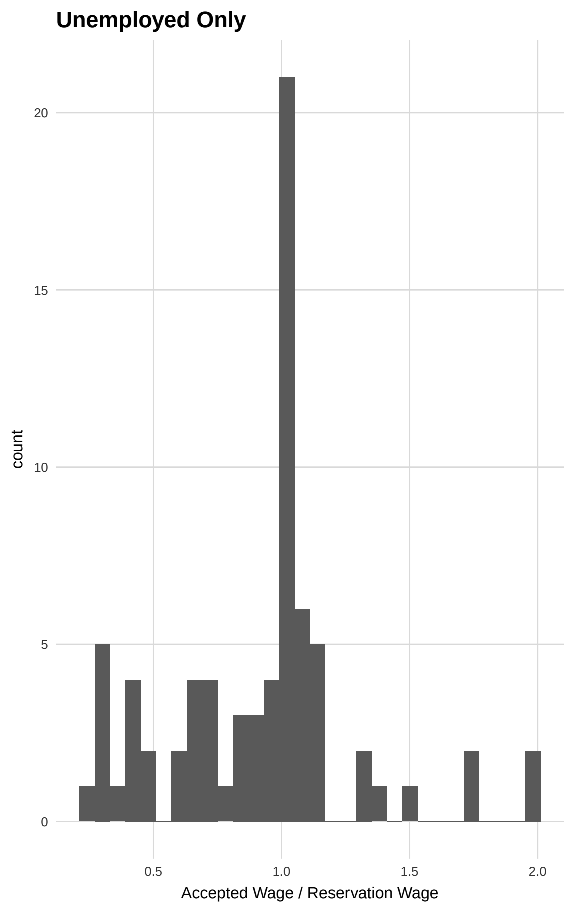
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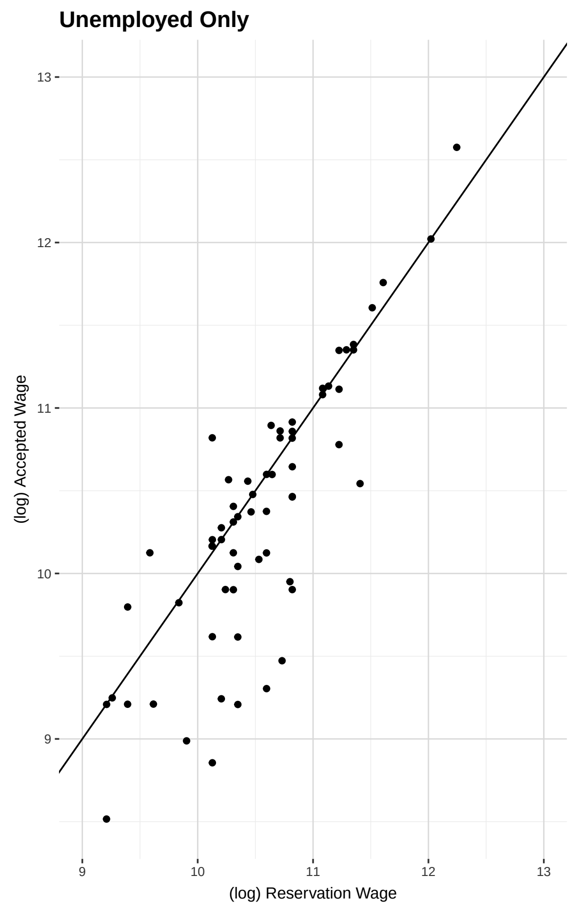
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(log) Reservation Wage
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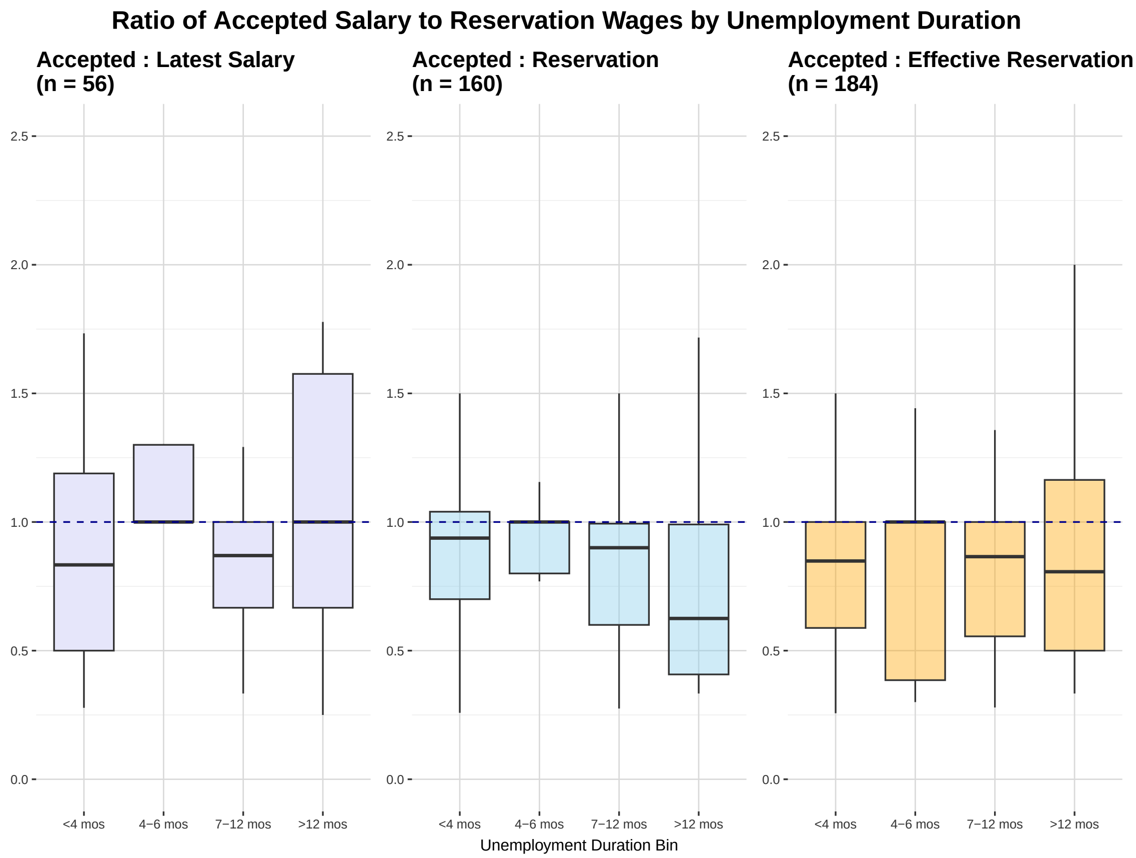
Table 10: Accepted Wages and Unemployment Duration

