

# THE IMPACT OF HISPANIC LAST NAMES AND IDENTITY ON LABOR MARKET OUTCOMES

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## **ABSTRACT**

In this paper, I compare the children of inter-ethnic marriages to study the impact of having a Hispanic last name. While men born to Hispanic father-White mothers earn less than those born to White father-Hispanic mothers, the gap could be explained entirely by educational differences. I also study the effect of identifying as Hispanic on earnings. I find that men that identify as Hispanic earn significantly less than those that do not, even after controlling for educational differences.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

A large literature documents substantial earnings gaps across race and ethnicity ([Bayer and Charles, 2018](#); [Charles and Guryan, 2008](#); [Card and Krueger, 1992](#); [Fryer Jr and Levitt, 2004](#); [Rubinstein and Brenner, 2014](#); [Bertrand and Mullainathan, 2004](#); [Juhn et al., 1991](#)). Hispanics constitute a large and growing portion of the population in the United States. As the number of Hispanics increases, determining whether ethnic discrimination affects their labor market outcomes becomes increasingly crucial ([Chetty et al., 2014, 2016, 2017](#); [Abramitzky et al., 2020, 2014, 2016](#); [Chetty et al., 2014](#)). Thus, it is important to understand whether a person’s ethnicity affects their labor market outcomes. Assimilation and mobility are crucial because they reflect how well Hispanics can integrate into society and move up the socioeconomic ladder.

In this paper, I answer the following questions. Does having a Hispanic last name affect labor market outcomes? What is the effect of identifying as Hispanic on earnings? Moreover, I aim to show that comparing Hispanic Whites to non-Hispanic Whites might create an artificially higher earnings gap since the two groups differ on many observable characteristics.<sup>1 2</sup> Others have attempted to compare how native-born White Hispanics fare to non-Hispanic Whites and foreign-born Hispanics. In [Antman et al. \(2020a, 2016a,b, 2020b\)](#), the authors compare the health and educational outcomes of Hispanic Whites to non-Hispanic Whites and native-born Hispanics to foreign-born Hispanics. They find gaps in education and health between Hispanics and Whites. They also find that native-born Hispanics are more likely than their foreign-born counterparts to report poor health. [Dávila and Mora \(2008\)](#), the authors documents many gaps in labor market outcomes between Hispanics and Whites. They attribute a big part of this gap to differences in education, experience, immigration status, and regional differences.

1. By identifying as Hispanic, I refer to individuals who self-report their ethnicity as Hispanic on surveys or other data collection instruments.

2. Observable characteristics refer to factors that can be measured and quantified, such as education level, work experience, and immigration status.

The US population is growing in diversity. The proportion of non-Whites has increased by more than 10 percentage points from 13 percent in 1995 to 23 percent in 2019. The number of Hispanics has grown by 9 percentage points from 9 percent in 1995 to 16 percent in 2019.<sup>3</sup> Native-born White Hispanic men earn 21% less than White men, although a substantial portion of the earnings gap is due to educational differences between Hispanics and Whites (Duncan et al., 2006; Duncan and Trejo, 2018a,b). Some of the earnings differences may also be due to discrimination which will have negative consequences. For example, discrimination against Hispanics can lead to reduced job opportunities, lower wages, and hinder assimilation. In this paper, I examine the role of having a Hispanic last name and identifying as Hispanic on labor market outcomes.

Identifying discrimination is difficult because of factors that affect labor market outcomes that are unobservable to economists—such as unobserved skills. One strategy used by researchers is audit or resume studies. Bertrand and Mullainathan (2004) conducted an audit study where identical resumes were sent to employers with White and Black Sounding names. This approach, however, has its drawbacks. Audit studies only observe callbacks, not wages.

This study utilizes a method developed by Rubinstein and Brenner (2014). I compare children from inter-ethnic marriages. More precisely, I compare children of Hispanic fathers and White mothers (henceforth HW) to children of White fathers and Hispanic mothers (henceforth WH). This approach stems from the fact that marriages are not random. Couples match on several observable characteristics like income, schooling, socio-economic background, etc. (Averett et al., 2008; Averett and Korenman, 1996; Becker, 1973, 1974, 1993; Browning et al., 2006; Chiappori et al., 2012). Children of HW and WH marriages have more similar observable characteristics than children of endogamous/homogonous marriages—i.e., White fathers-White mothers and Hispanic fathers-Hispanic mothers. Moreover, children from a Hispanic father and White mother household will have a Hispanic last name

3. The portion of non-Whites and Hispanics is calculated using the Current Population Survey (CPS).

from their fathers, enabling the investigation of how ethnic signals, such as having a Hispanic last name, affect annual log earnings.

Using the Current Population Survey (CPS) from 1994 to 2019 and the 1970-1990 US censuses, I estimate the effect of having a Hispanic last name on labor market outcomes. In other words, I approximate the variation in labor market perception of ethnic signals, in this case having a Hispanic last name, on annual log earnings. I also study the effect of identifying as Hispanic on labor market outcomes.

