

# Unlucky and scarred: long-term consequences of labour market entry condition in Indonesia

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## Abstract

This paper provides empirical evidence of the long-term consequences of labour market entrance conditions using Indonesian data. I collect and harmonise a long series of Indonesian labour force surveys (SAKERNAS) spanning over 30 years to construct a pseudo-panel cohort of new labour market entrants from 1990 to 2019. Following previous scarring literature (Kahn, 2010; Oreopoulos et al., 2012; Schwandt and Von Wachter, 2019), my preferred specification uses variation in the unemployment rate at the national level to test the existence of scarring effects. I find evidence of a scarring effect where a 1 percentage point increase in the unemployment rate at the year of labour market entrance causes about a 7% loss in probability of being employed full-time and about 21% potential monthly income loss. Compared to studies in developed countries, my findings suggest that scarring effects have smaller magnitudes and shorter spells. It also emerges that women and men share similar burdens in terms of negative employment effects, but slightly larger negative earning effects in terms of hourly wages. My results also suggest that those who completed at least secondary education bear larger scarring effects compared to those with lower education. This paper highlights the significance of youth-specific support as part of recovery policies after an economic downturn.

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# 1 Introduction

Evidence on lasting negative effects of entering the labour market when unemployment rates are high has been well documented in developed countries (Kahn, 2010; Oreopoulos et al., 2012; Schwandt and Von Wachter, 2019; Andrews et al., 2020; Choi et al., 2020). Intriguingly, such studies in developing countries, which typically host large shares of the youth population, have been non-existent except for Berniell et al.'s (2023) work in Latin America.

Why is it important to examine such scarring effects in developing countries? Firstly, typical labour force profiles in developing countries are characterised by predominantly low-educated workers from low socioeconomic status households. To be unemployed is often not an affordable option, even more during bad economic conditions. In response, those people may potentially increase their working hours in informal sectors to sustain consumption. Second, unlike in developed countries, unemployment rates in developing countries are relatively high, more volatile and less attached to economic growth (Fields, 2011). Thus, the effects of high unemployment rates on labour market outcomes may not be similar to the effects of a recession. Third, a relatively large share of informal sector employment in an economy may indicate a larger number of potential employers than in developed countries. Thus, job search costs might be lower. Finally, developing countries typically have low female labour force participation (FLFP) due to traditional norms and lack of parental support. However, in times of crisis, women increased their labour supply to support household income (Skoufias and Parker, 2006; Stephens, 2002).

This paper focuses on two questions. First, does the initial labour market condition, measured by the unemployment rate, have long-lasting negative implications for employment and earnings? If so, how long does such an effect persist and at what magnitude compared to those in developed countries? Second, does the scarring effect have heterogeneous effects in regard to gender and education level?

To answer my research questions, I use Indonesia as a case study for the following reasons. First, Indonesia has a long-series labour market survey that has consistently collected data that spans over 30 years. The availability of such a dataset is one of the major challenges to conducting a study on scarring effects in developing countries. Second, despite robust economic growth, unemployment rates have been relatively volatile and high. In particular, there has been concern about high unemployment rates among youth since the early 1990s (Manning and Junankar, 1998). Third, about 60% of the labour force worked in informal sectors in the past decade (Allen, 2016). This provides an opportunity to test the role of informal sectors to cushion negative employment and earnings effects. Lastly, FLFP in Indonesia is relatively lower than in neighbouring countries in Southeast Asia, except for Malaysia, and has stagnated (Schaner and Das, 2016). This motivates us to test the existence of the added worker effect (Lundberg, 1985; Stephens, 2002), where during bad times women temporarily increase their labour supply to sustain household livelihood.

I follow previous literature (Oreopoulos et al., 2012; Schwandt and Von Wachter, 2019) by constructing a pseudo-cohort panel observation utilising rich administrative data. Using a repeated cross-section of the Indonesia Labour Force survey, SAKERNAS, from 1990 to 2019, I construct a pseudo-cohort of new entrants who entered the labour market between 1990 and 2019 in which I can observe their employment and earnings trajectories up to 25 years. Unlike previous studies which focus only on college graduates, except for Schwandt and Von Wachter (2019), my sample covers youth workers at any education level. Next, I match each cell observation to the corresponding unemployment rate based on the year of labour market entrance. I use national unemployment rates in my preferred specification but also present results using provincial unemployment rates as a comparison. My specification allows the estimated unemployment rate at labour market entry coefficients to vary across years of experience after the year of entering the labour market. Thus, the coefficients capture an evolution of the negative (positive) effect of initial economic conditions on lifetime labour market outcomes.

In sum, I document significant negative employment and earnings effects of a high unemployment rate when entering the labour market. An increase of 1 percentage point in the unemployment rate when entering the labour market leads to a drop in full-time employment probability by 3% for the first two years after entering the labour market. The negative effect was nullified 5 to 8 years after entering the labour market. Overall, an increase of 1 percentage point in the unemployment rate when entering the labour market is associated with a 7% loss in the probability of full-time employment over 25 years of their working lifetime. With regards to effects on earnings, I find that an increase of 1 percentage point in the unemployment rate translated to a 3% drop in monthly income for the first 2 years after entering the labour market. Similar to the employment effect, the negative effects start to disappear after at least 9 years.

Findings from my study contribute to the literature in several ways. First, it complements previous scarring literature by providing evidence that the size of the scarring effect is similar to those from developed countries. However, I find smaller negative effects and shorter scarring spells compared to previous studies in the United States (Schwandt and Von Wachter, 2019), Canada (Oreopoulos et al., 2012), and Australia (Andrews et al., 2020). It also adds knowledge of how the scarring effect remains significant though less severe even in an economy with a large share of informal jobs.

Secondly, my findings support the argument that the negative earnings effect might be driven by the allocation of workers to the lower-skilled jobs sectors (Gibbons and Waldman, 2004; Kahn, 2010), for instance as casual workers in the agriculture sector. At the same time, I also find that entering labour market during bad times pushes out people from the services sector. I interpret this as pushing out from potentially high-income jobs.<sup>1</sup> New graduates who picked up lower-skilled jobs at the beginning of their career may accumulate less knowledge

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<sup>1</sup>Although one should carefully consider that the services sector consists of lower-paying jobs (i.e.: hospitality, traditional retailers, etc.) and high-paying jobs (i.e.: financial sectors).

and skills that lead to lower human capital accumulation and investment as opposed to the new graduates who found a high-skilled job (Gibbons and Waldman, 2004; Kahn, 2010).

Thirdly, I find that negative employment and earnings effects among those with only a primary degree are relatively smaller than their counterparts with at least a secondary degree. This least educated group was found to be more likely to work longer hours when initial economic conditions worsen. This contradicts previous studies (Schwandt and Von Wachter, 2019) which found that less educated youth workers bear more scarring effect in both employment and earnings. I also find that those with secondary education degrees bear the worst scarring effect over a working lifetime.

Fourthly, from a gender perspective, my findings are consistent with Schwandt and Von Wachter (2019) and Oreopoulos et al. (2012) who found that men and women bear similar overall employment and earnings effects. I find weak evidence of an added worker effect: women temporarily increased their working hours when entering the labour market with high unemployment rates and recover to get full-time jobs in shorter period than men. However, women still bear negative employment effects of an analogous size to men. My findings contrast a study by Berniell et al. (2023) in Latin America where they find strong positive employment and earnings effect of economic downturn for women. However, it is similar to Choi et al. (2020) who find women were affected negatively during Asian Financial Crisis (AFC) in terms of employment and earnings but in a more subtle way than men.

Lastly, in terms of the country's perspective, to the best of my knowledge, this study is the first effort to understand the long-term dynamics of labour market outcomes that focus on young workers. In regards to scarring effects, there is only one existing study that shares a similar theme to this study. Pritadrajati et al. (2021), using a longitudinal household survey (IFLS), find that there is a strong positive correlation between current unemployment probability and past unemployment status. Finally, this study also offers new insights into the long-term consequences of the AFC. The majority of existing studies on the impact of AFC focus only on short-term responses in the labour market. This includes increased workers in agriculture and falling real wages in urban areas (Manning and Junankar, 1998; Manning, 2000), workers finding employment in the informal sector (Manning, 2000; Rothenberg et al., 2016), and delaying the progress of absorption of workers into the manufacturing sector (Feridhanusthyawan and Arya, 2016).<sup>2</sup>.

My findings are robust over several sensitivity checks. First of all, the results from the province-level specification confirm my findings from the national-level specification. Next, to partially address the potential endogeneity of graduation years, I use a 3-year moving average of unemployment rates of labour market entrance and the results from it are consistent with the main specification. My results are also robust when I use unemployment rates for

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<sup>2</sup>Consequently, from a welfare perspective, the AFC was also found to increase urban poverty (Suryahadi et al., 2005) and child labour incidence (Manning, 2000; Sim et al., 2017). It also affects other socioeconomic issues, such as lower health care utilization (Waters et al., 2003), child nutrition deprivation (Giles and Satriawan, 2015), changes in intrahousehold bargaining power (Dong, 2016), and reduced school attendance in short term (Cameron, 2001).

15–24 years old, which arguably captures more relevant unemployment rates faced by new entrants. I find that the results are also similar, albeit almost halved, when using the official unemployment rate produced by the national office of statistics in Indonesia (BPS).<sup>3</sup>. Such results are expected, given that the official unemployment rate is overstated. Concerning the mismeasurement of unemployment rates pre-1994, I perform the main specification using only survey years since 1994 and find similar results as my main sample. Finally, my placebo test finds a null effect of initial unemployment rates on gender composition.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 provides a brief overview of the Indonesian economy and labour market entrants' profiles. I describe the dataset used in this paper in Section 3. Section 4 discusses the estimation strategy and threats to the identification. I present the results in Section 5. I further discuss the heterogeneity results in Section 6. Section 7 provides several sensitivity tests to the results. Lastly, I conclude, discuss caveats and suggest directions for further research in Section 8.

## 2 Context

In this section, I briefly discuss the Indonesian economy from several perspectives relating to the purpose of this study. Firstly, the long-run trend of Indonesia's economic growth and employment issues from the early 1990s until today. Secondly, the evolution of labour force profiles. Thirdly, the issue of youth unemployment. Lastly, I discuss the issue of women's attachment to the labour market.

Literature often partitions the Indonesian economy from the early 1990s to the post-Global Financial Crisis into four periods, as summarised in (World Bank, 2010). The first one is the pre-AFC period. From the early 1980s until before the AFC, the Indonesian economy was accelerating mainly due to the commodities price boom (i.e. oil and gas). This period was also marked by significant shifts in terms of labour absorption from the agriculture sector to the industrial and service sectors (Manning, 1993). The second period starts from the AFC. It was marked by a 15% drop in economic growth between 1997–1998, the worst recession in the country since the 1960s. As summarised in Figure 1, the crisis contributed to the large upswing in the unemployment rate that followed over the next couple of years (Suryadarma et al., 2007; Nagib and Ngadi, 2008). The third period began when the economy started to positively grow from 2000 until 2007.<sup>4</sup> Despite positive and steady economic growth, this period was also marked by persistently high unemployment rates. Such 'jobless growth' is mainly attributed to disappointing employment growth in manufacturing sectors (The World Bank, 2010; Manning and Pratomo, 2018). Beyond the 'jobless growth', Indonesia has maintained positive economic and employment growth with minimum implications caused by the Global Financial Crisis (GFC).

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<sup>3</sup>Also known as Statistics Indonesia. See <https://www.bps.go.id/>.

<sup>4</sup>This was also followed by two major political events: a democratic presidential election and a large-scale decentralisation.

The education profile of the labour force in Indonesia has improved significantly. The labour force predominantly had primary education for those born in the 1960s, whereas the 1990s cohort mostly attended secondary school (Allen, 2016). Consequently, this implies delayed age of labour market entrance. Using the IFLS Wave 5, I find that the age of having the first full-time job is, on average, 1.5 years older for those born in the 1990s onwards compared to their counterparts that were born before the 1990s. This is also followed by the fact that vocational secondary school has become more important over time in Indonesia (Newhouse and Suryadarma, 2011). At the same time, manufacturing-led economic growth, especially before the AFC, also benefited younger cohorts of new entrants with higher education profiles. Growing formal sectors drive upward income mobility in terms of the real wage for both male and female new entrants as discussed by Skoufias and Suryahadi (2002).

Manning and Junankar (1998) provided initial discussion on the issue of high unemployment rates among young workers (aged 15–24), especially in urban areas. From the early 1990s until recently, youth unemployment was consistently more than double the average unemployment rate. Such high unemployment rates are attributed to several potential sources. First, improved education access was not matched with sluggish growth in the manufacturing sectors (Manning and Purnagunawan, 2011). Second, growing middle-class incomes may allow many young workers to afford a longer job-seeking process. Thirdly, the sequential increase in minimum wages between 2000 and 2007 periods may have had unintended consequences on the absorption of youth workers in the labour market (Pratomo, 2016).

In regards to women's attachment to the labour market, in the past two decades, female labour force participation (FLFP) in Indonesia has stalled at around 55% (Schäfer and Das, 2016). Such stagnation remains despite the declining fertility rate (Hull, Hull) and increased education access for women (Schäfer and Das, 2016). Despite the stagnation, from the SAKERNAS, between the early 1990s and late 2010s, there was a major shift where most women workers who had mostly been absorbed into agriculture, now predominantly work in services. In regards to the added worker effect, Smith et al. (2002) find that the FLFP rate of those living in poor families increased by 7% between 1997 and 1999 using the IFLS<sup>5</sup>. Further, they also pointed out the significant impact of AFC on wage cuts and employment rates for the younger female group, especially in urban areas with low education.

## 3 Data

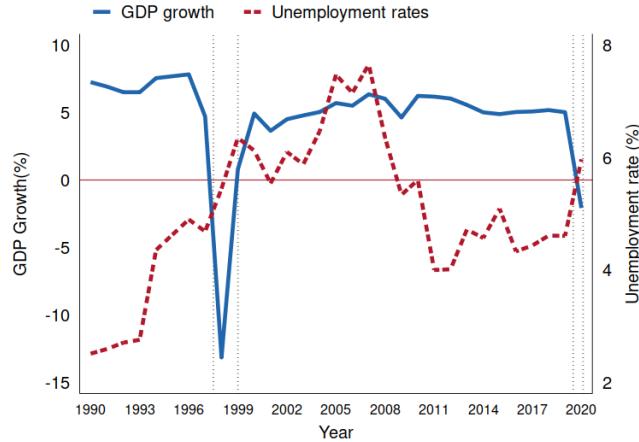
### 3.1 SAKERNAS

The National Labour Force Survey, also known as SAKERNAS, is the national household survey purposely designed to produce the official labour force statistics in Indonesia. The timing, frequency, and sampling procedures of the survey have been changing over time since its first

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<sup>5</sup>Special survey known as IFLS2+

Figure 1: Unemployment rate in Indonesia



*Notes:* Author's calculation. Real GDP growth retrieved from the World Development Index, The World Bank. The unemployment rates is calculated using SAKERNAS 1990-2020 following Suryadarma et al.'s (2007) approach to adjust for changes in labour market force definition and questionnaire. I exclude 1995 observation. More details on the unemployment rate used in this graph are available in Section 3.2. The dotted black vertical line indicates the start and end of each recession event in Indonesia.

implementation in 1976. Before 1986, Indonesia's statistical office, known as BPS, collected SAKERNAS as a thematic module of the National Household Socioeconomic Survey (SUSENAS) which is the main nationally representative household socioeconomic survey.<sup>6</sup> From 1986 onwards, the BPS started to regularly survey, apart from in 1995.<sup>7</sup> Initially, the data collection was implemented once a year but later it was conducted for bi-annual as well as quarterly. The BPS surveys larger respondents in August, and smaller samples in February, when bi-annually, plus May and November, if quarterly.<sup>8</sup> Designed to be nationally representative as it follows the SUSENAS sample frame, from 1986 to 2004,<sup>9</sup> the sampling frame preserve representativeness up to provincial level. Since 2005, the SAKERNAS has been represented at the district level, except in 2014. For this paper, I mainly use SAKERNAS August, except for the years before 2006. More details on the survey period, timing, sampling size and statistical representativeness are summarised in Table A.1.