	Accpt:Latest	AccptWage w.c	Accpt:ResWage	AccptWage:ResWage w.c	Accpt:EffResWage	AccptW
(Intercept)	0.826***	1.743***	0.933***	1.199***	0.826***	
	(0.108)	(0.260)	(0.045)	(0.141)	(0.051)	
udur_bins	0.050	−0.005	−0.048*	−0.053**	0.008	
	(0.045)	(0.048)	(0.019)	(0.020)	(0.023)	
Num.Obs.	56	56	160	159	184	
R2	0.022	0.430	0.040	0.118	0.001	
RMSE	0.40	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.34	

+ $p < 0.1$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$



Notes: Data from the Survey of Consumer Expectations Labour Market Survey (2014−2022).
Only valid responses used. Boxplots are weighted by SCE sample weights.

SCE Job Search Supplement:

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York compiles the nationally representative Survey on Consumer Expectations annually in October. Since 2013, they have run a Job Search Supplement which includes questions on the time spent searching for work, and unemployment duration. The job search supplement has plenty more questions that we can look at incorporating, listed here. For now, I plot the relationship between time spent searching and time out of work. The table below also indicates the number of people unemployed in the dataset and the number of people unemployed and searching.

Table 11: Reservation Wages and Unemployment Duration

	ResWage	ResWage w.c	ResWage/LastWage	ResWage/LastWage w.c
(Intercept)	10.173***	9.945***	0.825***	0.750***
	(0.044)	(0.071)	(0.022)	(0.040)
udur_bins	0.107***	0.083***	0.027***	0.023***
	(0.012)	(0.011)	(0.006)	(0.006)
female		−0.275***		0.009
		(0.022)		(0.012)
age		0.005***		0.001*
		(0.001)		(0.000)
hhinc_2		0.230***		−0.008
		(0.026)		(0.014)
hhinc_3		0.427***		−0.017
		(0.030)		(0.017)
hhinc_4		0.759***		−0.008
		(0.033)		(0.019)
education_2		−0.247***		0.050+
		(0.045)		(0.026)
education_3		−0.122**		0.007
		(0.047)		(0.027)
education_4		−0.046		0.052+
		(0.051)		(0.029)
education_5		0.027		0.008
		(0.049)		(0.028)
education_6		0.111*		0.054+
		(0.054)		(0.031)
Num.Obs.	7937	7824	6294	6224
R2	0.010	0.169	0.003	0.007
R2 Adj.	0.010	0.168	0.003	0.005
AIC	191 435.4	187 281.4	9054.4	8961.7
BIC	191 456.4	187 372.0	9074.6	9049.3
Log.Lik.	−11 923.451	−11 075.843	−4524.195	−4467.857
RMSE	0.98	0.90	0.44	0.44