I find that while men born to Hispanic father-White mothers earn less than men born to White father-Hispanic mothers, this gap is entirely explained by educational differences. Thus, I do not find a significant effect of having a Hispanic last name. Finally, I find that men identifying as Hispanic earn significantly less than those who do not, even when I control for ancestry and education.

Previous studies have also used names as a proxy for race and ethnicity ([Fryer Jr and Levitt, 2004](#); [Rubinstein and Brenner, 2014](#); [Bertrand and Mullainathan, 2004](#)). [Fryer Jr and Levitt \(2004\)](#) point out that names can be a predictor of a person’s race. Specifically, they provide a rising pattern among Blacks having different names than Whites. They did, however, find that having a Black name, after controlling for the home environment at birth, does not affect their labor market outcomes. [Rubinstein and Brenner \(2014\)](#) compared the children of mixed marriages between Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews in Israel.<sup>4</sup> They found that workers with Sephardic last names earn substantially less than those with Ashkenazi last names. [Bertrand and Mullainathan \(2004\)](#) conducted an audit study by sending employers identical resumes that differ in the ethnic and racial signal of a name (Black sounding name versus a White sounding one). They found that resumes with Black-sounding names received substantially fewer callbacks than their White counterparts.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section II provides an overview of the data and summary statistics of the sample. Section II.D introduces the empirical framework. I

4. Ashkenazi and Sephardic are two distinct Jewish ethnic groups.

report the results in section ?? . Finally, I offer a brief conclusion in section II.H.

## II. DATA

### II.A. *Data*

I use two datasets: the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) Current Population Survey (CPS) Annual Social and Economic (ASEC) (Flood et al., 2020) and the 1970 to 1990 US censuses (Ruggles et al., 2020).

I use the CPS data set to study the effect of having a Hispanic last name on a person's labor market outcomes. I take advantage of the fact that the CPS asks parents' place of birth, ethnicity, and race. The data spans the period between 1994— the earliest sample to ask about a parent's place of birth— to 2019. Moreover, since the CPS does not provide data on parents' characteristics, essential to determine the family background, I use the census to construct synthetic parents. The census offers a larger sample of potential parents. Similar to the CPS, the 1970 to 1990 censuses ask about the person's place of birth and the individual's race and ethnicity. I employ this information to construct "synthetic parents" using a method developed by Rubinstein and Brenner (2014). I construct the synthetic parents by linking husbands and wives in the census data to each other. I assume that parents have children between the ages of 25 and 40. I then link these synthetic parents using the year they were surveyed to the year of birth of the "children" in the CPS sample.

### II.B. *Children of the four parental types*

I use the CPS for my primary analysis of the effect of having a Hispanic last name on earnings. I restrict my sample to Whites, United States-born citizens aged 25 to 40 and born between 1970 to 1990. Taking advantage of data on parents' place of birth, I divide the sample into four groups depending on their parent's ethnicity. Mothers or fathers are Hispanic if they were born in a Spanish-speaking country and Puerto Rico, and White if

they were born in the United States.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, an observation can be the product of four types of parents:

1. White father and White mother (hereafter WW)
2. White father and Hispanic mother (hereafter WH)
3. Hispanic father and White mother (hereafter HW)
4. Hispanic father and Hispanic mother (hereafter HH).

The distribution of the four types of children is presented in figure II and table I. The majority of the sample (95.14%) is WW children. The second biggest group is HH, which constitutes 3.36% of the sample. Inter-ethnic children, WH and HW, make up 1.78% of the sample with 60,147 observations. Even though WH and HW are only 1.78% of the sample, I have plenty of observations to carry out an analysis. The summary statistics for the children of the four types of marriages are presented in table III. Children of WW marriages (column 1) do better on every measure while children of HH parents (column 4) do worse than other children on every measure.

On the one hand, WW children are more educated, with approximately 14 years of education for men and women. WW children have an employment rate of 95% for men and 96% for women. They have log hourly earnings of 2.48 for men and 2.33 for women. Also, their annual log earnings are 10.25 for men and 9.46 for women.

On the other hand, children of HH marriages have an average of 12.1 and 13.27 years of education for men and women, respectively. HH men and women have an employment rate of 93% and 94%. Their annual log earnings are 10.01 and 9.53 for men and women, respectively.

Inter-ethnic children, WH and HW, have lower educational attainment and income than WW children, but they are better than HH children. Also, WH and HW are comparable, unlike WW and HH children. These two groups are important to the analysis. Children

5. The list of Spanish Speaking countries include: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Equatorial Guinea, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela.

of HW are going to be the treatment group. HW children have a Hispanic father with a Hispanic last names. At the same time, the WH children have White fathers with a non-Hispanic, or White, last names. Summary statistics of these two groups, table III columns (2) and (3) can show that they are different from the children of non-inter-ethnic marriages.