The survey collects labour market information on the working-age members of sampled households.<sup>10</sup> This includes household members as young as 10 years old. SAKERNAS becomes the main dataset to produce official labour force statistics including unemployment rate, labour force participation, level of wages and earnings. The SAKERNAS collects a rich

<sup>6</sup>SUSENAS has been the main resource to estimate welfare indicators, including poverty, collected since 1963

<sup>7</sup>The BPS uses a 5-yearly intercensal population survey, SUPAS, to estimate labour market indicators in the absence of SAKERNAS

<sup>8</sup>In the case of bi-annual data collection, from 2005–2010 the BPS collected smaller samples in February with a lower level of representativeness. After 2012, when the survey implementation was done quarterly, the BPS collected mid-quarter data in May

<sup>9</sup>Except for 2000–2001, as the sampling was representative at regional level due to decentralisation following the reformation era

<sup>10</sup>The survey does collect limited information on those younger than 10 years old as part of the household members listing process. The information includes, at least, name, gender, marital status and age. However, the information is not available in the released dataset

array of information on individual engagement in the labour market. This includes several key variables in the labour market which are not available in the SUSENAS such as wages, earnings and working hours. Important to note that SAKERNAS does not collect earnings information from those who work as employers and unpaid workers. However, compared to the SUSENAS, the survey provides limited non-labour market information on individuals as well as households. Survey limitations include unavailability of household expenditure, assets, fertility, and complete household member roster information which arguably are potentially important factors for employment outcomes and decisions (Dong, 2016). Despite the survey's limitations, the SAKERNAS remains the only long-series and consistently collected dataset to proxy key labour market outcomes that suit the purpose of this paper.<sup>11</sup>

I use individuals aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year to construct an unbalanced pseudo-panel at the level of aggregation detailed in Section 4.1. Thus, I identify the labour market entrance of men and women, who live in 26 provinces and had completed either primary, secondary or tertiary education when entering the labour market between 1990 to 2019. I exclude observation in the survey year 1995 to avoid mismeasurement of labour market information when using an intercensal survey (SUPAS) due to the absence of SAKERNAS. This yields potential  $4,524 (2 \times 26 \times 3 \times 29)$  unique cells. I later drop cohort cell observation if they consist of less than ten individual observations. This brings my final observation to 4,411 unique cells.<sup>12</sup> Given the span of the dataset, I can observe up to 30 years of potential working experience, however, I restrict my observation up to 25 years of potential working experience. The final unbalanced-panel sample is 48,328 individual-year observations.<sup>13</sup>

Table 1 summarises descriptive statistics of pseudo-cohorts used in my analysis observed up to 11 years since they entered the labour market. Several key highlights emerge. First, from a gender perspective, it emerges that women are more likely to be in the services sectors and to accept lower wages compared to their men counterparts. Secondly, low-educated new entrants were likely to be employed in agriculture as casual workers, in comparison to those with higher education degrees. Thirdly, over time Indonesian economy shifts from agriculture to services which is followed by a growing share of formal sectors. The descriptive statistics confirm the characterisation of typical developing countries' labour market profiles in Section 1.

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<sup>11</sup>The possible alternative to SAKERNAS is the IFLS a privately collected longitudinal dataset that was collected five times between 1993 to 2014 using SUSENAS 1993 as a sample frame.

<sup>12</sup>Completing primary education includes those who never had an education up to completing primary school. Secondary education includes junior and senior high school, equivalent to year 7 to year 12 in most Western countries such as Australia. Tertiary education includes vocational and university degrees.

<sup>13</sup>On average, each cell observation consists of 42 unique individual observations with a maximum of 610 individual observations.

Table 1: Descriptive statistics, up to 11 years after entrance

	Gender		Highest education level			Period	
	Women (1)	Men (2)	Up to primary (3)	Secondary (4)	Tertiary (5)	Up To AFC (6)	Post-AFC (7)
Employed	0.839 (0.142)	0.871 (0.119)	0.914 (0.0928)	0.824 (0.139)	0.862 (0.129)	0.854 (0.133)	0.858 (0.130)
Full-time Job	0.491 (0.182)	0.574 (0.182)	0.471 (0.178)	0.524 (0.185)	0.615 (0.169)	0.529 (0.198)	0.538 (0.181)
Waged worker	0.536 (0.296)	0.463 (0.256)	0.261 (0.189)	0.438 (0.200)	0.826 (0.130)	0.395 (0.257)	0.544 (0.274)
Self-employed	0.137 (0.121)	0.203 (0.142)	0.177 (0.137)	0.204 (0.141)	0.112 (0.103)	0.233 (0.165)	0.145 (0.111)
Casual and unpaid workers	0.326 (0.264)	0.333 (0.246)	0.563 (0.211)	0.358 (0.199)	0.0622 (0.0781)	0.372 (0.247)	0.311 (0.256)
Monthly earnings (000s)	924.9 (587.7)	1130.6 (623.0)	659.8 (319.4)	917.4 (444.1)	1586.4 (707.5)	852.9 (591.9)	1115.9 (608.6)
Total wage (000s)	918.7 (481.6)	1112.4 (529.7)	678.1 (314.2)	926.2 (374.8)	1494.8 (546.5)	843.4 (453.3)	1101.1 (523.8)
Wage per hours (000s)	5.408 (3.521)	6.112 (3.217)	3.732 (2.121)	4.964 (2.174)	9.044 (3.742)	4.559 (2.689)	6.331 (3.517)
Monthly working hours	155.5 (35.86)	165.2 (30.94)	150.9 (35.69)	163.8 (34.05)	164.1 (29.07)	167.0 (37.89)	157.9 (31.08)
Agriculture	0.259 (0.263)	0.392 (0.267)	0.612 (0.232)	0.332 (0.205)	0.0628 (0.0860)	0.414 (0.277)	0.291 (0.262)
Manufacturing	0.123 (0.132)	0.141 (0.117)	0.138 (0.128)	0.154 (0.129)	0.0882 (0.100)	0.148 (0.133)	0.125 (0.120)
Services	0.618 (0.273)	0.467 (0.253)	0.249 (0.179)	0.514 (0.177)	0.849 (0.133)	0.438 (0.248)	0.583 (0.272)
Observations	12727	14371	6726	13126	7246	8500	18525

Standard deviation in parentheses. Results are based on data from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the year of 1995. Sample restricted to be 15 to 40 years old in each survey. This table also restricts observation to be up to 11 years since entering the labour market. The first and second columns refer to disaggregation by gender. The third, fourth and fifth column reports summary statistics of those who had up to 6 years of schooling (including never finished schooling), secondary education (7–12 years of schooling) and at least diploma or any university degree (more than 12 years of schooling) respectively. The fifth and sixth columns reports summary statistics of those who enter the labour market between 1990 to 1999 and post-1999 respectively. Unit observation is a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Earnings refers to labour income including wage and salary. Wages are only available for waged workers. All monetary values are inflation-adjusted using CPI with 1990 as the base year.

### 3.2 Unemployment rate

The BPS releases the annual unemployment rate following the collection of SAKERNAS. Hence, the statistics have become available regularly every year since 1990, except for 1995. In 1995, due to budget problems, the BPS did not conduct the SAKERNAS survey. Labour market statistics in 1995 were inferred from the intercensal population survey in that year. BPS changed the implementation of the survey that affects the calculation of the unemployment rate at least three times between 1990 to 2003, to accommodate the ILO definition of the labour force and unemployment, as summarised in Suryadarma et al. (2007). The first major adjustment was the change in the working-age definition. From 1980 to 1990, the official unemployment rate included individuals aged 10 to 14 years old in the labour force calculation. Since 1991, the survey has followed the ILO to only include those who are at least 15 years old in the labour force. The second major change happened in 1994. Before 1994, to be included in the labour force as unemployed, the BPS required that a person be looking for a job for at least a week before the survey. From 1994 onwards, the BPS removed the qualifying time

condition.<sup>14</sup> The third major change happened in 2001. The BPS added those who are not working and not actively looking for a job as they believe no job position is available (discouraged workers), those who have a job but have not started the job, and those preparing for business. These three groups of people were considered to be out of the labour force before 2001.

Figure A.1 illustrates the unemployment rate trends over the study period. The solid line represents the official unemployment statistics from the BPS as recorded in their annual releases. The dashed line represents the unemployment rate using the pre-2001 definition of the unemployment rate (which also corresponds to the unemployment rate trends plotted in Figure 1). In regards to Figure A.1, Suryadarma et al. (2007) argue that changes in the survey implementation, as mentioned previously, contributed to the positive trend in the unemployment rates between the AFC and 2004. In particular, they find that the new statistics inflate the number of discouraged workers in the labour force. Unfortunately, there is no way to precisely recalculate the unemployment rate to a definition before 1994, as the structure of the questionnaire has changed. As mentioned earlier, before 1994, BPS excluded those who looked for jobs longer than a week before the survey. While maintaining the pre-2001 definition to obtain ‘consistent’ unemployment rates over time, it is worth noting that the calculation of unemployment rates before 1994 was potentially overestimated compared to post-1994.

### 3.3 Population Census

This paper uses a sample of population census data available from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) to calculate proportional migration across cohorts and education levels over time. The IPUMS version of the population census represents 5% of the total population in 1990, and 10% of the total population in the 2000 and 2010 waves. This yields between 912,544 (1990) and 23,603,049 (2010) observations. The population census provides key information on where people lived five years before the Census year. Using this information, I construct a matrix of migration patterns by pooling three Population Censuses as one. With this matrix, I obtain, on average, the share of individuals living in current residential provinces who lived in one of the other 26 provinces five years ago, between 1990 and 2010.

## 4 Estimation strategy

### 4.1 Baseline specification

The main identification strategy relies on the assumption that changes in unemployment rates that deviate from their natural trend are mainly driven by labour demand rather than from

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<sup>14</sup>As mentioned in Suryadarma et al. (2007), Manning and Junankar (1998) show that this change in definition was responsible for about 2.8 percentage point increase in the unemployment rate between 1993–1994.

the supply side. Hence, variation in unemployment rates should not be correlated with cohort (of labour entrance)-specific characteristics. I follow previous scarring literature (Kahn, 2010; Oreopoulos et al., 2012; Schwandt and Von Wachter, 2019), to estimate the relationship between a cohort's lifetime labour market outcomes and their corresponding unemployment rate at the time of labour market entrance. Since the labour market survey is a series of repeated cross-section data, I follow Oreopoulos et al. (2012) and Schwandt and Von Wachter (2019) to conduct a pseudo-panel analysis based on cohorts observation across surveys. In this study, the cohort is not defined by birth-year but on the year of the individual enter the labour market. In practice, I begin by mean-aggregating the individual-level observation at the year of labour market entrants ( $c$ ), gender ( $g$ ), education group ( $d$ ), and residential province ( $p$ ) for each survey year ( $t$ ). In comparison to previous literature, our construction is similar to Schwandt and Von Wachter (2019), however, in this paper, I also add the gender dimension to the level of data aggregation. Thus, I estimate the following equation.

$$\bar{Y}_{cgdp} = \alpha + \beta_e UR_c \times Exp_e + Exp_e + Pre94_c + \theta_c + \gamma_g + \delta_d + \pi_p + \tau_t + \epsilon_{cgdp} \quad (1)$$

Where our outcome variable,  $\bar{Y}$ , is an average of each 'cell' of aggregation. Each pseudo-cohort group is weighted according to the number of observations in each cell. My outcome variables cover an array of employment and earnings. From employment statuses, it includes binary variables of currently employed and worked full-time if individuals participate in the labour force, hence excluding those mainly in school. Next, I turn to job quality measured by the probability of being employed as wage workers and casual and unpaid workers, if they are employed.<sup>15</sup> For labour income, first, I use monthly earnings which is defined as all wages or salary either in cash or in-kind for those who were employed during the survey. Monthly wages as outcome variables are restricted to waged workers only. Important to note that SAKERNAS does not collect income information from those who work as employers and unpaid workers. Thus, any interpretation of my results on labour income should take into account such limitations. I also look into working hours in a week which I convert into monthly working hours by multiplying by 52 and dividing by 12. Finally, I also look into hourly wages which is defined as the ratio of monthly wage and monthly working hours. In the estimation, I impose a logarithmic transformation for each earnings outcome including working hours. All monetary values are inflation-adjusted using Consumer Price Index (World Development Indicators, World Bank) with 1990 as the base year.

The main independent variable is the corresponding unemployment rate ( $UR$ ) at the time of entering the labour market  $c$ . I use two different unemployment rates, one is at the national level, and the other is the provincial unemployment rate ( $UR_{cp}$ ). Throughout the paper, I refer to the estimation using national (province) unemployment rates as 'national (province) estimates'. Notice that some of the previous literature on the scarring effect, such as Oreopoulos

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<sup>15</sup>Notice that I exclude self-employment since it reflects the rest of waged workers and unpaid workers.

et al. (2012) and Schwandt and Von Wachter (2019), prefer to use regional-level unemployment rates, arguing that local labour market conditions are more relevant to new entrants. They argue that internal migration in the US or Canada was relatively low, such that the endogenous migration threat, as discussed further in Section 4.2, becomes less significant. In Indonesia, internal migration predominantly occurs within provincial border (Pardede et al., 2020). However, there has been increasing mobility in recent decades. The migration pattern is dominated by outside Java to Java island,<sup>16</sup> mostly for employment and education-related purposes. Hence, one could argue that internal mobility in Indonesia is relatively higher than in the US and Canada. In addition, regional unemployment rates tend to have more persistent time trends (Oreopoulos et al., 2012). I will discuss the threats and procedure to deal with the potential endogenous migration problem to the provincial specification more in the next section

The model allows the estimated effect of the initial unemployment rate to vary over years of potential experience since graduation year ( $\beta_e$ ), such that it mimics an event-study setup. The model also includes years of potential experience since graduation  $exp_e$  that is simply measured as differences between the survey year and the year of entering the labour market ( $e = t - c$ ). To account for potential measurement bias due to change in the unemployment rate definition prior to 1994, I employ an additional control variable that captures the interaction of the unemployment rate and year prior to 1994 ( $Pre94$ ). The model simply includes a set of dummy variables of labour market entrants cohort ( $\theta_c$ ), gender ( $\gamma_g$ ), education level ( $\delta_d$ ), province ( $\pi_p$ ) and survey year ( $\tau_t$ ). The error term  $\epsilon$  is a zero-mean at the cell level. Finally, I cluster the standard error at the year of labour market entrance to capture the variation in the unemployment rate for the national employment rate specification. Meanwhile, for the provincial unemployment rate, I cluster my standard error at the province level.