+ p < 0.1, * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

Table 12: Accepted Wages and Unemployment Duration

	AccptWage	AccptWage w.c	AccptWage/ResWage	AccptWage/ResWage w.c
(Intercept)	10.568***	11.705***	0.924***	1.303***
	(0.106)	(0.255)	(0.048)	(0.132)
udur_bins	−0.006	−0.037	−0.031+	−0.036+
	(0.040)	(0.037)	(0.018)	(0.018)
female		−0.164		−0.073
		(0.102)		(0.050)
age		−0.008*		−0.005**
		(0.004)		(0.002)
hhinc_2		0.260+		0.043
		(0.139)		(0.067)
hhinc_3		0.272+		0.042
		(0.138)		(0.069)
hhinc_4		0.377*		−0.052
		(0.150)		(0.075)
education_2		−0.996***		−0.043
		(0.224)		(0.122)
education_3		−0.940***		−0.128
		(0.223)		(0.122)
education_4		−1.036***		−0.176
		(0.226)		(0.123)
education_5		−0.827***		−0.141
		(0.224)		(0.124)
education_6		−0.551*		−0.095
		(0.228)		(0.127)
Num.Obs.	127	126	164	163
R2	0.000	0.299	0.017	0.133
R2 Adj.	−0.008	0.232	0.011	0.070
AIC	2933.2	2884.9	110.6	109.9
BIC	2941.7	2921.7	119.9	150.1
Log.Lik.	−123.204	−99.911	−52.283	−41.957
RMSE	0.58	0.53	0.32	0.32

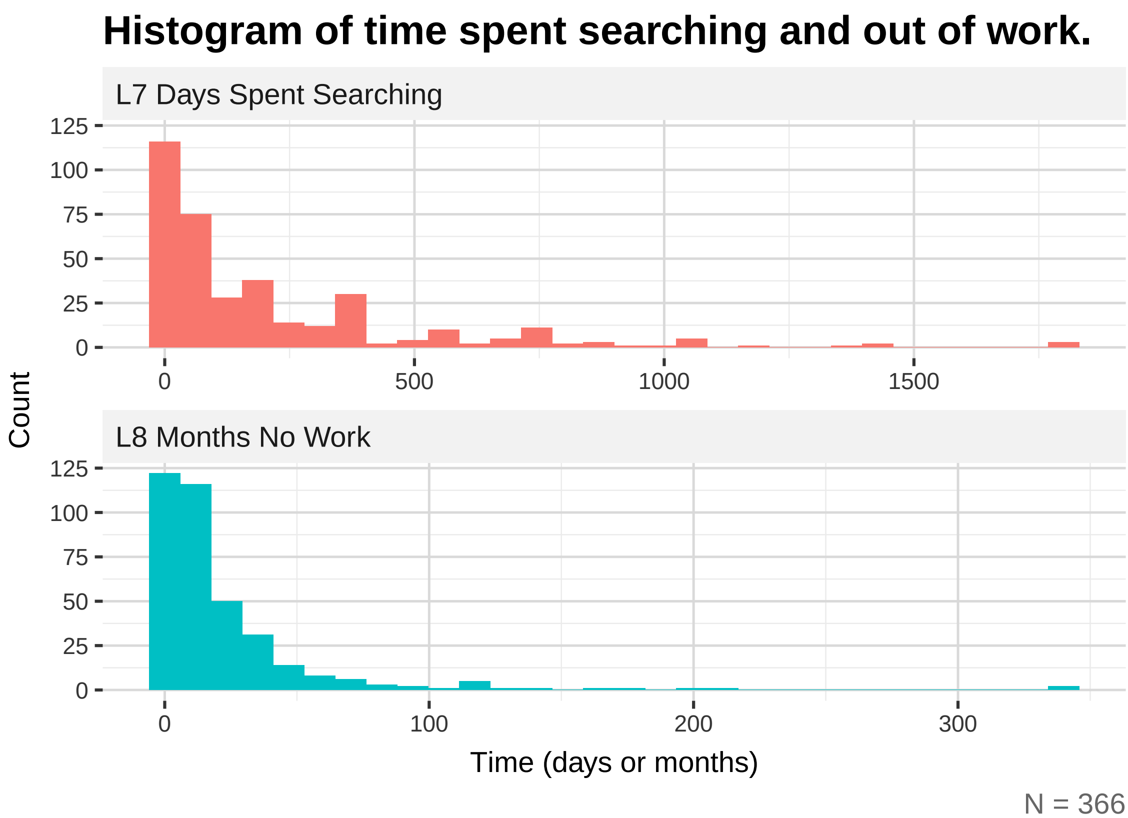
+ p < 0.1, * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