WH children have an average of 13.58 and 13.87 years of education for men and women. The employment rate for men is 94% and for women 95.0%. HW men and women obtained 13.21 and 13.42 years of schooling. Men's employment rate is 92% and women's 93%.

In panel C of table III, I present the rates at which members of each group self-identify as Hispanic.<sup>6</sup> The vast majority of HH children, 97%, identify as Hispanic. There is considerable attrition in Hispanic identification of inter-ethnic children. Among WH children, 81% of men and 85% of women identify as Hispanic. Among HW children, 88% of men and 87% of women identify as Hispanic. These results align with the findings of a substantial body of literature that noted this attrition among children of immigrants, especially those coming from inter-ethnic marriages (Duncan and Trejo, 2017, 2018a; Duncan et al., 2020; Antman et al., 2020a). Finally, a small portion of WW children, 5% of men and 6% of women, identified as Hispanic. These 6% of WW children are most likely third generation— or higher— children of immigrants. For my analysis, I dropped the WW observations identify as Hispanic to compare with non-Hispanic Whites.

In columns (5) and (6), I calculate the differences in means between HH-WW (column 5) and HW-WH (column 6). Overall, HH children do worse than WW children. HH has one year less of education compared to WW, and are 2 percentage points less likely to be employed. HH men earn 7% less than WW men, and HH women make 2% less than WW women. Therefore, these two groups, HH and WW, are different on many observable qualities.

The differentials between WH and HW are not as severe as the ones between HH and WW. HW children are still worse off than WH but are much better than HH. HW men attain 0.36 fewer years of education than WH men. HW women achieve 0.46 fewer years

6. Hispanic self-identification is observed when an individual notes that they are Hispanic on the CPS questionnaire

of schooling than WH women. HW children are 2 percentage points less likely to be employed. HW men earn 4% less annual earnings as WH men, and HW women earn 7% less. These differences show that HW and WH children are different from children of endogamous/homogonous marriages and, thus, are more comparable.

In table IV, I present the summary statistics for the four types and limit the sample to those that only identify as Hispanic.<sup>7</sup> The same pattern discussed above between HH–WW and HW–WH persists. The one difference is that those who identify as Hispanic do slightly worse.

### ***II.C. Synthetic parents***

Using the 1970 and 1990 censuses, I constructed a data set of synthetic parents. The sample includes married White men and women. Even though the census asks a person whether they are Hispanic or not, I took advantage of the questions on place of birth to create a proxy for ethnicity. I consider a Hispanic person as White and born in a Spanish-speaking country. Consequently, Whites in the sample are people who are White and native-born. Using the information provided in the census, I can link husbands and wives with each other. I assume that parents have children between the ages of 25 and 40. Therefore, my sample consists of married White men and women that were born in the 1930 to 1965 cohorts<sup>8</sup>.

I show the distribution of the four types of couples in table I. White husbands and White wives (WW) make up the majority of couples in the sample, 97% (1,286,731 couples). Hispanic husbands and wives (HH) are the second largest group making up 2% (20,911 couples) of all couples. White husbands and Hispanic wives (WH) couples are less than 1% (7,178 couples) of the sample and Hispanic husbands and White wives (HW) are also less than 1% (7,606 couples).

7. Limiting the sample to those who identify as Hispanic only affects WH, HW, and HH. Members of the WW group are not affected by this restriction.

8. The construction of "synthetic parents" follows the method used by [Rubinstein and Brenner \(2014\)](#).



I present the summary statistics of the four types of synthetic parents in table III's parent's panel. WW couples have higher education, 13.05 years for husbands and 12.74 for wives. As a household, WW couples have 25.78 years of schooling. Husbands in HH marriages have 8.93 years of education, while women have 8.6 years of schooling. As a household, HH couples have 17.54 years of education.

WH husbands have 12.32 years of education, while wives have an average of 11.03 years. WH household attained a total of 23.35 years of schooling in total. HW husbands and wives obtained 10.65 and 11.54 years of education, respectively. HW household attained a total of 22.19 years of schooling in total.

In columns 5 and 6 of table III, I report the differences in means between HH-WW households and HW-WH households. An HH Hispanic husband attained 4.11 fewer years of education than a WW husband. While an HH wife acquired 4.13 fewer years of schooling than a White WW wife. The total educational difference between HH and WW households equals 8.25 years of education. The educational differences between HW and WH are less severe than those between HH and WW. A Hispanic husband in intermarriage attained 1.67 fewer years of schooling than a White husband in intermarriage. A White wife in intermarriage attained 0.51 years of education, more than a Hispanic wife in intermarriage. The difference in total years of education between HW and WH households is 1.16, which is an 85% decrease from the HH-WW gap. These differences show that couples that intermarry are better and different than those that do not.