It is important to note that I proxy years of entering the labour market using years of highest completed education plus six years<sup>17</sup> because SAKERNAS does not collect an individual's exact year of graduation. To avoid cohort-specific labour market changes, I use the unemployment rate at the national level for the working-age population rather than the cohort-specific unemployment rate. In the robustness section, I discuss the result of using the youth-age-specific unemployment rate.

## 4.2 Threats to identification

My estimation strategy relies on the assumption that temporal variation in the unemployment rate caused changes in labour demand and is not correlated with cohort-specific variation across time. In addition to potential endogeneity caused by the mismeasurement bias of un-

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<sup>16</sup>Java island is the fourth largest island in Indonesia, yet has accommodated more than 60% of the population since the 1990s. Historically, it has become the centre of the economy and the administration of the colonial government, since the Dutch's occupation. It is also the location of Jakarta, the nation's capital city since 1945.

<sup>17</sup>The legal age to enter primary school in Indonesia.

employment rates discussed earlier in the model, the following may also raise some concerns about the validity of our assumption.

(i) *Endogenous education timing*.— To avoid bad labour market prospects, a person may stay longer in school to delay their labour market participation. Thus, the scarring effect estimates would bias toward zero. To the best of my knowledge, there is no evidence of such behaviour in the existing literature. Cameron (2001) found a temporary increase in school drop-outs in a short time, but within months education participation bounced back to the pre-crisis trend. Thomas et al. (2004) using specific micro-level data surveyed immediately after the AFC suggest that there is evidence that parental investment into children's education faces a trade-off. They find that households sustain investment for older children but reduce it for younger children. In Figure A.3 Panel A in Appendix B, I show that there is no observable change in terms of the distribution of educational attainment that could be attributed to the crisis. Over time, shifting towards a higher share of individuals who completed at least a secondary degree, for instance, shows a smooth transition. Panel B provides clearer depictions in terms of the smoothness trends in gross enrolment rate during the crisis period. If manipulation happens, one would expect a hump in any level of education enrolment around the time of the crisis. Over time, there are more children enrolled in secondary and tertiary education. As additional evidence, I perform a similar test as a placebo test by regressing the share of secondary graduates on the initial unemployment rate as in equation 1. From Figure A.4 Panel A and Figure A.5 Panel A, I find null effects of initial unemployment rates on the share of secondary graduates.

(ii) *Endogenous migration timing*.— Individuals could decide to migrate to another place with a better economic situation before entering the labour market. This positive sorting potentially leads to attenuation bias. As people move to a less crisis-affected area with better employment opportunities, the effect of the unemployment rate when entering the labour market biases toward zero. For the national specification, this should not be a concern as Indonesia has relatively low inter-national mobility (Bazzi et al., 2016). On the other hand, interregional mobility predominantly happens within the province border (Pardede et al., 2020). Based on the 2010 Population Census, for non-Java provinces, more than 90% of the population were born within the province border, whereas for Java provinces, the average of native-born residents was about 70%. However, as raised by Hugo (2000), increased inter-province migration as a response to the crisis is not trivial. He argues that post-AFC, the inter-regional mobility of Indonesia has significantly increased. Considering this, in the province specification, I apply migration-weighted unemployment rates using historical inter-province migration patterns drawing from the pooled subsample of the Population Census from 1990 to 2010.

In regards to the endogeneity migration issue, I draw inspiration from Schwandt and Von Wachter's (2019) bias correction procedure to the regional (provincial) level rate. They do so by weighting the initial unemployment rate with migration probability and graduation timing. In principle, they calculate the probability of working-aged individuals with a certain

education level migrating from their birth region to the residing province, then aggregate up across provinces and education profiles using the Population Census. This probability is then used as a weight to the unemployment rate of each labour market entrants' cohort from the labour force survey observations. This double-weighted unemployment rate, they argue, is a bias-corrected unemployment rate to deal with both endogenous education and migration timing. In my case, as discussed previously, I am not concerned with endogenous education timing but rather with the migration issue. So, I focus on applying migration weight to the provincial unemployment rate.

Recall that to apply such weight, one should rely on two key pieces of information, the birth province and current residential province. That information must be available in both the population census and the labour force survey. Unfortunately, the SAKERNAS does not provide birth province information, thus replicating Schwandt and Von Wachter's (2019) procedure is non-viable. What I am able to do, however, is to tease out the migration pattern from one province to the other province at a particular time. The Population Census provides the provinces where the respondent resided in the last five years. Hence, I can calculate an average migration pattern across provinces using a series of population censuses. Thus, in a similar spirit to Schwandt and Von Wachter (2019), I construct a migration-weighted average graduation year unemployment rate as summarised below.

$$UR_{pc}^{MW} = \sum_{p=1}^{26} Mig_{p-5,p} UR_{cp} \quad (2)$$

The migration-weight term,  $Mig_{p-5,p}$  is the average share of those who live in province  $p$  that five years prior migrated from province  $p-5$ . To match our main sample restriction, I only consider the migration pattern of respondents aged 15 to 40 in each census year. Thus, the migration share is used to weigh the unemployment rate of entering the labour market in year  $c$  of residential province  $p$ . Note that, I use the provincial border definition in 1990, which is total 26 provinces (excluding East Timor), to preserve consistency across years as the number of provinces changes over time.<sup>18</sup> The data to construct migration share  $Mig_{p-5,p}$  is drawn from subsamples of the Population Census in 1990, 2000 and 2010. Hence, the migration share reflects the average migration pattern between 1990 and 2010. To illustrate the construction of  $UR_{pc}^{MW}$ , suppose there are only two provinces, Province A and B. The average migration rates, during 1990–2010 period, from Province A to Province B were 25%, meaning a quarter of people living in Province A, between 1990 and 2010, migrated to Province B. Suppose in 1990, the unemployment rate in Province A was 5%, whereas in Province B it was 2%. For those entering the labour market in 1990 residing in Province A, the migration-weighted unemployment rate was 4.5% ( $2\% \times 0.25 + 5\% \times 0.75$ ), instead of 5%. Finally, I use

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<sup>18</sup>Post Soeharto's regime, Indonesia experienced significant decentralisation including a process of regional proliferation. Between 1999 to 2012, eight new provinces emerged. For further discussion on the political economy of the province proliferation process, see Kimura (2013).

the migration-weighted unemployment rate ( $UR_{pc}^{MW}$ ) to modify equation 1. I matched each cohort of observations to the migration-weighted unemployment rate terms ( $UR_{pc}^{MW}$ ) using their province of residence  $p$  at market entrance year  $c$ . equation 3 summarises the provincial specification, as follows.

$$\bar{Y}_{cgdp_t} = \alpha + \beta_e UR_{p0}^{MW} \times Exp_e + Exp_e + Pre94_{cp} + \theta_c + \gamma_g + \delta_d + \pi_p + \tau_t + \epsilon_{cgdp_t} \quad (3)$$

In regards to the double-weighted specification by Schwandt and Von Wachter (2019), my provincial specification presents some obvious limitations. First, I only rely on historical inter-province migration by assuming migration patterns are similar across birth cohorts. Despite using 20 years of average migration pattern, this measure could not capture a specific birth cohort confounding factors to mobility decisions, if any. As discussed earlier, there has been a significant increase in terms of inter-province mobility in recent decades. Second, my migration-weighted approach ignores specific education level factors that might also relate to migration status. Pardede et al. (2020), in particular, point to the important role of education level in increasing the likelihood of migration decisions. Given these caveats, I use the provincial specification as part of supporting results and sensitivity checks for the national specification.

I plot the national unemployment rate over time, together with the unadjusted and migration-adjusted provincial unemployment rates in Figure A.2. From Panel A, albeit strong positive correlation between national and provincial unemployment rates, the variation within a year remains large.<sup>19</sup> Even after detrending the series, as reflected in Panel B<sup>20</sup>, in some years, we could see that provincial unemployment rates deviate up to 5 percentage points. It is also important to note that the migration-weighted unemployment rates (hollow circle) are distributed closer to the national unemployment rates, compared to the raw provincial unemployment rates (hollow triangle). The distribution of provincial-level unemployment rates displays a higher degree of regional heterogeneity. Thus, it is potentially correlated with characteristics of the new entrants' cohort, which also aggregated at the province level. Thus, I prefer the national exposure specification (equation 1) results as my main results.

## 5 Results

### 5.1 Baseline estimation

I start by presenting the estimated scarring effects across years of experience since entering the labour market, following equation 1. Table 2 summarises the results. As depicted

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<sup>19</sup>I run an OLS estimation of (raw) provincial unemployment rates and national unemployment rates control for year fixed effects which yields a coefficient of correlation 0.80( $SE = 0.25$ ).

<sup>20</sup>For the detrended coefficient of correlation is 0.91( $SE = 0.05$ )

in column 1, in the first two years after entering the labour market, the probability of being employed drops by about 2.8%. This negative effect could be seen as short run response to the unemployment hikes when entering the labour market. The negative effect lingers up to 6 to 8 years after first entering the labour market. The average effect over 25 years of a working lifetime is about 6.9% (see Table A.2 in Appendix B). A similar story emerges for the probability of working full-time, as presented in column 2. Entering the labour market with a percentage point higher unemployment rates accounts for a lower likelihood of being employed by 3.2%. Once again, the effect lasts up to 6 to 8 years after entering the labour market. Compared to studies in the United States (Schwandt and Von Wachter, 2019), Korea (Choi et al., 2020) and Canada (Oreopoulos et al., 2012), the estimated effect is a half of what they find. I also find that the spell of negative employment effects is shorter than in those countries. These results may suggest two possible explanations: first, large informal sectors may cushion negative employment effects and second, given the large share of workers with low socioeconomic backgrounds, unemployment is a luxury compared to job seekers in developed countries. Later, I test such hypotheses by examining heterogeneity results based on education levels.

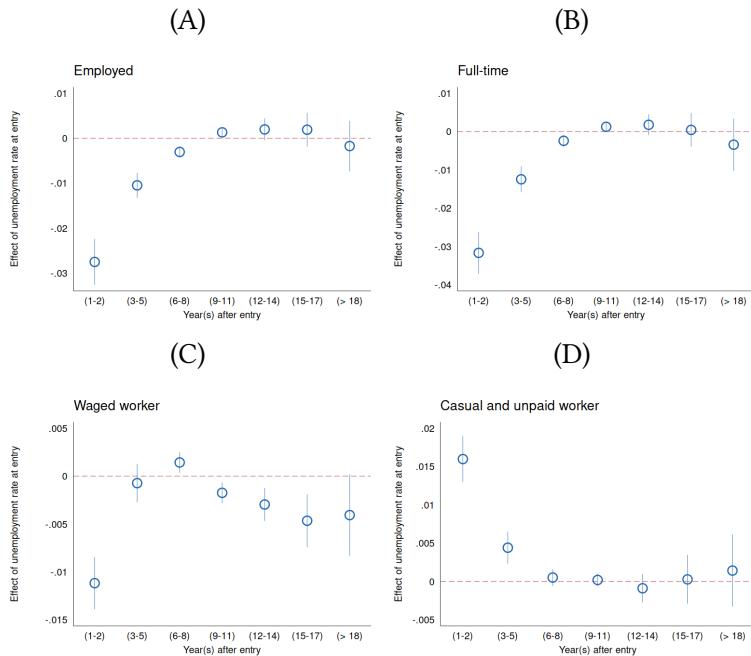
Table 2: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime occupational sectors

	(1) Employed	(2) Full-time job	(3) Formal job	(4) Unpaid job
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.028*** (0.002)	-0.032*** (0.003)	-0.011*** (0.001)	0.016*** (0.001)
3-5 years	-0.010*** (0.001)	-0.012*** (0.002)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.004*** (0.001)
6-8 years	-0.003*** (0.001)	-0.002** (0.001)	0.001* (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)
9-11 years	0.001* (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	-0.002** (0.001)	0.000 (0.000)
12-14 years	0.002 (0.001)	0.002 (0.001)	-0.003** (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)
15-17 years	0.002 (0.002)	0.000 (0.002)	-0.005** (0.001)	0.000 (0.002)
≥ 18 years	-0.002 (0.003)	-0.003 (0.003)	-0.004 (0.002)	0.001 (0.002)
Years of experience	-0.004 (0.002)	-0.011** (0.004)	-0.038*** (0.002)	0.018*** (0.004)
Observation	46,606	46,606	46,606	46,606
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.904	0.574	0.456	0.300
Adjusted R2	0.654	0.637	0.765	0.641
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 1 using national unemployment rates. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each column. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

From Table 2 columns 3 and 4, I find evidence that many new entrants are sorted into unpaid jobs and at the same time sorted out from waged workers. The probability of being employed in unpaid jobs is positively associated with the unemployment rate at the entrance in the first 5 years after graduation. This finding is consistent with previous findings (Manning and Junankar, 1998; Manning, 2000) that find many waged workers switch to unpaid jobs in rural areas. Such effects are short-lived compared to the employment effects, indicating the role of casual work in absorbing workers during bad economic conditions. For the new entrants, this could be the type of job that they can get sorted into with minimum barriers to entry. However, it is interesting to see that the negative effect on the likelihood to be in formal sectors lasts longer. This may indicate that young workers may choose to be self-employed (categories not presented in the graph due to redundancy). I provide a visual illustration of the results of Table 2 in Figure 2. For the rest of the discussion in the paper, I refer to graphical illustrations with corresponding tables available in the Appendix B.

