

Task Overview

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- Time: Spend no more than 3 hours on this task.
- Software: Please complete the task below using STATA.
- File: `cps_wages_LFP_10pct.zip` contains a stata `.dta` file from the U.S. Current Population Survey since 1976.¹ It provides individual-level data on year, state, month, survey weight, demographic characteristics, and labor market outcomes. You can download the data here:
<https://tinyurl.com/tt286x4>.
- Goal: We'd like you to use these data to produce your best answer to the following question: how have hourly wages (“wage”) and labor force participation (“lfp”) evolved for skilled and unskilled workers since 1976?
 1. Please summarize the key trends for wages and labor force participation.
 2. Among men older than age 25, which groups of people have had the biggest changes in labor force participation?
 3. What factors do you think are driving these patterns? What evidence might you want to assemble to test these hypotheses if you were to investigate them further?
- Output:
 1. Please provide a short note in `.pdf` format that concisely answers these questions. Please be sure to include a few graphs and/or tables to support your conclusions.
 2. Please provide the Stata code that you used to produce these figures/tables.

¹Extracted from <https://cps.ipums.org/cps/>.