#### ***II.D. Empirical Strategy***

In this section, I present two empirical strategies. The first empirical strategy estimates the effect of having a Hispanic last name on annual log earnings. The second empirical strategy will estimate the effect of identifying as Hispanic on log annual earnings.

The difference in means between Hispanics and non-Hispanic Whites could result from discrimination. It can also be caused by differences in innate abilities, skills, and parental

investments. While controlling for observable skill measures, I compare children of inter-ethnic marriages, HW and WH. WH and HW children are more similar in characteristics but provide employers, and the labor market, with different signals.<sup>9</sup> WH children will have a non-Hispanic last name, while HW children will have a Hispanic last name. This is a method developed by [Rubinstein and Brenner \(2014\)](#).

### II.D.1. Estimating the effect of having a Hispanic last name

In this section I restrict the sample to WH and HW groups. Let  $Y_{ist}$  be the annual log earnings of person  $i$  in state  $s$  at time  $t$ .  $HW_{ist}$  is an indicator variables for the type of parents person  $i$  has.  $X_{ist}$  is a vector of controls that includes age and numbers of hours worked,  $\gamma_t$  are year fixed effects,  $\lambda_s$  are state fixed effects, and  $\phi_{ist}$  represents the error term. The equation for this strategy is written as follows:

$$Y_{ist} = \beta_1 HW_{ist} + X_{ist}\pi + \gamma_t + \lambda_s + \phi_{ist} \quad (1)$$

$\beta_1$  is the coefficient of interest in this specification.  $\beta_1$  estimates the earnings gaps between children of inter-ethnic marriages who have a Spanish-sounding last name versus a White last name.

### II.D.2. Estimating the effect of identifying as Hispanic

In this section, I will present an estimation strategy that would allow me to capture the effect of identifying as a Hispanic.

$$Y_{ist} = \beta_1 HW_{ist} + \beta_2 Hispanic_i + \beta_3 HW_{ist} \cdot Hispanic_i X_{ist}\pi + \gamma_t + \lambda_s + \phi_{ist} \quad (2)$$

The coefficients of interest from equation 2 are  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$ . The coefficients  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  capture the effects of Spanish-sounding last names.

9. WH and HW children are both half White, half Hispanic.

## ***II.E. Results***

In this section, I present the results from estimating the two specifications in equations 1 and 2. The results are shown in tables V and VI. All estimations are done on a sample of White, native-born men between the ages of 25 and 40 employed for full-time full-year (FTFY) and are waged and salaried workers.

I find that an inter-ethnic person with a Spanish-sounding last names earns less than an inter-ethnic who has a White last name. A person with a Spanish-sounding last name earns 5 percentage points less than a person with a White last name. In other words, by comparing inter-ethnic children, a person with a Hispanic last name earns 5 percentage points less than someone with a White last name. However, more than half of the earnings gaps could be explained by educational differences. When I control for education, the last name effect decreases to a statistically insignificant 2 percentage points earnings gap. I also find a significant earnings gap between those that identify as Hispanic.

## ***II.F. The effect of having a Hispanic last name on labor market outcomes***

I provide the results to the estimation of equation 1 in table V. The sample in this analysis includes full-time, full-year, and waged and salaried men, and I control for hours worked and age and include year fixed effects (FE). Column one in table V is the results without controlling for education. Overall, there is big Hispanic–White earnings gaps. Children of White father-Hispanic mothers (WH) earn 14% less than children of White fathers-White mothers (WW) families. The gap between children of Hispanic father-White mothers (HW) and WW children is 20%. The gap between children of Hispanic father-Hispanic mothers (HH) and WW children is 24%. Therefore, Hispanic children, inter-ethnic or children of homogeneous HH marriages, face a substantial earnings gap.

The difference between the estimates of WH and HW would capture the effect of having a Hispanic last name. A WH child will have a White last name since their father is White, while an HW child will have a Hispanic last name like their Hispanic father. When I take the

difference between HW and WH, I find a statistically significant gap of 6 percentage points, which means that an inter-ethnic person with a Hispanic last name earns 6 percentage points less than a similar inter-ethnic person but with a White last name.

The literature on the earnings gaps shows that educational differences could explain a big part of these gaps (Duncan et al., 2006; Duncan and Trejo, 2017, 2018a; Duncan et al., 2020). Therefore, I run the equation 1, but this time I control for education. The regression results are in column two of table V. The sample includes full-time, full-year, and waged and salaried men, and I control for hours worked and age and include year fixed effects (FE). The gap between WH and WW is 9%, a reduction of 35% from the baseline after controlling for education. The earning gaps between HW and HH, and WW were respectively reduced by 45% and 50%. After controlling for education, an HW man earns 11% less than a WW man, and an HH man earns 12% less. The effect of having a Hispanic last name on earnings decreased from 6 to 2 percentage points and became statistically insignificant after controlling for education.