Figure 2: Scarring effects on employment using national UR



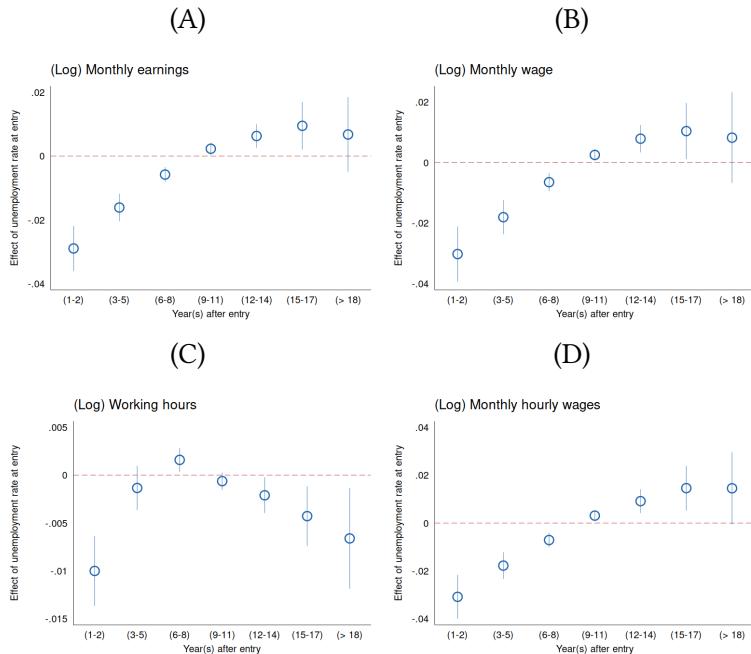
*Notes:* Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990–2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Plotted coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 1 using national unemployment rates. Specification controls for labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each graph. Each panel represents separate regression. For Panel C, the formal sector includes wage workers and the employer who has permanent workers. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Further investigation, looking at the occupational sector, confirms the role of agriculture in the increase in casual workers. It shows that the new entrants are likely to be in the agriculture sector when the unemployment rate is high, as illustrated in Figure A.6 Panel A in Appendix B (see Table A.6).<sup>21</sup> This is consistent with previous literature that finds agriculture

<sup>21</sup>Lifetime results of the scarring effects estimation on occupational sectors are presented in Table A.4 in Appendix B

was ‘safety net’ employment for those who were affected by the recession in 1997/1998 (Manning and Junankar, 1998), for instance. While most existing studies refer to already-in-labour market employer responses, my results confirm that the new entrants follow a similar path. The increased likelihood of working in agriculture is tightly correlated with the fact that reverse migration from urban and rural is a typical response of workers in Indonesia when the labour market contracts, as experienced during the AFC (Hugo, 2000). I find a negative effect towards the probability of being employed in manufacturing, as shown in Figure A.6 Panel B. However, the effect is short-lived and small. For service sectors, I find that bad economic conditions push out new entrants (see Figure A.6 Panel C). The negative effect on services and construction sectors persists throughout their working lifetime. This persistent negative effect, in particular, is interesting as it suggests that new entrants may fail to accumulate the necessary skills to be engaged in services and construction when they start in non-services sectors. One possible interpretation is that the service sector consists of high-skilled occupations such as in education, finance, technology, etc. Human capital investment in an earlier stage of a career is even more important, compared to other sectors such as agriculture and manufacturing. However, one should carefully interpret the results, as service sectors also include lower-skilled occupations such as retail and trade, which do not require such accumulation of human capital.

Figure 3: Scarring effects on earnings using national UR



*Notes:* Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Plotted coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 1 using national unemployment rates. Specification controls for labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Monthly earnings are measured as total labour income, salary or wages except for those working as employers and unpaid workers. Wage information is conditional on being a waged worker. For casual workers, the survey also includes the estimated value of non-cash remuneration. All monetary values are inflation-adjusted using CPI with 1990 as the base year. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each graph. Each panel represents separate regression. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

From the previous section, we observe evidence that bad economic conditions at labour market entry would affect new entrants' employability and job placement. As bad economic conditions are associated with the likelihood of being in a lower-skilled job, we should expect this would also be reflected in their earnings trajectories. Analogous to Figure 2, the results on earnings outcome are depicted in Figure 3 (see Table A.5). I find a similar pattern to the negative effect towards the probability of being employed. A bad economic situation in the initial year correlates with more than 2.9% less earnings in the first two years of their career. The effect starts to be nullified 9 to 11 years after graduation. The size of labour income loss is about a third to a quarter compared to developed countries' experience such as Canada (Oreopoulos et al., 2012) and about half of the AFC effect in Korea (Choi et al., 2020). In regards to aggregation, It emerges that a percentage point increase in the unemployment rate at labour market entrance causes more than 22% (16%) loss of earnings (wages) during 25 years of working experience (see A.3 columns 1 and 2). This loss of earnings is statistically significant and substantive. It also affects working hours as well as hourly wages consequently (see column 3 and column 4)

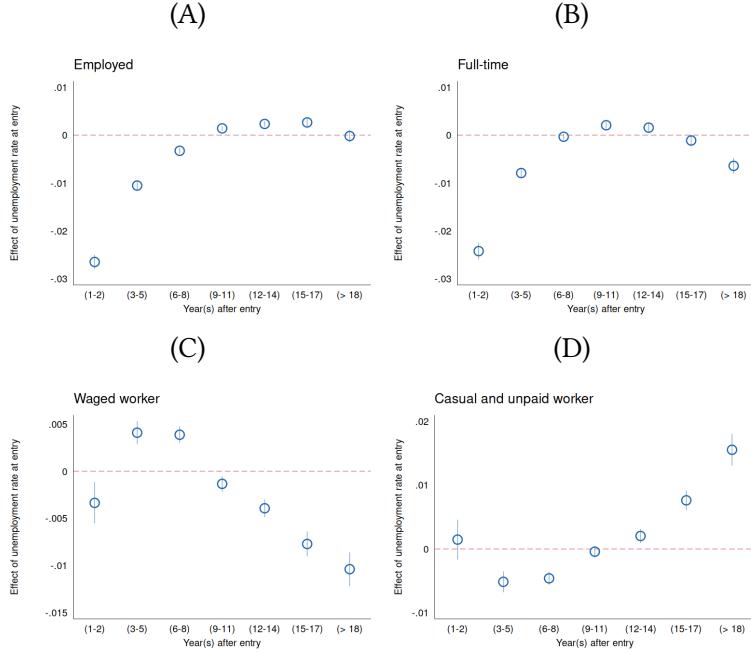
There is a significant drop in hourly wages for the new entrants (see Panel D) in the early years of their careers as working hours also dropped along with their total monthly earnings. However, it is interesting to see that the negative effect on working hours immediately recovered and become positive after 3 years (Panel C). This suggests that low-income workers need to compensate for potential earning losses by working more hours.

## 5.2 Province estimates

Overall, the province estimates share similar insights to the national estimates as summarised in Figure 4 (also see Table A.7). A higher unemployment rate at labour market entry leads to a drop in the probability of being employed and having a full-time job. The negative effect is the largest in the first two years and starts to recover after 9 years. The magnitude of the negative effect of labour market entrance conditions is similar to the national estimates. However, interesting results emerge in the probability of being waged workers and unpaid job outcomes. In Figure 4 Panel C and D, respectively, the effect of bad economic conditions only last for 2 years after entering the labour market before but returns and amplified after 9-11 years. One possible explanation to such temporary recovery from the waged workers is workers may not have accumulated skills to stay in the formal sector and opt-out to the informal sector.

The province estimates also agree to national estimates in terms of employment outcomes by sector of industry. However, as depicted in Figure A.7 Panel B (see also Table A.9), the province estimates shows that the initial unemployment rates have positive and significant coefficient to the likelihood of being employed in manufacturing as opposed to null effect from the national estimates.

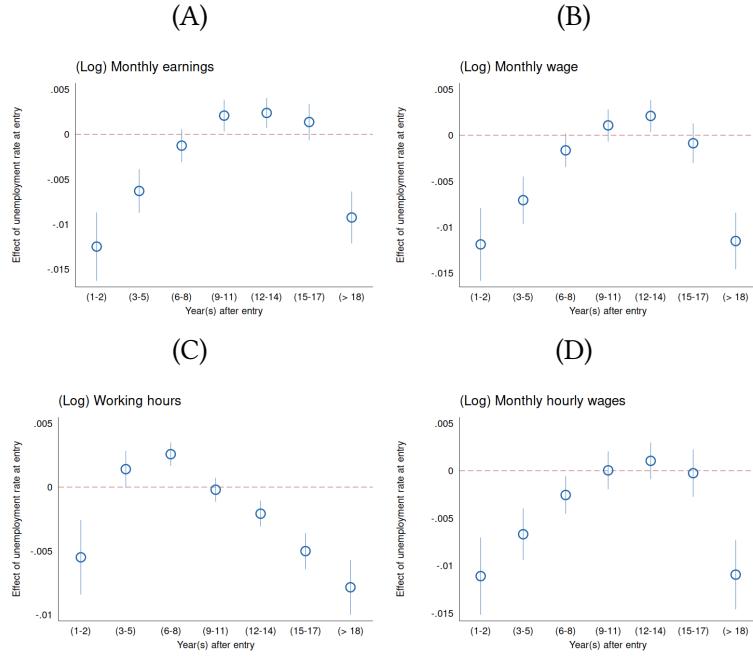
Figure 4: Scarring effects on employment using provincial UR



*Notes:* Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Plotted coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 3 using provincial unemployment rates. Specification controls for labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each graph. Each panel depicts separate regression. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance and residential province.

Now, I turn to the earnings effect point of view as depicted in Figure 5(see also Table A.8). I find that, overall, a negative earning effect emerges but is smaller in magnitude. For the monthly earnings and wages outcomes, see Panel A and B of Figure 5, the negative effect trends throughout an individual's work life are less than half of the national estimates. Similar to national estimates, I also find that individuals take fewer working hours (see Panel C of Figure 3) but immediately reversed after 2 years since entering labour market.

Figure 5: Scarring effects on earnings using provincial UR



*Notes:* Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Plotted coefficients correspond to  $\beta_0$  of equation 3 using provincial unemployment rates. Specification controls for labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Monthly earnings are measured as total labour income, salary or wages except for those working as employers and unpaid workers. Wage information is conditional on being a waged worker. For casual workers, the survey also includes the estimated value of non-cash remuneration. All monetary values are inflation-adjusted by CPI with 1990 as the base year. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each graph. Each panel depicts separate regression. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance and residential provincial fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Comparing the national and provincial unemployment rate estimates implies two important points. First, similar results between the two give us more confidence in the exogeneity of temporal variation in the unemployment rates at the national level. The change in the unemployment rate at the national level is likely to be related to dynamics in labour demands rather than supply side such that changes in cohort-specific characteristics. Secondly, some disparities between national and provincial estimates, on one hand, may reflect that the local labour market dynamics might be more relevant. On the other hand, however, it may also point to the endogeneity concerns, as discussed in the placebo test in Section 4.2. Nevertheless, I argue that this is not caused by endogenous migration as the province estimates results provide nearly identical results compared to the estimates using migration-adjusted provincial unemployment rates (see Figure A.24 and A.25 in Appendix B). However, my migration-adjusted procedure may also fail to fully eliminate the potential endogenous migration decision issue.

## 6 Heterogeneity results

### 6.1 Gendered results

Now, I focus on investigating whether there are any differences between men and women when entering the labour market during bad economic situation. As the gender gap remains a big issue, both in employment and earnings, in the labour market in Indonesia (Schanel and Das, 2016), the more relevant comparison would be within gender group. To estimate this, I modify equation 1 by dropping the gender fixed effects and estimating the following, separately for men and women.

$$\bar{Y}_{cgdp} = \alpha + \beta_e UR_c \times Exp_e + Exp_e + Pre94_c + \theta_c + \delta_d + \pi_p + \tau_t + \epsilon_{cgdp} \quad (4)$$

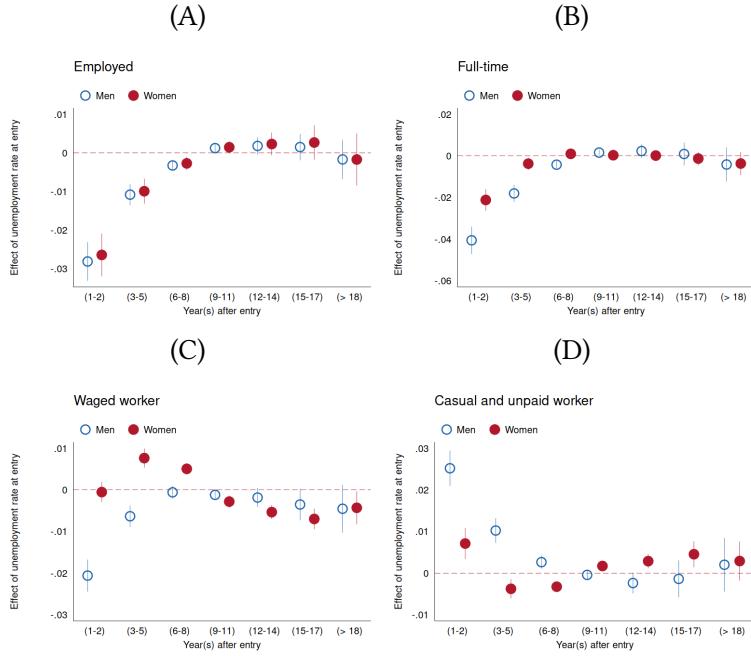
First, from the employment perspective, gender comparison reveals that the negative employment effect is shared similarly among men and women. Table 3 summarises the results. Both women and men experience were about 3% less likely to be employed during the first 2 years of their careers. After 9 to 11 years, the negative employment effect starts to disappear. However, women were found to be less affected in terms of full-time employment. Since full-time employment is defined by the number of working hours, these findings suggest that women may work more compared to men. This provides indicative evidence of the added worker hypothesis, where during bad economic situation, women tend to provide more labour supply to sustain household income. I also find that men disproportionately find employment as casual workers during bad economic conditions. Similar to the previous discussion, Figure 6 provides a visual illustration of the findings.

Table 3: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime employment by gender using national UR

	(1) Employed	(2) Full-time job	(3) Formal job	(4) Unpaid job
<b>A. Men</b>				
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.028*** (0.002)	-0.041*** (0.003)	-0.021*** (0.002)	0.025*** (0.002)
3-5 years	-0.011*** (0.001)	-0.018*** (0.002)	-0.006*** (0.001)	0.010*** (0.001)
6-8 years	-0.003*** (0.001)	-0.004*** (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.003** (0.001)
9-11 years	0.001* (0.001)	0.002* (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)
12-14 years	0.002 (0.001)	0.002 (0.002)	-0.002 (0.001)	-0.002 (0.001)
15-17 years	0.001 (0.002)	0.001 (0.003)	-0.004 (0.002)	-0.001 (0.002)
≥ 18 years	-0.002 (0.002)	-0.004 (0.004)	-0.005 (0.003)	0.002 (0.003)
Years of experience	0.003 (0.004)	-0.001 (0.005)	-0.027*** (0.005)	0.003 (0.005)
Observation	24,548	24,548	24,548	24,548
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.914	0.634	0.452	0.264
Adjusted R2	0.680	0.702	0.786	0.740
<b>B. Women</b>				
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.026*** (0.003)	-0.021*** (0.003)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.007*** (0.002)
3-5 years	-0.010*** (0.002)	-0.004* (0.001)	0.008*** (0.001)	-0.004** (0.001)
6-8 years	-0.003** (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	0.005*** (0.001)	-0.003*** (0.001)
9-11 years	0.001 (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)	-0.003*** (0.001)	0.002** (0.001)
12-14 years	0.002 (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)	-0.005*** (0.001)	0.003** (0.001)
15-17 years	0.003 (0.002)	-0.001 (0.002)	-0.007*** (0.001)	0.005** (0.002)
≥ 18 years	-0.002 (0.003)	-0.004 (0.003)	-0.004* (0.002)	0.003 (0.002)
Years of experience	-0.011*** (0.003)	-0.023*** (0.004)	-0.054*** (0.004)	0.038*** (0.004)
Observation	22,058	22,058	22,058	22,058
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.893	0.508	0.461	0.339
Adjusted R2	0.662	0.578	0.825	0.776
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 4 using national unemployment rates estimated separately for men (Panel A) and women (Panel B). Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Figure 6: Scarring effects on employment by gender using national UR



*Notes:* Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Plotted coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 4 using national unemployment rates. Specification controls for labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each graph. Men and women coefficients are drawn from a separate regression. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance and residential province.

