Can Scorecards Boost Horizontal Accountability?

Experimental Evidence from Brazil

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Sample scorecard



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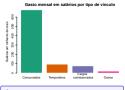
O TCE-RN disponibiliza o presente painel como forma de contribuir para avaliações sobre a composição do quadro de pessoal do município e os resultados alcançados na gestão.

O QUADRO DE PESSOAL MUNICIPAL

A Prefeitura Municipal de Acari conta com 460 servidores, dos quais 75%



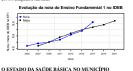
Acari gasta cerca de R\$866.958 por mês em salários. Em 2016, Acari gastou 56,79% da receita do executivo em pessoal, sendo que o limite máximo estabelecido por lei é 54% e o limite prudencial é 51,3%.



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O ESTADO DA EDUCAÇÃO BÁSICA NO MUNICÍPIO Fonte dos dados: Ministério da Educação (IDEB)

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O ESTADO DA SACDE BASICA NO MONICHIO

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Confira o desempenho das Unidades Básicas da Saúde, por área:



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PRINCIPAIS NORMAS DE CONTRATAÇÃO DE PESSOAL

- O gasto com pessoal deve ficar dentro do limite legal, 54% da receita corrente líquida do executivo municipal.
- O concurso público deve ser o modo prioritário de contratação.
- Quando excepcional interesse público justifique a contratação temporária, deve-se, sempre que possível, realizar um processo seletivo.
- Cargos em comissão destinam-se apenas a atribuições de direção, chefia e assessoramento.
- O acúmulo de cargos no setor público é proibido, exceto havendo compatibilidade de horários para dois cargos de professores ou profissionais de saúde

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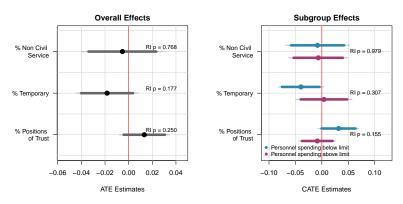
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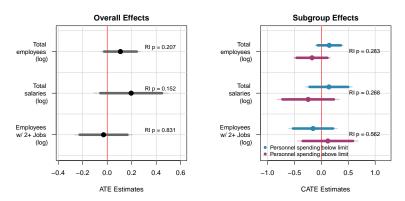
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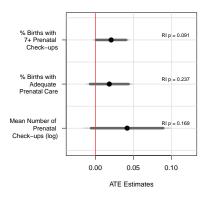
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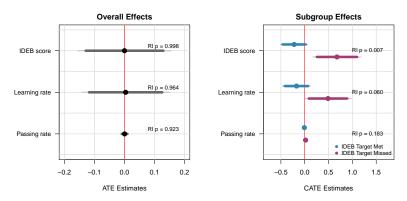
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7+ prenatal check-ups, which is the standard established by the Ministry of Healthcare, is the key metric highlighted in the scorecard.

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IDEB score and distance to target, following Ministry of Education standards, are the key metrics highlighted in the scorecard. Results correspond to primary schools (focus of the scorecard) - no results for middle schools.

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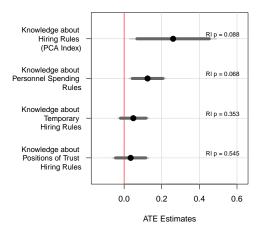
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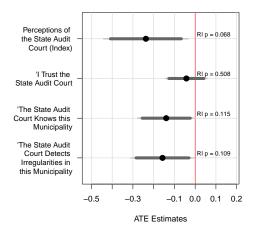
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