Therefore, Hispanics face big earnings gaps compared to non-Hispanic Whites. By comparing the children of inter-ethnic marriages, I could study the impact of having a Hispanic last name on earnings. Having a Hispanic last name carries a cost in the labor market. A person with a Hispanic last name earns 6 percentage points less than someone with a White name. However, educational differences between Hispanics and Whites could explain more than 50% of the earning gaps and all of the Hispanic last name costs.

## ***II.G. The effect of identifying as Hispanic on labor market outcomes***

In this section, I present the results of equation 2 that estimates the effect of identifying as Hispanic on annual log earnings. I show the results in table VI. The sample is restricted to full-time full-year (FTFY) salaried and waged men. I control for age and hours worked and include year fixed effects.

I run the estimating equation without controlling for education in table VI column 1.

I find that those that identify as Hispanic face a big earnings gap compared to those that do not. A WH man that identifies as Hispanic earns 14% less than a WW man. An HW man who identifies as Hispanic makes 18% less than a WW man, and an HH man who is determined as Hispanic earns 10% less than a WW man. Comparing the coefficients of the interaction terms to those of the  $WH_{ist}$ ,  $HW_{ist}$ , and  $HH_{ist}$  shows that members of the three groups that do not identify as Hispanic earn about the same as WW. Moreover, the difference between  $HW_{ist} \cdot Hispanic_{ist}$  and  $WH_{ist} \cdot Hispanic_{ist}$  captures the effect of having a Hispanic last name and identifying as Hispanic compared to individuals who identify as Hispanic but have a White last name. A person with a Hispanic last name that identifies as Hispanic earns 3 percentage points less than a person that identifies as Hispanic but has a White last name. The difference between the two interaction terms is statistically insignificant.

In table VI column 2, I show the results of equation 2 while controlling for education. Education explains all the identity costs for members of WH and HH. Also, controlling for education decreases the earnings gap for identifying as Hispanic and being a member of HW by 33%. An HW member that identifies as Hispanic earns 12% less than a WW man. Furthermore, the difference between  $HW_{ist} \cdot Hispanic_{ist}$  and  $WH_{ist} \cdot Hispanic_{ist}$  increases to 4 percentage points but remains statistically insignificant.

## **II.H. Conclusion**

As the Hispanic population grows in the United States, studying discrimination against this group becomes increasingly important. In this paper, I examine discrimination against Hispanics in the labor market. More specifically, I examine the impact of Hispanic last names and Hispanic identification on annual log earnings.

I compare the children of inter-ethnic marriages to study the labor market impact of having a Hispanic last name. The earning gap between WH and WW is 14%, 20% between HW and WW, and 24% between HH and WW. When I compare the earnings of HW and WH

children, which captures the effect of having a Hispanic last name, HW children earn 6% less than WH children. Thus, by comparing inter-ethnic children, a person with a Hispanic last name makes 6% less than someone with a White last name. Controlling for education, however, explains more than half of the earnings gaps between WW children and WH, HW, and HH. When I control for education, the last name effect decreases to a statistically insignificant 2% earnings gap.

I also find that men who identify as Hispanic earn significantly less than those who do not, even when I control for ancestry and education. The gaps between WH, HW, and HH that identify as Hispanic and WW are, respectively, 14%, 18%, and 10%. Controlling for education explains a big part of the gap. The gaps between WH, HW, and HH that identify as Hispanic and WW after controlling for education are 8%, 12%, and 6%.