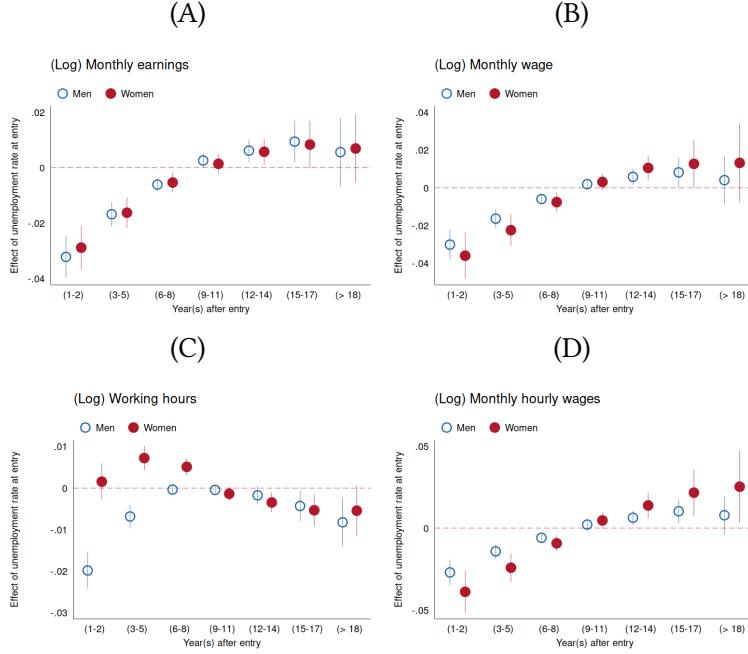
Further, both men and women experienced similar trajectories in terms of negative earning effects as illustrated in Figure 7 (see full results in Table A.10). The only exception is the effect on working hours. The initial unemployment rate has the opposite effect across gender. Within the men group, the effect is positive such that an increase in the initial unemployment rate leads to increased working hours. These findings support our earlier claim that an added worker effect may exist.<sup>22</sup>

My findings are similar to the results of Choi et al. (2020) that find women who entered the labour market during AFC experience negative employment and earnings effect at smaller magnitude and quicker recovery. However, my results contradict the findings from the Latin America study that present positive and lasting employment and earnings effects of high initial unemployment rates for women group (Berniell et al., 2023). They attribute such positive effects to the added worker effects, where women picked up employment to sustain their household income (either as the household head or spouse to the household head) in the economic downturn. My analysis differs from their study as they rely on age as a proxy for the year of labour market entrance. They argue most individuals finished their education by the age 18 to 20 years old. This sample restriction leaves out two groups of new entrants: those entered at earlier ages or those entered at later ages. The former group might experience more added worker effect to sustain household livelihood while the latter group may afford

<sup>22</sup>See Figure A.10, A.11 and A.12 for gendered results from province estimates.

to stay unemployed during bad times. Differences in results may also potentially reflect different labour market dynamics between Latin America and Asia despite sharing developing countries' status.

Figure 7: Scarring effects on earnings by gender using national UR



*Notes:* Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019. I restrict the sample to those entering the labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Plotted coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 4 using national unemployment rates. Specification controls for labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each graph. Men and women coefficients are drawn from a separate regression. Each panel represents separate regression. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Lastly, some interesting results emerge from sectoral results (see also Table A.11). The labour market entry condition affects increased participation in agriculture largely among men. As for women, surprisingly within the first two years, the results are negative (see Figure A.8) Panel A. This result could relate to the fact that at the initial stage, more women may already be absorbed into agriculture, compared to men. In terms of services, as expected, the men's group has been impacted more by the scarring effect as seen in Figure A.8 Panel C. This strongly correlated with the fact that these sectors include construction which was a male-dominated job that happened to be hit the hardest during the AFC.

## 6.2 Education

In this section, I focus on comparing the employment and earnings effect of bad initial conditions within the education level. My interest is, for instance, to understand how much their employment and earnings are affected if someone with a high-school degree enters the labour market at better economic conditions compared to their unlucky peers. The scarring effect potentially varies across education levels. One possible hypothesis would be that more educated

workers were more affected by the recession due to their expectations of being employed in high-paying jobs. Furthermore, more educated new entrants could recover better in the long run as they had more human capital than the lower educated. It is also possible to hypothesise otherwise. The less educated might suffer more in terms of employment if they had to compete with more educated new entrants who were looking for low-level jobs.

To investigate the interaction between scarring effects and education level, analogous to the gendered results, I modify equation 1 such that I can estimate the equation separately for three subsamples based on education level. First, I group those without any education or up to attaining primary education ( $\leq 6$  years of schooling). Second, I group those who attained secondary education that includes those with junior and senior high school (7–12 years of schooling). Lastly, I group those with at least a university degree, which also includes diploma programs (more than 12 years of schooling). Thus, I estimate the following.

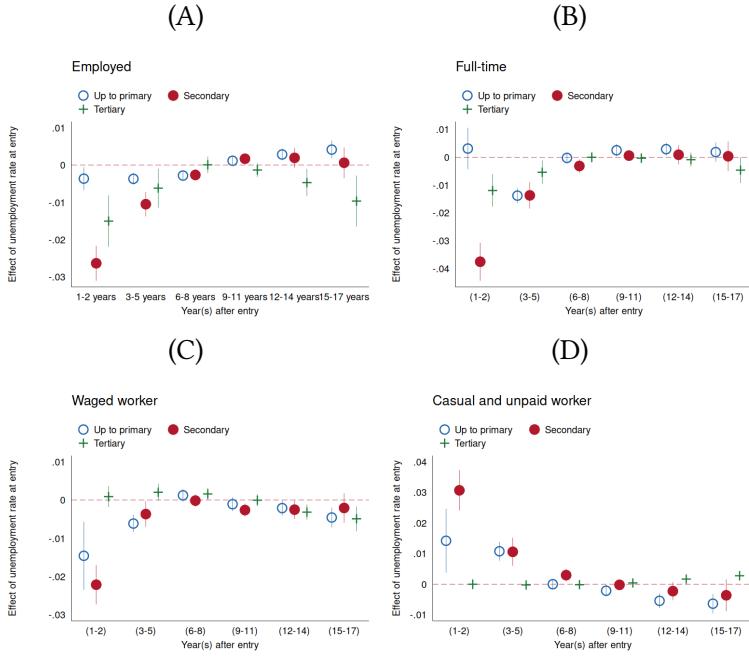
$$\bar{Y}_{cgdp} = \alpha + \beta_e UR_c \times Exp_e + Exp_e + Pre94_c + \theta_c + \gamma_g + \pi_p + \tau_t + \epsilon_{cgdp} \quad (5)$$

Figure 8 (see full results in Table A.12 in Appendix B) summarises the estimation of the scarring effect by education level. Panel A confirms our earlier hypothesis that more educated new entrants experience a larger drop in employment probability in the first 5 years of their career compared to their less educated counterparts. This suggests that shrinking waged employment disadvantaged more educated workers. Investigating the likelihood of having a full-time job, the striking gap between more and less educated becomes more evident. Unsurprisingly, the low-educated new entrants were more likely to have full-time jobs. I connect this evidence to the fact that low-educated individuals largely come from lower-level income families who could not afford to be unemployed. Finally, as shown in Panel C of Figure 8, both low-educated and high-educated new entrants matched to unpaid jobs in the first 5 years of their career and share similar recovery over time.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>23</sup>See Figure A.13, A.14 and A.15 for education results from province estimates.

Figure 8: Scarring effects on employment by education using national UR



*Notes:* Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of cohorts of labour market entrance by gender and province of residence. Plotted coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 5 using national unemployment rates. Specification controls for labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each graph. Low-educated, secondary educated and high-educated coefficients are drawn from a separate regression. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance and residential province.

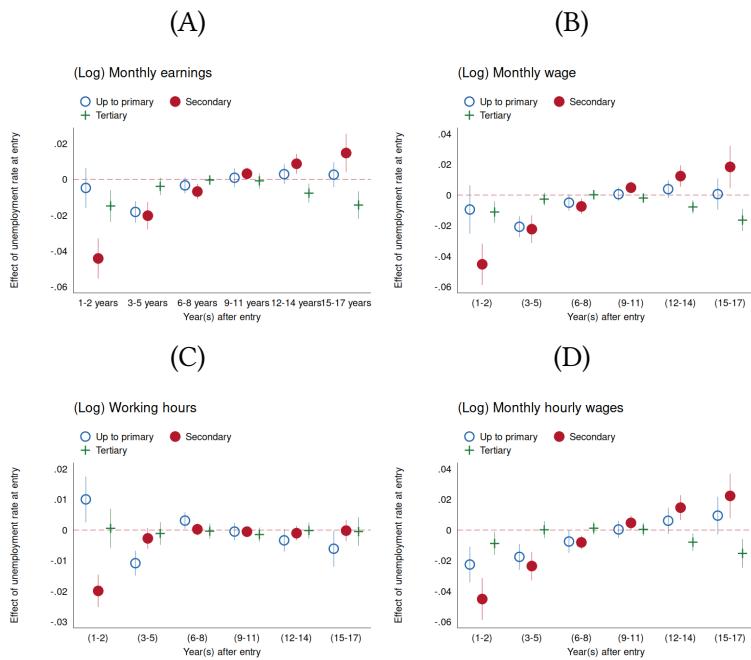
Previous literature by Topel and Ward (1992) suggests that as the cost of job searching increased over time, less educated young workers would search intensely after being allocated to lower-quality jobs. On the other hand, more educated individuals could afford longer job search costs for a longer time. From Figure 8, it emerges that the recovery trajectories do not vary much across education levels in terms of employment. There seems weak evidence that being endowed with better human capital helped them to recover quicker than the less endowed. However, it is possible to have different trajectories in terms of earnings, as more educated individuals could be matched to much better jobs when the scarring effect starts to wear off. Figure 9 (see full results in Table A.13 in Appendix B) summarises the results on earnings by education level. Several interesting results emerge. First, from Panel A, B and C of Figure 9, scarring effects were more pronounced for less educated individuals, though not statistically significant compared to the more educated. Second, there is no evidence of better recovery trajectories across levels of education. Thus, from our results, there is no strong evidence that supports the argument that more educated new entrants would recover better compared to less educated new entrants. This may point to the argument that the more educated young workers had invested in the ‘wrong’ human capital due to bad initial job matching, as discussed by Gibbons and Waldman (2004). Thus, their earning and employment trajectories follow a similar path to those of lesser-educated cohorts.

Results from Figure A.9 Panel A to C (see also Table A.14) shed more light on our previous

discussion on employment and earnings. It emerges that among those with secondary education respond to a high unemployment rate by finding jobs in agriculture (Panel A) temporarily. This explains the increased likelihood of being employed as casual and unpaid workers in the first two years since labour market entrance as depicted in Figure 8 Panel C. This also implies that some of those might opt to stay unemployed (Figure 8 Panel A) rather than to pick up a job in agriculture. This is consistent with previous finding (Manning and Junankar, 1998) that more high youth unemployment rates in Indonesia was due to more educated cohorts searching for jobs in non-agriculture.

Figure A.9 Panel A and C illustrates that bad economic conditions at labour market entrance pushed out less educated individuals from agriculture (Panel A) to take up jobs in services (Panel C), while preventing them to get jobs in manufacturing at the same time (Panel B). However, important to note that they are likely to find employment in low-paying jobs that provide similar returns as in agriculture as reflected by the small negative earnings effect of initial unemployment rates in Figure 9 Panel A and B. Nevertheless, among the secondary education or higher group, bad initial condition prevents them to get a job in services. I argue, however, that this relates to the fact that they cannot find high-paying jobs in services rather than not wanting to have low-paying jobs in services.

Figure 9: Scarring effects on earnings by education using national UR



*Notes:* Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Plotted coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 5 using national unemployment rates. Specification controls for labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each graph. I regress men and women sample in separate regression. Each panel represents separate regression. For Panel C, the formal sector includes wage workers and the employer who has permanent worker. Low-educated, secondary educated and high-educated coefficients are drawn from a separate regression. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

## 7 Sensitivity tests

I first test the sensitivity of national estimate results using a set of alternative unemployment rate choices. First, I use the 3-year moving average of the unemployment rate. While endogenous migration is less likely in national estimates, endogenous graduation of timing might affect our estimates. Using 3-year moving average unemployment rates, I averaged out the possibility of individuals delaying or starting their careers early in the labour market. In Figure A.16 and Figure A.17, my results are robust using a 3-year moving average of the unemployment rate.

Second, one might expect that a cohort-specific unemployment rate would be more relevant to new entrants. Thus, I use the unemployment rate for people aged 15–24 years old as a proxy for the youth-specific unemployment rate.<sup>24</sup> I find that my results are robust using such a youth-specific unemployment rate for all outcomes with smaller magnitude, as depicted in Figure A.18 and Figure A.19.

In Section 3.2, I discuss whether to use a consistent unemployment rate definition as opposed to using BPS official unemployment rate. Assigning BPS's official unemployment rate as the initial labour market condition for the new entrants would be an appropriate sensitivity check for my results. The results are presented in Figures A.20 and A.21. From employment outcomes perspectives, in general, I find a similar effect to our preferred national specification in Section 5. A negative and persistent scarring effect emerges for both employment probability and having a full-time job outcome. However, notice that the magnitude of the effect is smaller. Such results are expected since the official unemployment rates overestimate the unemployment rates and hence underestimate the magnitude of the scarring effect.

Next, I test for potential mismeasurement bias in observation before 1994 due to changes in unemployment rate calculation and survey design. To do so, I exclude observations from the survey before 1994. The results are presented in Figures A.22 and A.23. I find that, in general, the results are similar to my main specification.

Lastly, I perform a placebo test following previous literature by Schwandt and Von Wachter (2019). This procedure simply checks if variation in the unemployment rate would change characteristics that are pre-determined before entering the labour market. Given the unavailability of parental and childhood information in SAKERNAS, I test for two outcomes: the share of females and the share of secondary graduates. While the choice of the former outcome is quite obvious, the latter outcomes could be thought as predetermined to each cohort of labour market entrants. I estimate equation 1, using three aforementioned outcomes as outcome variables. Figure A.4 Panel A in Appendix B presents the results. It shows that initial unemployment rates have null effects on gender composition within each cohort. I also

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<sup>24</sup>I follow the World Bank and the OECD definition of the youth unemployment rate that restricts an individual to be 15 to 24 years old. See <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SL.UEM.1524.ZS> for World Bank statistics and <https://data.oecd.org/unemp/youth-unemployment-rate.htm> for OECD statistics. Alternatively, ILO considers 15–29 years old in their calculation of the youth unemployment rate. See <https://ilo.org/resources/concepts-and-definitions/description-youth-labour-market-statistics/> for ILO statistics.

claim these results as evidence that unemployment rate variation is seemingly unrelated to other policies that might affect demographic outcomes. During the period of study, some major national policy changes were likely to affect those outcomes. However, I find evidence that using provincial unemployment rates may be endogenous to the gender composition as depicted in Figure A.5 Panel A.

## 8 Conclusion

In this study, I provide evidence of the scarring effect of bad economic conditions when entering the labour market in Indonesia. I use 30-year long cross-sectional labour force surveys to construct a synthetic cohort panel to capture employment and labour income dynamics over a working lifetime. In the preferred specification, I match the national-level unemployment rate to pseudo-panel observations aggregated at a cohort of graduation and province of residence by year of labour market entrance. Alternatively, I provide an estimation using province-level unemployment rate weighted by historical migration share across provinces. The latter specification is prone to endogenous migration issues and persistent unemployment in local labour markets, despite potentially picking up more relevant local labour market situations.