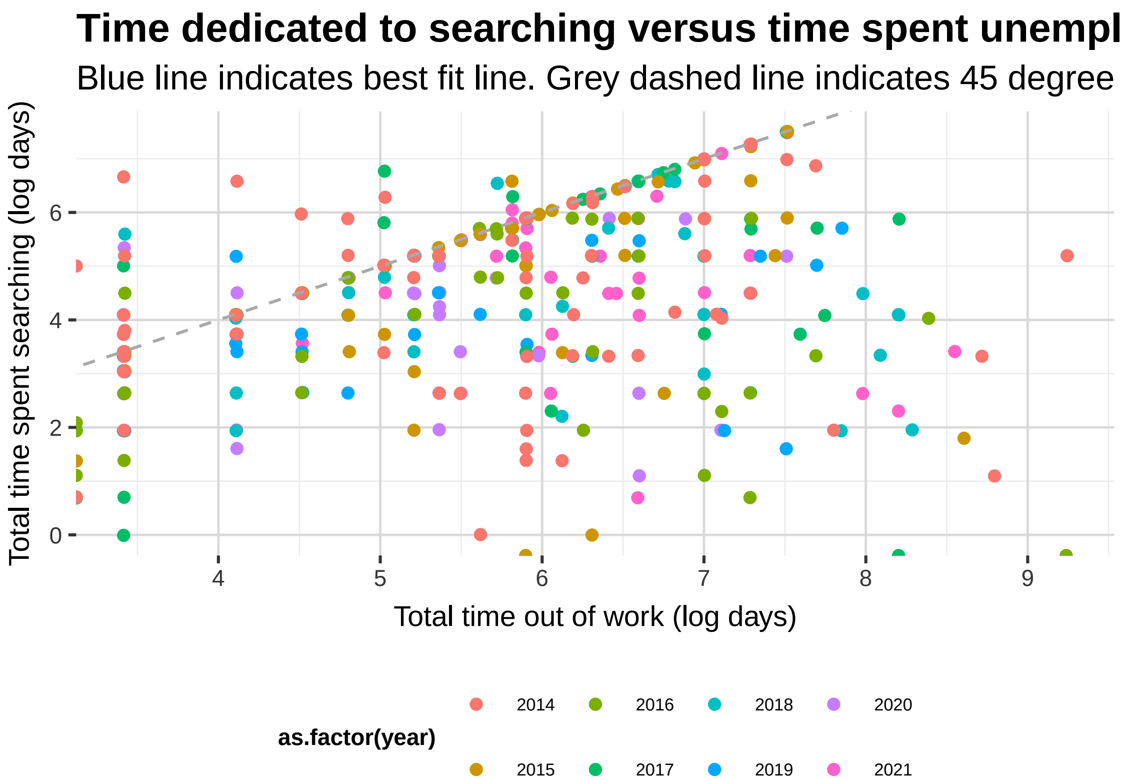
Table 13: Expected Wages and Unemployment Duration

	ExpWage/ResWage	ExpWage/ResWage w.c	ExpWage/LastWage	ExpWage/LastWage w.c
(Intercept)	1.057***	1.226***	1.087***	1.257***
	(0.020)	(0.040)	(0.029)	(0.059)
udur_bins	−0.022***	−0.009	−0.024**	−0.008
	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.008)	(0.009)
female		−0.022+		0.064***
		(0.013)		(0.019)
age		−0.003***		−0.004***
		(0.000)		(0.001)
hhinc_2		0.004		−0.038
		(0.016)		(0.023)
hhinc_3		0.004		−0.001
		(0.018)		(0.026)
hhinc_4		0.000		−0.005
		(0.019)		(0.027)
education_2		−0.035		−0.032
		(0.027)		(0.040)
education_3		−0.008		−0.056
		(0.028)		(0.041)
education_4		0.004		−0.031
		(0.030)		(0.044)
education_5		0.011		−0.090*
		(0.029)		(0.042)
education_6		0.021		0.002
		(0.032)		(0.046)
Num.Obs.	3114	3070	2721	2690
R2	0.005	0.028	0.003	0.029
R2 Adj.	0.005	0.024	0.003	0.025
AIC	2803.9	2733.2	4079.4	3986.5
BIC	2822.1	2811.6	4097.2	4063.1
Log.Lik.	−1398.968	−1353.588	−2036.722	−1980.241
RMSE	0.34	0.34	0.46	0.45

+ $p < 0.1$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Year	N Unemployed	N Unemp & Searching
2014	383	70
2015	321	44
2016	339	46
2017	350	38
2018	354	41
2019	343	32
2020	304	45
2021	330	50





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