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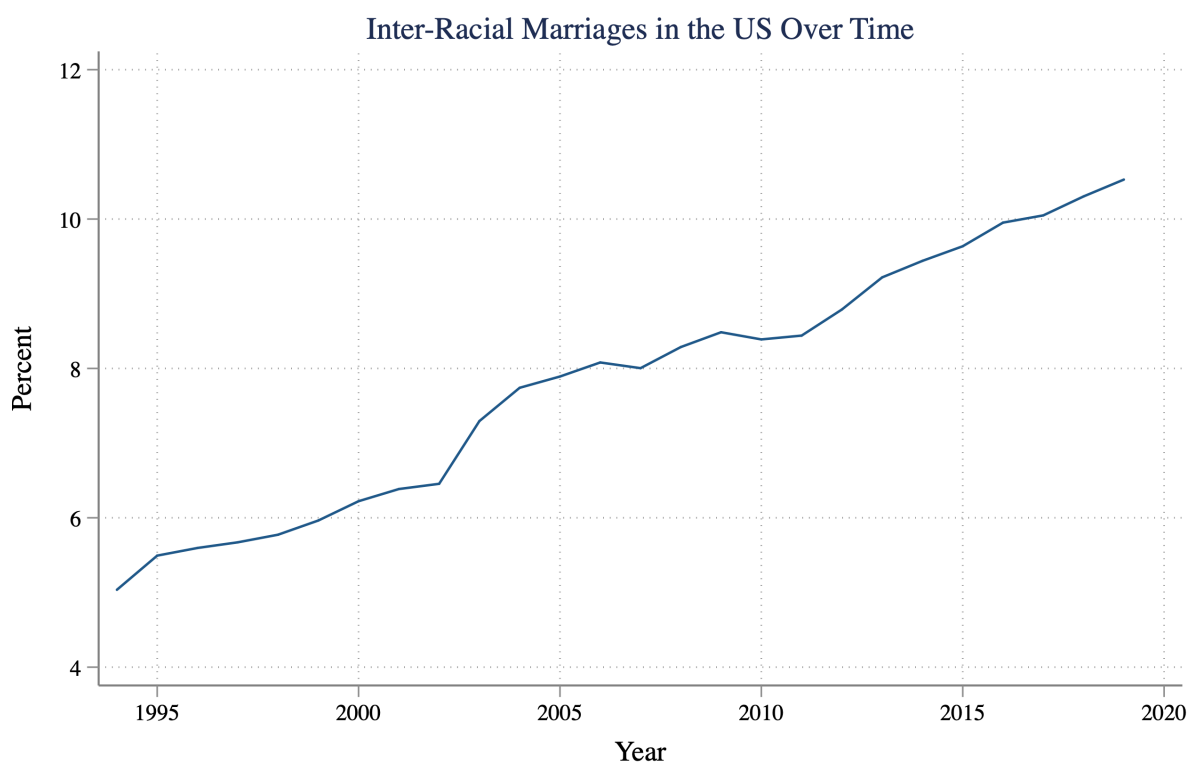
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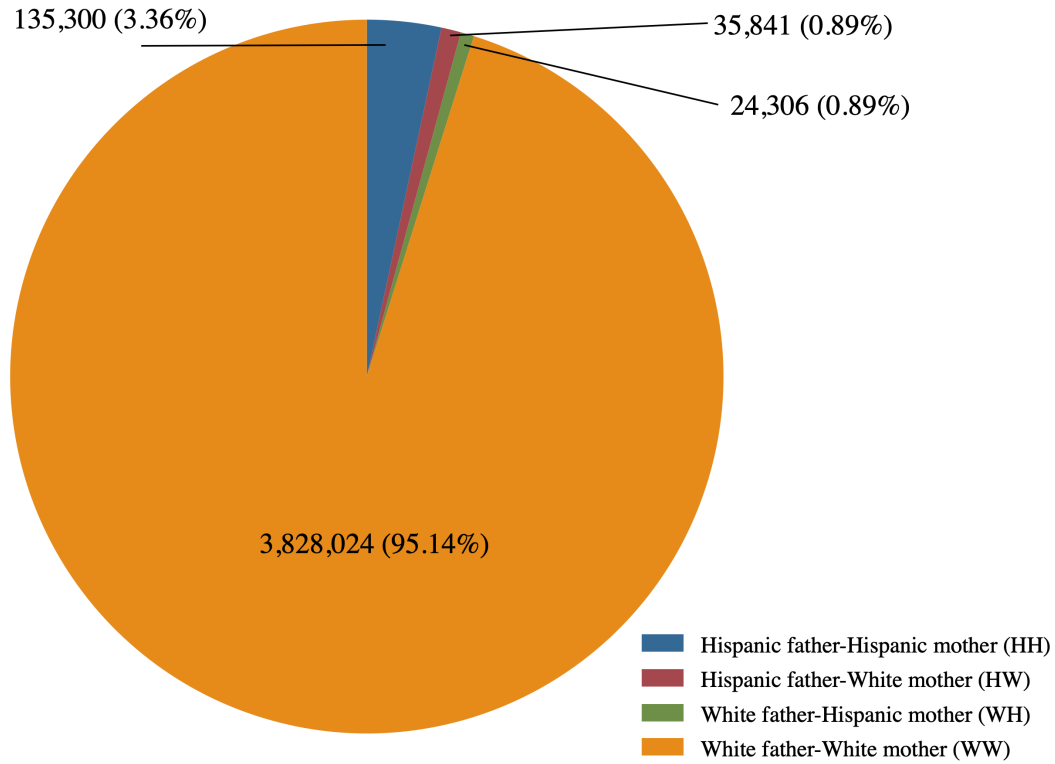
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**FIGURE I**  
INTER-RACIAL MARRIAGES AS A PERCENT OF ALL MARRIAGES  
IN THE UNITED STATES FROM 1995 TO 2020.



**APPENDIX A: FIGURES**

**FIGURE II**  
DISTRIBUTION OF THE FOUR TYPES OF CHILDREN.



### FIGURE III

CHART EXPLAINING WHICH SYNTHETIC PARENTS AND CHILDREN  
AND WHEN WE OBSERVE THEM.