I find a significant and substantive negative scarring effect of the unemployment rate at labour market entrance on the cohort's employment and earning outcomes. For the likelihood to be employed and having full-time job outcomes, the effect persists up to five to eight years after entering the labour market. An increase in the unemployment rate by 1 percentage point leads to a 3% drop in the likelihood of having a full-time job in the first two years after entering the labour market. The bad economic situation on the labour market entrance also matches this cohort to casual and unpaid jobs. From a labour income perspective, a similar story emerges. The negative earning effect is measured by about a 3% drop in total monthly earnings and monthly wages in the first two years after entering the labour market and starts to fade away after 9 years.

I also find that individuals work more hours which leads to a subsequent drop in hourly wages. That unlucky cohort is also more likely to find a job in agriculture and less likely to be involved in services and construction. This is consistent with findings from previous literature (Manning, 2000) that show the agriculture sector absorbs more workers from non-agriculture following a crisis as more people move temporarily from urban areas where most job opportunities contracted (Hugo, 2000).

I find that those with secondary education degrees bear the most negative employment and earnings effects. In contrast to findings from the US by Schwandt and Von Wachter (2019), the least educated group was consistently less affected by the scarring effects of both employment and earnings outcomes. These findings show that in developing countries, high unemployment rates mostly relate to high-income jobs (e.g. formal sectors) rather than informal sectors. Hence, scarring effects are less pronounced in the group that is more attached to

informal sectors.

From a gender viewpoint, I find that, in general, the scarring effect is shared similarly among groups of men and women. Women and men experience different labour market entrance consequences in two fashions. First, the matching to unpaid jobs is more apparent within the men group compared to within the women group. Second, within the group of women, worsening labour market conditions at entrance translate to more working hours, while the opposite results emerge for groups of men. Lastly, allocation to the agricultural sector is more pronounced within the men's group.

In comparison to the existing literature, my findings suggest several important insights. Firstly, I find that the scarring effect in Indonesia has a smaller magnitude and lasts for a shorter period compared to studies from developed countries (Schwandt and Von Wachter, 2019; Oreopoulos et al., 2012; Andrews et al., 2020). Secondly, I find a more pronounced effect for those with secondary education as opposed to those with primary and post-secondary education. This challenges previous results (Schwandt and Von Wachter, 2019) that find the least educated young workers to suffer the most due to bad economic conditions at entry. Thirdly, from a gender perspective, I do find suggestive evidence of added worker effect at intensive margin, where women were found to supply more working hours in the first two years after entering the labour market. However, I do not find strong and positive employment and earnings due to bad economic conditions at entry within the women group as found by Berniell et al. (2023) in Latin America. Overall, my findings shed some lights on the role of labour market structure and institution in determining long-term consequences of the condition of labour market entrance.

Understanding the magnitude and mechanism of the scarring effect for new entrants becomes an even more important issue for policymakers than before, given the latest pandemic-induced recession. Hence, this study offers at least two important insights to policymakers. First, it raises the importance of providing economic support for young people to afford costly job-matching processes to avoid allocation to low-skilled jobs. Second, providing job training could help the new entrants not to lose important human capital accumulation. Finally, I acknowledge that this study has several caveats. First, the design of the study was unable to explicitly test the possible mechanism behind the scarring effect. Second, this paper has very limited insight into firm-side stories which interact with the labour supply side. Third, endogenous migration and mismeasurement of entrance timing issues might be eliminated using rich longitudinal data, such as IFLS in Indonesia. However, one ought to deal with different potential concerns such as the length of observation and quality of historical labour market information. Fourth, examining the scarring effect at a more granular classification of occupational sectors (3 to 4 digits of ISIC<sup>25</sup>) might benefit policymakers to identify which sectors are most affected by an economic downturn. Addressing the aforementioned caveats should motivate the direction of future research agendas.

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<sup>25</sup>The International standard industrial classification of all economic activities

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## Appendix A: Table

Table A.1: SAKERNAS survey and sample representativeness 1986–2019

Series	Survey period (month)	Survey coverage	Representativeness
1976	Annual	Excluding East Timor	National
1977	Quarterly	Excluding East Timor	National
1978	Quarterly	Limited sampling in Maluku and Papua	National
1986-1993	Quarterly (February, May, August, November)	All provinces	Province
1994	Annual (August)	All provinces	Province
1995	Not collected, replaced with SUPAS	All provinces	Province
1996-2001	Annual (August)	All provinces	Province
2002-2004	Quarterly (February, May, August, November)	All provinces	Province
2005-2010	Biannual (February, August)	All provinces	District (August), Province (February)
2011-14	Quarterly (February, May, August, November)	All provinces	District (August), Province (Feb, May, November)
2015-now	Biannual (February, August)	All provinces	District (August), Province (February)

Source: Statistics of Indonesia

Table A.2: Aggregate long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime employment using national UR

	(1) Employed	(2) Full-time job	(3) Formal job	(4) Unpaid job
Unemployment rates at entry	-0.067** (0.024)	-0.064* (0.031)	0.008 (0.019)	0.151*** (0.021)
Observation	46,606	46,606	46,606	46,606
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.904	0.574	0.456	0.300
Adjusted R2	0.660	0.639	0.765	0.642
Experience FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients based on modified equation 1, where national unemployment rates do not interact with dummies of year experiences. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of the column. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.3: Aggregate long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime earnings using national UR

	(1) (Log) Monthly earnings	(2) (Log) Total wages	(3) (Log) Working hours	(4) (Log) Hourly wages
Unemployment rates at entry	-0.218*** (0.040)	-0.164** (0.053)	-0.178*** (0.024)	-0.205*** (0.054)
Observation	46,398	45,784	46,606	45,751
Mean of Dep. Var.	11.748	11.584	164.031	6.680
Adjusted R2	0.774	0.732	0.571	0.707
Experience FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients based on modified equation 1, where national unemployment rates do not interact with dummies of year experiences. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each column. Reported mean dependent variables of monthly earnings and total wages are in thousands of Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). Monthly earnings are measured as total labour income, salary or wages except for those working as employers and unpaid workers. Wage information is conditional on being a waged worker. For casual workers, the survey also includes the estimated value of non-cash remuneration. All monetary values are inflation-adjusted using CPI with 1990 as the base year. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.4: Aggregate long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime occupational sector using national UR

	(1) Agriculture	(2) Manufacturing	(3) Services
Unemployment rates at entry	0.038* (0.014)	0.015* (0.005)	-0.053*** (0.013)
Observation	46,606	46,606	46,606
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.344	0.134	0.522
Adjusted R2	0.832	0.642	0.775
Experience FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients based on modified equation 1, where national unemployment rates do not interact with dummies of year experiences. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each column. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.5: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime earnings using national UR

	(1) (Log) Monthly earnings	(2) (Log) Total wages	(3) (Log) Working hours	(4) (Log) Hourly wages
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.029*** (0.003)	-0.030*** (0.004)	-0.010*** (0.002)	-0.031*** (0.004)
3-5 years	-0.016*** (0.002)	-0.018*** (0.003)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.018*** (0.003)
6-8 years	-0.006*** (0.001)	-0.006*** (0.001)	0.002* (0.001)	-0.007*** (0.001)
9-11 years	0.002* (0.001)	0.003* (0.001)	-0.001 (0.000)	0.003** (0.001)
12-14 years	0.006** (0.002)	0.008** (0.002)	-0.002* (0.001)	0.009*** (0.002)
15-17 years	0.009* (0.004)	0.010* (0.005)	-0.004** (0.002)	0.015** (0.005)
≥ 18 years	0.007 (0.006)	0.008 (0.007)	-0.007* (0.003)	0.015 (0.007)
Years of experience	-0.016 (0.010)	0.001 (0.014)	-0.022** (0.007)	0.011* (0.005)
Observation	46,398	45,784	46,606	45,751
Mean of Dep. Var.	11.748	11.584	164.031	6.680
Adjusted R2	0.774	0.732	0.570	0.707
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 1 using national unemployment rates. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each column. Reported mean dependent variables of monthly earnings and total wages are in thousands of Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). Monthly earnings are measured as total labour income, salary or wages except for those working as employers and unpaid workers. Wage information is conditional on being a waged worker. For casual workers, the survey also includes the estimated value of non-cash remuneration. All monetary values are inflation-adjusted using CPI with 1990 as the base year. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.6: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime occupational sectors using national UR

	(1) Agriculture	(2) Manufacturing	(3) Services
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>			
1-2 years	0.006*** (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)	-0.006*** (0.001)
3-5 years	0.002** (0.001)	0.001* (0.000)	-0.003*** (0.001)
6-8 years	0.000 (0.000)	0.001* (0.000)	-0.001 (0.001)
9-11 years	0.001 (0.000)	-0.000 (0.000)	-0.000 (0.000)
12-14 years	0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.000)	-0.000 (0.001)
15-17 years	0.001 (0.001)	-0.001** (0.000)	0.000 (0.001)
≥ 18 years	0.000 (0.002)	-0.002* (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)
Years of experience	0.013 (0.008)	0.002 (0.002)	-0.015* (0.006)
Observation	46,606	46,606	46,606
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.344	0.134	0.522
Adjusted R2	0.832	0.642	0.775
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 1 using national unemployment rates. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each column. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.7: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime employment using provincial UR

	(1) Employed	(2) Full-time job	(3) Formal job	(4) Unpaid job
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.026*** (0.001)	-0.024*** (0.001)	-0.003** (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)
3-5 years	-0.011*** (0.000)	-0.008*** (0.001)	0.004*** (0.001)	-0.005*** (0.001)
6-8 years	-0.003*** (0.000)	-0.000 (0.000)	0.004*** (0.000)	-0.005*** (0.001)
9-11 years	0.001*** (0.000)	0.002*** (0.000)	-0.001** (0.000)	-0.000 (0.000)
12-14 years	0.002*** (0.000)	0.002*** (0.000)	-0.004*** (0.000)	0.002*** (0.001)
15-17 years	0.003*** (0.000)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.008*** (0.001)	0.008*** (0.001)
≥ 18 years	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.006*** (0.001)	-0.010*** (0.001)	0.016*** (0.001)
Years of experience	0.004*** (0.001)	0.018*** (0.002)	0.007*** (0.001)	-0.025*** (0.001)
Observation	45,735	45,735	45,735	45,735
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.903	0.574	0.459	0.299
Adjusted R2	0.669	0.633	0.761	0.656
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 3 using provincial unemployment input rates. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each column. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.8: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime earnings using provincial UR

	(1) (Log) Monthly earnings	(2) (Log) Total wages	(3) (Log) Working hours	(4) (Log) Hourly wages
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.012*** (0.002)	-0.012*** (0.002)	-0.005*** (0.001)	-0.011*** (0.002)
3-5 years	-0.006*** (0.001)	-0.007*** (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	-0.007*** (0.001)
6-8 years	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.002 (0.001)	0.003*** (0.000)	-0.003* (0.001)
9-11 years	0.002* (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.001)
12-14 years	0.002** (0.001)	0.002* (0.001)	-0.002*** (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)
15-17 years	0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.005*** (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)
≥ 18 years	-0.009*** (0.001)	-0.012*** (0.002)	-0.008*** (0.001)	-0.011*** (0.002)
Years of experience	0.056*** (0.005)	0.055*** (0.005)	0.020*** (0.001)	0.055*** (0.004)
Observation	45,546	45,002	45,735	44,972
Mean of Dep. Var.	11655.205	11484.389	164.057	6621.941
Adjusted R2	0.773	0.731	0.568	0.705
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 3 using provincial unemployment rates. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each column. Reported mean dependent variables of monthly earnings and total wages are in thousands of Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). Monthly earnings are measured as total labour income, salary or wages except for those working as employers and unpaid workers. Wage information is conditional on being a waged worker. For casual workers, the survey also includes the estimated value of non-cash remuneration. All monetary values are inflation-adjusted using CPI with 1990 as the base year. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.9: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime occupational sectors using provincial UR

	(1) Agriculture	(2) Manufacturing	(3) Services
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>			
1-2 years	0.003*** (0.001)	0.003*** (0.001)	-0.006*** (0.001)
3-5 years	0.000 (0.000)	0.003*** (0.001)	-0.004*** (0.001)
6-8 years	-0.001 (0.000)	0.003*** (0.000)	-0.002*** (0.001)
9-11 years	0.001* (0.000)	0.001 (0.000)	-0.001*** (0.000)
12-14 years	0.002*** (0.000)	-0.001 (0.000)	-0.001** (0.000)
15-17 years	0.003*** (0.001)	-0.002*** (0.000)	-0.001 (0.001)
≥ 18 years	0.003*** (0.001)	-0.004*** (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)
Years of experience	-0.014*** (0.002)	0.008*** (0.001)	0.006** (0.002)
Observation	45,735	45,735	45,735
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.340	0.136	0.524
Adjusted R2	0.826	0.638	0.770
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients correspond to  $\beta_0$  of equation 3 using provincial unemployment rates. The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each column. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.10: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime earnings by gender using national UR

	(1) (Log) Monthly earnings	(2) (Log) Total wages	(3) (Log) Working hours	(4) (Log) Hourly wages
<b>A. Men</b>				
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.032*** (0.004)	-0.030*** (0.004)	-0.020*** (0.002)	-0.027*** (0.004)
3-5 years	-0.017*** (0.002)	-0.016*** (0.002)	-0.007*** (0.001)	-0.014*** (0.002)
6-8 years	-0.006*** (0.001)	-0.006*** (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.006*** (0.001)
9-11 years	0.003 (0.001)	0.002 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.000)	0.002 (0.001)
12-14 years	0.006** (0.002)	0.006* (0.002)	-0.002 (0.001)	0.006** (0.002)
15-17 years	0.009* (0.004)	0.008* (0.004)	-0.004* (0.002)	0.010** (0.004)
≥ 18 years	0.006 (0.006)	0.004 (0.006)	-0.008** (0.003)	0.008 (0.006)
Years of experience	0.003 (0.013)	0.023 (0.016)	-0.017 (0.010)	0.043*** (0.007)
Observation	24,485	24,306	24,548	24,295
Mean of Dep. Var.	13.187	12.911	171.832	7.113
Adjusted R2	0.824	0.797	0.628	0.757
<b>B. Women</b>				
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.029*** (0.004)	-0.036*** (0.006)	0.002 (0.002)	-0.039*** (0.006)
3-5 years	-0.016*** (0.003)	-0.022*** (0.004)	0.007*** (0.001)	-0.024*** (0.004)
6-8 years	-0.005** (0.002)	-0.008** (0.003)	0.005*** (0.001)	-0.009*** (0.002)
9-11 years	0.001 (0.002)	0.003 (0.002)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.005 (0.003)
12-14 years	0.006* (0.002)	0.011** (0.003)	-0.003** (0.001)	0.014** (0.004)
15-17 years	0.008 (0.004)	0.013* (0.006)	-0.005** (0.002)	0.022** (0.007)
≥ 18 years	0.007 (0.006)	0.013 (0.010)	-0.005 (0.003)	0.025* (0.011)
Years of experience	-0.043*** (0.012)	-0.030* (0.014)	-0.029*** (0.006)	-0.035*** (0.009)
Observation	21,913	21,478	22,058	21,456
Mean of Dep. Var.	10.140	10.084	155.349	6.189
Adjusted R2	0.712	0.665	0.557	0.663
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 1 using national unemployment rates estimated separately for men (Panel A) and women (Panel B). The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each column. Reported mean dependent variables of monthly earnings and total wages are in thousands of Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). Monthly earnings are measured as total labour income, salary or wages except for those working as employers and unpaid workers. Wage information is conditional on being a waged worker. For casual workers, the survey also includes the estimated value of non-cash remuneration. All monetary values are inflation-adjusted using CPI with 1990 as the base year. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.11: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime occupational sectors by gender using national UR

	(1) Agriculture	(2) Manufacturing	(3) Services
<b>A. Men</b>			
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>			
1-2 years	0.013*** (0.002)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.012*** (0.002)
3-5 years	0.006*** (0.001)	0.001 (0.000)	-0.006*** (0.001)
6-8 years	0.001 (0.001)	0.001 (0.000)	-0.002** (0.001)
9-11 years	0.000 (0.000)	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)
12-14 years	0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)
15-17 years	0.002 (0.001)	-0.002*** (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)
≥ 18 years	0.002 (0.002)	-0.003** (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)
Years of experience	0.014** (0.005)	0.012*** (0.002)	-0.025*** (0.002)
Observation	24,548	24,548	24,548
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.389	0.151	0.461
Adjusted R2	0.859	0.704	0.802
<b>B. Women</b>			
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>			
1-2 years	-0.002* (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	0.003 (0.001)
3-5 years	-0.003*** (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	0.002* (0.001)
6-8 years	-0.002** (0.001)	0.001 (0.000)	0.001 (0.001)
9-11 years	0.002** (0.001)	-0.001 (0.000)	-0.001 (0.001)
12-14 years	0.001* (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)
15-17 years	0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)
≥ 18 years	-0.002 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.002 (0.002)
Years of experience	0.015 (0.015)	-0.012** (0.004)	-0.003 (0.012)
Observation	22,058	22,058	22,058
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.294	0.116	0.590
Adjusted R2	0.835	0.678	0.799
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Education FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, education level and province of residence. Reported coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 1 using national unemployment rates estimated separately for men (Panel A) and women (Panel B). The dependent variable is indicated by the title of each column. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.12: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime employment by education using national UR

	(1) Employed	(2) Full-time job	(3) Formal job	(4) Unpaid job
<b>A. Primary education</b>				
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.004* (0.001)	0.003 (0.004)	-0.015** (0.004)	0.014** (0.005)
3-5 years	-0.004*** (0.001)	-0.014*** (0.001)	-0.006*** (0.001)	0.011*** (0.001)
6-8 years	-0.003*** (0.000)	-0.000 (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)
9-11 years	0.001 (0.001)	0.003* (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.002* (0.001)
12-14 years	0.003** (0.001)	0.003* (0.001)	-0.002* (0.001)	-0.005*** (0.001)
15-17 years	0.004** (0.001)	0.002 (0.002)	-0.005** (0.001)	-0.006*** (0.002)
≥ 18 years	0.004* (0.002)	-0.000 (0.003)	-0.006* (0.002)	-0.006* (0.003)
Year of experience	0.000 (0.000)	0.013*** (0.001)	0.003*** (0.001)	-0.017*** (0.001)
Observation	13,815	13,815	13,815	13,815
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.944	0.513	0.237	0.487
Adjusted R2	0.392	0.524	0.549	0.535
<b>B. Secondary education</b>				
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.026*** (0.002)	-0.038*** (0.003)	-0.022*** (0.003)	0.031*** (0.003)
3-5 years	-0.010*** (0.002)	-0.014*** (0.002)	-0.004* (0.002)	0.011*** (0.002)
6-8 years	-0.003** (0.001)	-0.003* (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	0.003** (0.001)
9-11 years	0.002* (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	-0.003** (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)
12-14 years	0.002 (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)	-0.003* (0.001)	-0.002 (0.001)
15-17 years	0.001 (0.002)	0.000 (0.003)	-0.002 (0.002)	-0.004 (0.003)
≥ 18 years	-0.005 (0.003)	-0.004 (0.004)	-0.001 (0.003)	-0.002 (0.004)
Year of experience	0.013** (0.004)	-0.010 (0.005)	-0.044*** (0.005)	0.015 (0.008)
Observation	21,070	21,070	21,070	21,070
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.878	0.574	0.404	0.313
Adjusted R2	0.653	0.636	0.585	0.526
<b>C. Tertiary education</b>				
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.015*** (0.003)	-0.012*** (0.003)	0.001 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)
3-5 years	-0.006* (0.003)	-0.005* (0.002)	0.002 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)
6-8 years	0.000 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	0.002 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.000)
9-11 years	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	0.000 (0.000)
12-14 years	-0.005* (0.002)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.003** (0.001)	0.002*** (0.000)
15-17 years	-0.010** (0.003)	-0.005 (0.002)	-0.005** (0.002)	0.003** (0.001)
≥ 18 years	-0.016** (0.005)	-0.008* (0.003)	-0.008*** (0.002)	0.005*** (0.001)
Year of experience	0.225*** (0.005)	0.281*** (0.006)	0.058*** (0.005)	-0.120*** (0.003)
Observation	11,721	11,721	11,721	11,721
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.902	0.648	0.808	0.054
Adjusted R2	0.519	0.453	0.327	0.210
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Standard errors in parentheses. Observation drawn from SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the 1995 observation. I restrict the sample to those entering labour market between 1990 to 2019 and aged 15 to 40 years old in each survey year. Unit observation is a cell of a cohort of labour market entrance by gender, survey year and province of residence. Reported coefficients correspond to  $\beta_e$  of equation 5 using national unemployment rates estimated separately for each education level. Specification controls for years of experience, labour market entry fixed effects, education fixed effects, gender fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Table A.13: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime earnings by education using national UR

	(1) (Log) Monthly earnings	(2) (Log) Total wages	(3) (Log) Working hours	(4) (Log) Hourly wages
<b>A. Primary education</b>				
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.005 (0.005)	-0.009 (0.008)	0.010* (0.004)	-0.023*** (0.006)
3-5 years	-0.018*** (0.003)	-0.021*** (0.003)	-0.011*** (0.002)	-0.018*** (0.004)
6-8 years	-0.003 (0.002)	-0.005 (0.003)	0.003* (0.001)	-0.008* (0.004)
9-11 years	0.001 (0.003)	0.001 (0.002)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.000 (0.003)
12-14 years	0.003 (0.003)	0.004 (0.003)	-0.003 (0.002)	0.006 (0.004)
15-17 years	0.003 (0.003)	0.001 (0.005)	-0.006* (0.003)	0.009 (0.006)
≥ 18 years	-0.001 (0.004)	-0.004 (0.006)	-0.008 (0.005)	0.007 (0.008)
Year of experience	0.043*** (0.001)	0.043*** (0.002)	0.016*** (0.001)	0.043*** (0.002)
Observation	13,677	13,170	13,815	13,144
Mean of Dep. Var.	7.678	7.927	154.834	4.458
Adjusted R2	0.604	0.534	0.514	0.504
<b>B. Secondary education</b>				
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.044*** (0.005)	-0.045*** (0.007)	-0.020*** (0.003)	-0.045*** (0.007)
3-5 years	-0.020*** (0.004)	-0.022*** (0.004)	-0.003 (0.002)	-0.024*** (0.005)
6-8 years	-0.007** (0.002)	-0.007** (0.002)	0.000 (0.001)	-0.008*** (0.002)
9-11 years	0.003 (0.002)	0.005* (0.002)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.005 (0.002)
12-14 years	0.009** (0.003)	0.012** (0.003)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.015*** (0.004)
15-17 years	0.015** (0.005)	0.018* (0.007)	-0.000 (0.002)	0.022** (0.007)
≥ 18 years	0.008 (0.009)	0.013 (0.012)	-0.001 (0.003)	0.017 (0.012)
Year of experience	-0.011 (0.015)	-0.002 (0.019)	-0.020 (0.011)	0.016* (0.008)
Observation	21,000	20,893	21,070	20,886
Mean of Dep. Var.	10.448	10.594	168.714	5.807
Adjusted R2	0.653	0.608	0.576	0.581
<b>C. Tertiary education</b>				
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>				
1-2 years	-0.015** (0.004)	-0.011** (0.003)	0.001 (0.003)	-0.009* (0.004)
3-5 years	-0.004 (0.002)	-0.003 (0.002)	-0.001 (0.002)	0.000 (0.003)
6-8 years	-0.000 (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)
9-11 years	-0.001 (0.002)	-0.002 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.000 (0.002)
12-14 years	-0.008** (0.003)	-0.008** (0.002)	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.008** (0.003)
15-17 years	-0.014*** (0.004)	-0.016*** (0.003)	-0.001 (0.002)	-0.015** (0.005)
≥ 18 years	-0.028*** (0.005)	-0.027*** (0.004)	-0.000 (0.003)	-0.029*** (0.005)
Year of experience	0.067*** (0.015)	0.188*** (0.021)	0.282*** (0.007)	-0.015 (0.021)
Observation	11,721	11,721	11,721	11,721
Mean of Dep. Var.	18.826	17.460	166.454	10.727
Adjusted R2	0.670	0.684	0.449	0.623
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Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

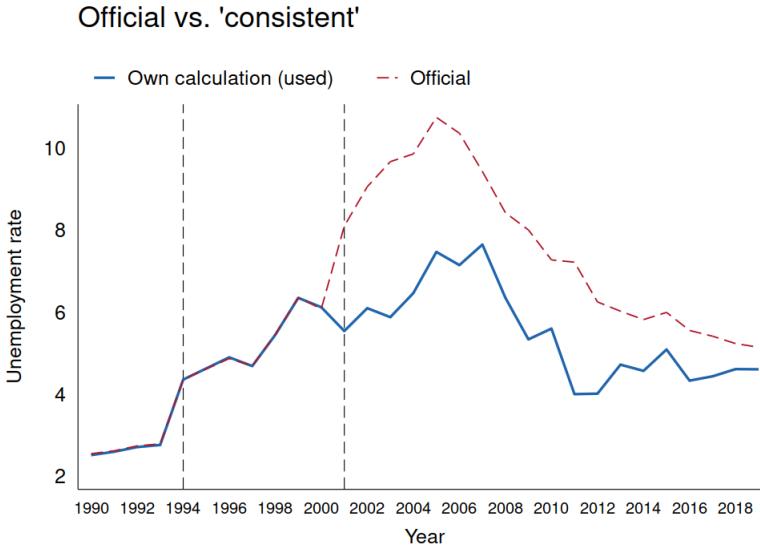
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Table A.14: Long-term consequences of the initial condition at labour market entry to lifetime occupational sectors by education using national UR

	(1) Agriculture	(2) Manufacturing	(3) Services
<b>A. Primary education</b>			
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>			
1-2 years	-0.010*** (0.002)	-0.003 (0.001)	0.012*** (0.002)
3-5 years	0.000 (0.001)	-0.003** (0.001)	0.003* (0.001)
6-8 years	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	0.002* (0.001)
9-11 years	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)
12-14 years	0.001 (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)
15-17 years	0.002 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)
≥ 18 years	0.002 (0.002)	-0.002 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)
Year of experience	-0.009*** (0.000)	0.003*** (0.000)	0.006*** (0.000)
Observation	13,815	13,815	13,815
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.607	0.141	0.252
Adjusted R2	0.726	0.529	0.581
<b>B. Secondary education</b>			
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>			
1-2 years	0.013*** (0.002)	0.000 (0.001)	-0.013*** (0.002)
3-5 years	0.006*** (0.001)	0.001* (0.001)	-0.008*** (0.001)
6-8 years	0.002** (0.001)	0.001* (0.000)	-0.003*** (0.001)
9-11 years	0.001 (0.001)	-0.001* (0.000)	-0.000 (0.001)
12-14 years	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.001* (0.001)	0.002 (0.001)
15-17 years	-0.004 (0.002)	-0.003*** (0.001)	0.006** (0.002)
≥ 18 years	-0.006 (0.003)	-0.003** (0.001)	0.009* (0.004)
Year of experience	0.003 (0.016)	-0.000 (0.005)	-0.003 (0.013)
Observation	21,070	21,070	21,070
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.328	0.156	0.516
Adjusted R2	0.634	0.549	0.448
<b>C. Tertiary education</b>			
<i>Unemployment rate × experience</i>			
1-2 years	0.002** (0.001)	0.003* (0.001)	-0.005** (0.002)
3-5 years	0.000 (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	-0.002 (0.001)
6-8 years	0.000 (0.000)	-0.000 (0.000)	-0.000 (0.001)
9-11 years	-0.000 (0.000)	-0.000 (0.000)	0.001 (0.001)
12-14 years	0.000 (0.000)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)
15-17 years	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.002 (0.001)	0.002 (0.002)
≥ 18 years	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)
Year of experience	-0.091*** (0.002)	0.227*** (0.006)	-0.136*** (0.008)
Observation	11,721	11,721	11,721
Mean of Dep. Var.	0.062	0.087	0.850
Adjusted R2	0.318	0.434	0.431
Province FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clustered S.E.	Yes	Yes	Yes

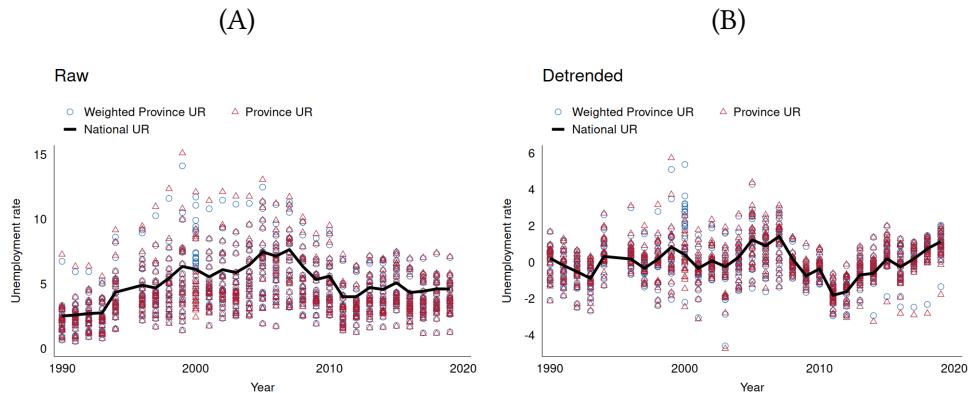
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Figure A.1: Unemployment rate trends in Indonesia



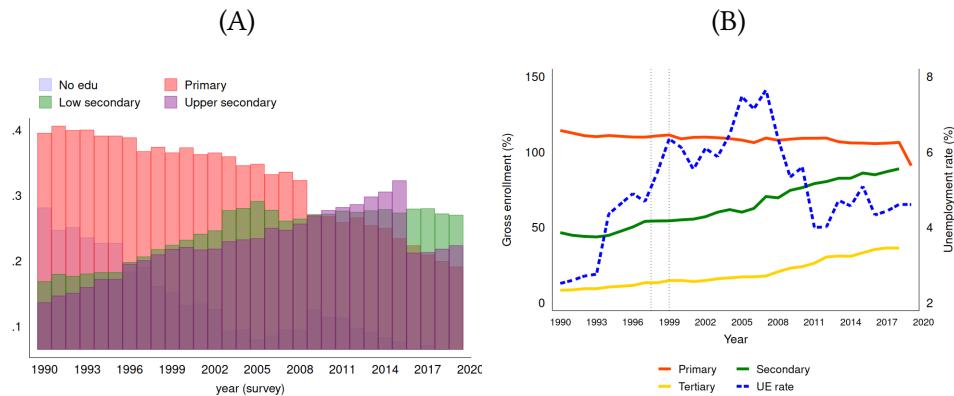
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Figure A.2: Provincial UR and national UR



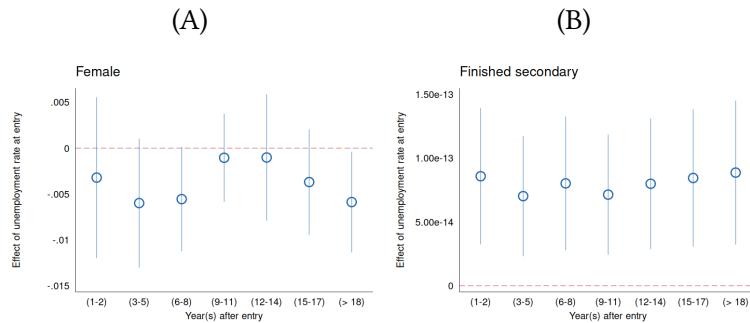
*Notes:* Own calculation using SAKERNAS data 1990-2019. I exclude the unemployment rate in 1995. In Panel B, detrended unemployment rates depict residual terms of linear estimation of corresponding unemployment rates on the cubic function of years and province fixed effect. The correlation coefficient in Panel A and B are the linear square estimation of provincial unemployment rates on national unemployment rates with year-fixed effects.