Synthetic Parents: Observed in 1970 to 1990.  $25 \leq age \leq 40$



Children: Observed  
between 1994 and 2019.  
Born between 1970 to  
1990 and  $25 \leq age \leq 40$

## APPENDIX B: TABLES

**TABLE I**  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN BY PARENTAL TYPE

	Perental Type			
	White Father White Mother	White Father Hispanic Mother	Hispanic Father White Mother	Hispanic Father Hispanic Mother
<b>Observations</b>	3,828,024	24,306	35,841	135,300
<b>Share</b>	0.95	0.01	0.01	0.03

<sup>1</sup> Source: Current Population Surveys (CPS) 1994-2019

<sup>2</sup> The sample includes Whites, who are married, and are between the ages 25 and 40. Ethnicity of a person's parents are identified by the parent's place of birth. A parent is Hispanic if she/he was born in a Spanish-speaking country. A parent is White she/he was born in the United States.

**TABLE II**  
COUPLES' TYPE

	Couples Type			
	White Husband White Wife	White Husband Hispanic Wife	Hispanic Husband White Wife	Hispanic Husband Hispanic Wife
<b>Observations</b>	1,286,731	7,178	7,606	20,911
<b>Share</b>	0.97	0.01	0.01	0.02

<sup>1</sup> Source: 1970-1990 Census

<sup>2</sup> The sample includes Whites, who are married, and are between the ages 25 and 40. Ethnicity of a person's parents are identified by the parent's place of birth. A parent is Hispanic if she/he was born in a Spanish-speaking country. A parent is White she/he was born in the United States.

**TABLE III**  
SUMMARY STATISTICS OF OUTCOMES USING PARENT'S PLACE OF BIRTH

Variables	Father's and Mother's Ethnicities				Differences	
	White Father White Mother	White Father Hispanic Mother	Hispanic Father White Mother	Hispanic Father Hispanic Mother	HH - WW	HW - WH
	(WW) (1)	(WH) (2)	(HW) (3)	(HH) (4)	(5)	(6)
<b>Panel A: Synthetic Parents</b>						
Husband's education (Total Years)	13.05 (2.44)	12.32 (3.33)	10.65 (4.39)	8.93 (4.41)	-4.11** (0.02)	-1.67** (0.04)
Wife's education (Total Years)	12.74 (2.12)	11.03 (3.92)	11.54 (3.12)	8.6 (4.13)	-4.13** (0.02)	0.51** (0.04)
Total Household seducation (Total Years)	25.78 (4.08)	23.35 (6.51)	22.19 (6.69)	17.54 (7.83)	-8.25** (0.03)	-1.16* (0.07)
<b>Panel B: Children's Education</b>						
Men's education (Total Years)	13.91 (2.39)	13.58 (2.35)	13.21 (2.32)	12.91 (2.26)	-1.00*** (0.01)	-0.36** (0.03)
Women's education (Total Years)	14.29 (2.41)	13.87 (2.47)	13.42 (2.35)	13.27 (2.37)	-1.01*** (0.01)	-0.46** (0.03)
<b>Panel C: Children's Employment and Earnings</b>						
Men's Employment Rate	0.95 (0.22)	0.94 (0.23)	0.92 (0.26)	0.93 (0.26)	-0.02*** (0.00)	-0.02*** (0.00)
Women's Employment Rate	0.96 (0.2)	0.95 (0.22)	0.93 (0.25)	0.94 (0.24)	-0.02*** (0.00)	-0.02*** (0.00)
Men's Log Hourly Earnings	2.48 (0.45)	2.41 (0.45)	2.4 (0.44)	2.41 (0.43)	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.00** (0.02)
Women's Log Hourly Earnings	2.33 (0.49)	2.33 (0.46)	2.27 (0.45)	2.3 (0.41)	-0.02*** (0.01)	-0.06** (0.02)
Men's Log Annual Earnings	10.25 (1.01)	10.08 (1.05)	10.04 (1.06)	10.01 (1.04)	-0.25** (0.01)	-0.04** (0.03)
Women's Log Annual Earnings	9.46 (1.78)	9.54 (1.64)	9.47 (1.57)	9.53 (1.52)	0.07** (0.02)	-0.07* (0.06)
<b>Panel D: Children's Hispanic Identity</b>						
Men	0.05	0.81	0.88	0.97		
Women	0.06	0.85	0.87	0.97		

<sup>1</sup> Source: The 1970-1990 Census for synthetic parents, and 1994-2019 Current Population Surveys (CPS) for children's outcomes

<sup>2</sup> The data is restricted to native-born United States citizens between 1994 and 2019 who are also White and between the ages of 25 and 40. I identify the ethnicity of a person's parents through the parent's place of birth. A parent is Hispanic if they were born in a Spanish-speaking country. A parent is White if they were born in the United States.

**TABLE IV**  
SUMMARY STATISTICS OF OUTCOMES USING PARENT'S PLACE OF BIRTH ONLY FOR THOSE THAT  
SELF-IDENTIFY AS HISPANIC

Variables	Father's and Mother's Ethnicities				Differences	
	White Father White Mother (WW)	White Father Hispanic Mother (WH)	Hispanic Father White Mother (HW)	Hispanic Father Hispanic Mother (HH)	HH - WW (5)	HW - WH (6)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		
<b>Panel A: Children's Synthetic Parent</b>						
Husband's education (Total Years)	13.05 (2.44)	12.32 (3.33)	10.65 (4.39)	8.93 (4.41)	-4.11** (0.02)	-1.67** (0.04)
Wife's education (Total Years)	12.74 (2.12)	11.03 (3.92)	11.54 (3.12)	8.6 (4.13)	-4.13** (0.02)	0.51** (0.04)
Total Household seducation (Total Years)	25.78 (4.08)	23.35 (6.51)	22.19 (6.69)	17.54 (7.83)	-8.25** (0.03)	-1.16* (0.07)
<b>Panel B: Education</b>						
Men's education (Total Years)	12.97 (2.15)	13.45 (2.37)	13.13 (2.27)	12.89 (2.25)	-0.08** (0.01)	-0.32** (0.03)
Women's education (Total Years)	13.23 (2.25)	13.75 (2.41)	13.32 (2.34)	13.26 (2.37)	0.03** (0.01)	-0.43** (0.03)
<b>Panel C: Children's Employment and Earnings</b>						
Men's Employment Rate	0.93 (0.26)	0.94 (0.23)	0.92 (0.27)	0.93 (0.26)	0.00*** (0.00)	-0.02*** (0.00)
Women's Employment Rate	0.94 (0.25)	0.94 (0.23)	0.93 (0.26)	0.94 (0.24)	0.00*** (0.00)	-0.02*** (0.00)
Men's Log Hourly Earnings	2.4 (0.44)	2.41 (0.45)	2.4 (0.44)	2.41 (0.43)	0.01*** (0.01)	-0.01** (0.02)
Women's Log Hourly Earnings	2.26 (0.43)	2.32 (0.45)	2.27 (0.45)	2.3 (0.41)	0.04*** (0.01)	-0.05** (0.02)
Men's Log Annual Earnings	10.02 (1.02)	10.06 (1.06)	10.03 (0.99)	10 (1.04)	-0.02** (0.01)	-0.03** (0.04)
Women's Log Annual Earnings	9.44 (1.59)	9.55 (1.59)	9.47 (1.55)	9.52 (1.52)	0.08** (0.02)	-0.08* (0.05)

<sup>1</sup> Source: The 1970-1990 Census for synthetic parents, and 1994-2019 Current Population Surveys (CPS) for children's outcomes

<sup>2</sup> The data is restricted to native-born United States citizens between 1994 and 2019 who are also White and between the ages of 25 and 40, and who identify as Hispanic. I identify the ethnicity of a person's parents through the parent's place of birth. A parent is Hispanic if they were born in a Spanish-speaking country. A parent is White if they were born in the United States.



**TABLE V**  
EFFECT OF HAVING HISPANIC LAST NAME

	(1)	(2)
	Log annual earnings	Log annual earnings
$HW_i$	-0.05** (0.02)	-0.02 (0.02)
State FE	X	X
Year FE	X	X
<i>Controlling for:</i>		
Hours Worked	X	X
Age	X	X
Education		X
Observations	2423	2423

\*  $p < 0.1$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$

<sup>1</sup> This table includes the estimation results of equation (1).

<sup>2</sup> HW is an indicator variable that is equal to 1 if a person is the child of a Hispanic-father and White-mother.

<sup>3</sup> The sample is restricted to men working full-time full-year and are waged and salaried workers.

<sup>4</sup> Column one has the regression results when controlling for hours worked, age, and fixed effects. Column two has the results after controlling for education.

<sup>5</sup> Standard errors are clustered on the state level.

**TABLE VI**  
EFFECT OF HAVING HISPANIC LAST NAME

	(1)	(2)
	Log annual earnings	Log annual earnings
$HW_i \times Hispanic_i$	-0.02 (0.08)	-0.02 (0.07)
$Hispanic_i$	-0.11** (0.05)	-0.06 (0.05)
$HW_i$	-0.03 (0.08)	0.00 (0.06)
State FE	X	X
Year FE	X	X
<i>Controlling for:</i>		
Hours Worked	X	X
Age	X	X
Education		X
Observations	2423	2423

\*  $p < 0.1$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$

<sup>1</sup> This table includes the estimation results of equation (2).

<sup>2</sup> HW is an indicator variable that is equal to 1 if a person is the child of a Hispanic-father and White-mother, and Hispanic is an indicator variable that is equal to one if a person self-identifies as Hispanic.

<sup>3</sup> The sample is restricted to men working full-time full-year and are waged and salaried workers.

<sup>4</sup> Column one has the regression results when controlling for hours worked, age, and fixed effects. Column two has the results after controlling for education.