Figure A.3: Education attainment trends in Indonesia



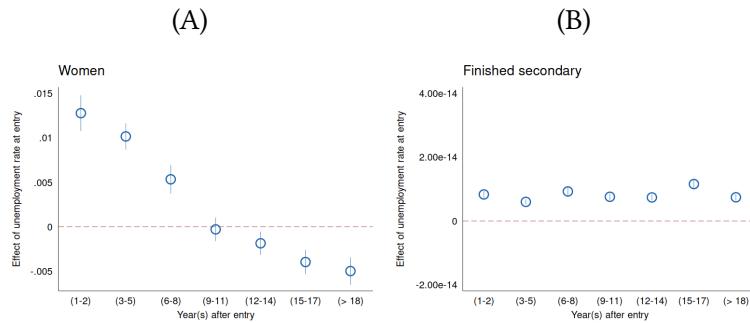
Notes: Panel (A): Own calculation using SAKERNAS 1990-2019, excluding the educational attainment in 1995. Panel (B): World Development Indicator, The World Bank.

Figure A.4: Placebo test using national UR



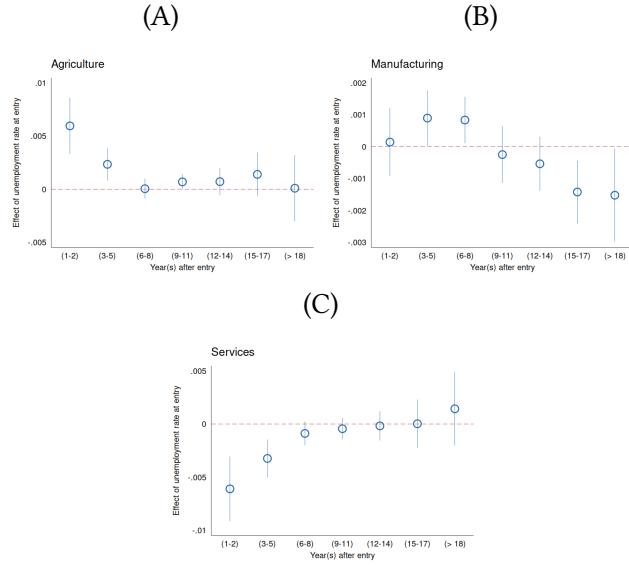
Notes: Results are based on national specification as summarised in equation 1 using data from SAKERNAS 1990-2019. The dependent variables are the share of female individuals (Panel A), the share of married individuals (Panel B) and the share of secondary graduates (Panel C) in each cohort cell observation. Plots represent coefficients on unemployment rate at the year and current province residence of labour market entrance. Specification controls for labour market entry fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Figure A.5: Placebo test using provincial UR



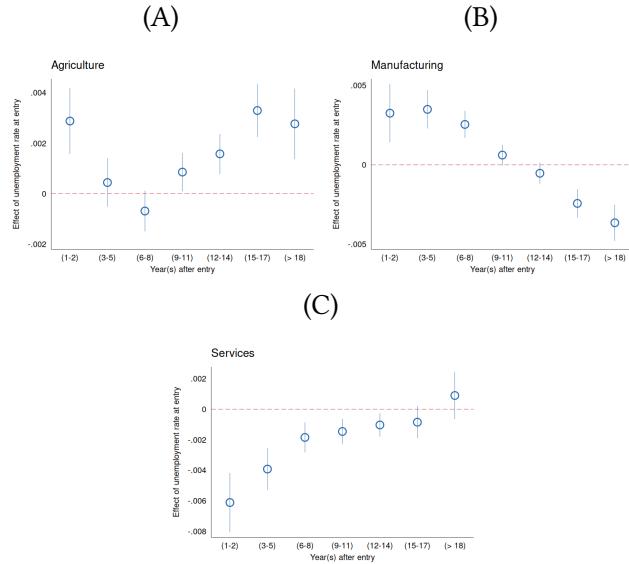
Notes: Results are based on the migration-weighted provincial unemployment rate as summarised in equation 3 using data from SAKERNAS 1990-2019. The dependent variables are the share of female individuals (Panel A), the share of married individuals (Panel B) and the share of secondary graduates (Panel C) in each cohort cell observation. Plots represent coefficients on unemployment rate at the year and current province residence of labour market entrance. Specification controls for labour market entry fixed effects and survey year fixed effects. The whisker of each dot plot represents a 95% confidence interval. Standard errors are clustered at the year of labour market entrance.

Figure A.6: Scarring effects on occupational sectors using national UR



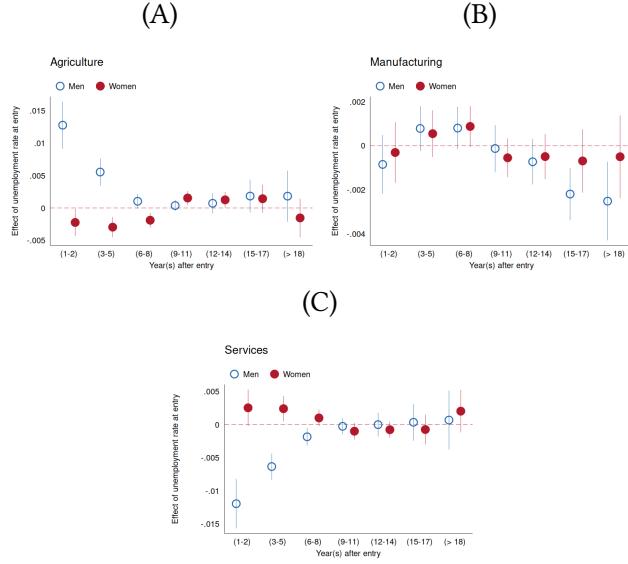
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Figure A.7: Scarring effects on occupational sectors using provincial UR



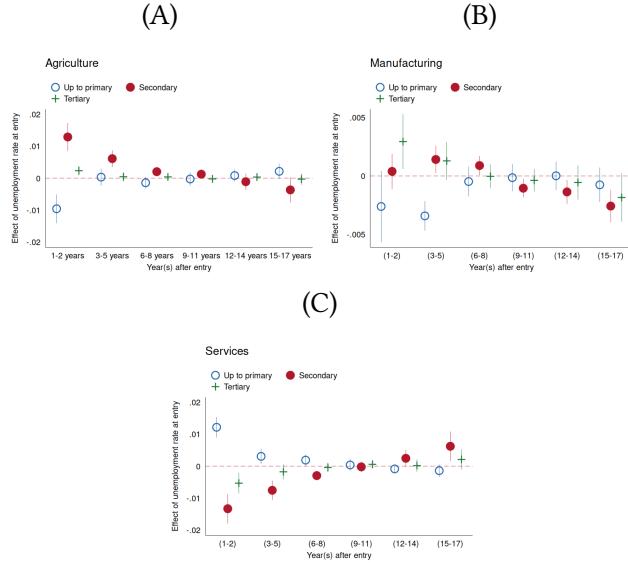
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Figure A.8: Scarring effect on occupational sectors by gender using national UR



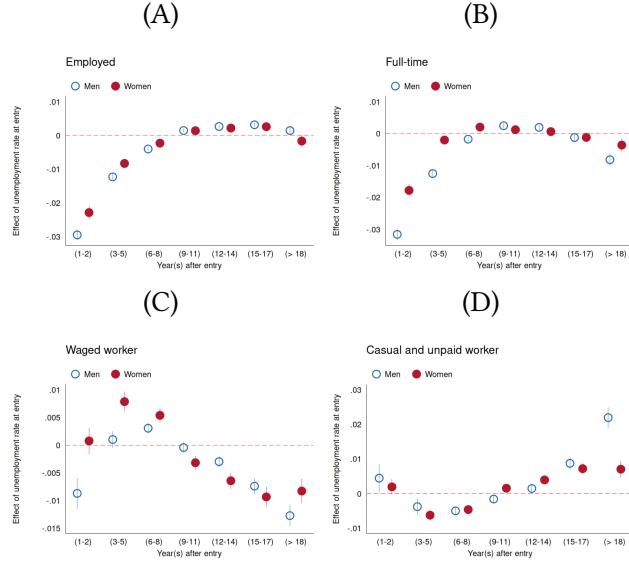
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Figure A.9: Scarring effect on occupational sectors by education using national UR



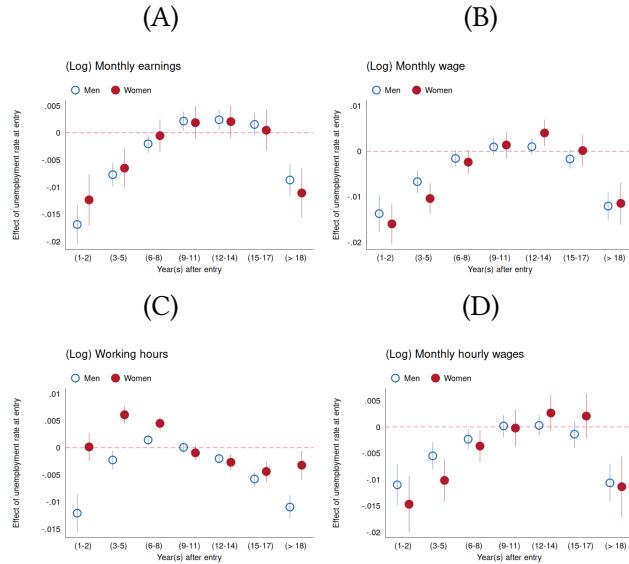
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Figure A.10: Scarring effects on employment by gender using provincial UR



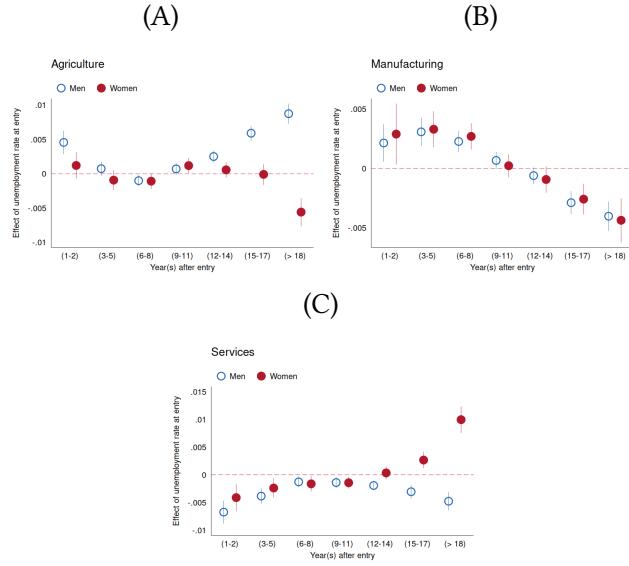
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Figure A.11: Scarring effects on earnings by gender using provincial UR



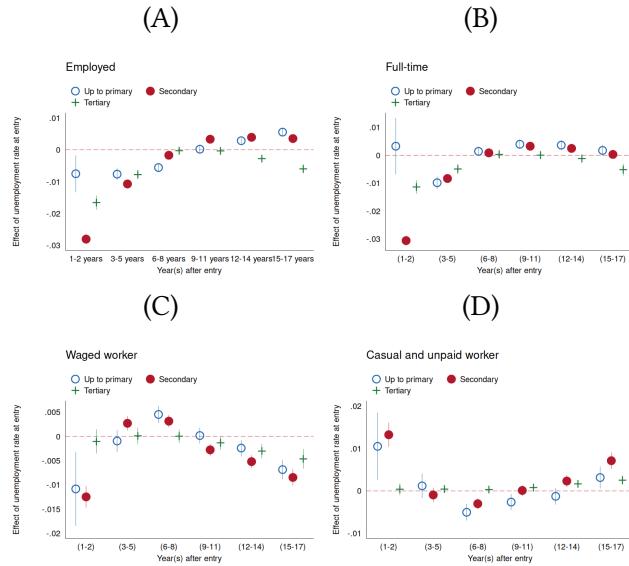
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Figure A.12: Scarring effect on occupational sectors by gender using provincial UR



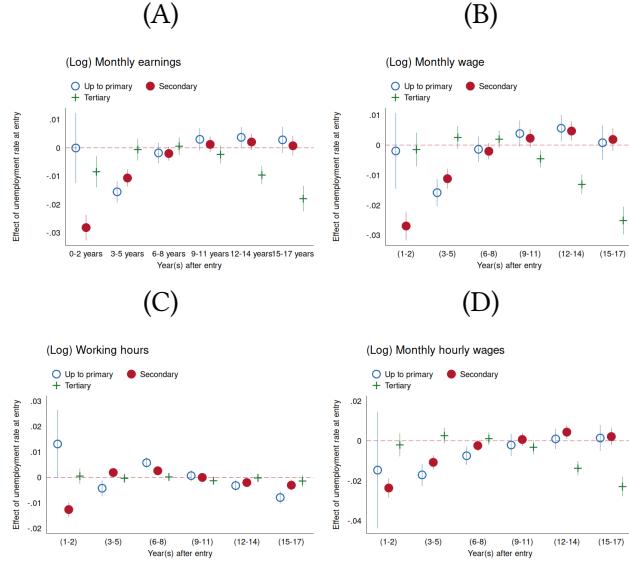
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Figure A.13: Scarring effects on employment by education using provincial UR



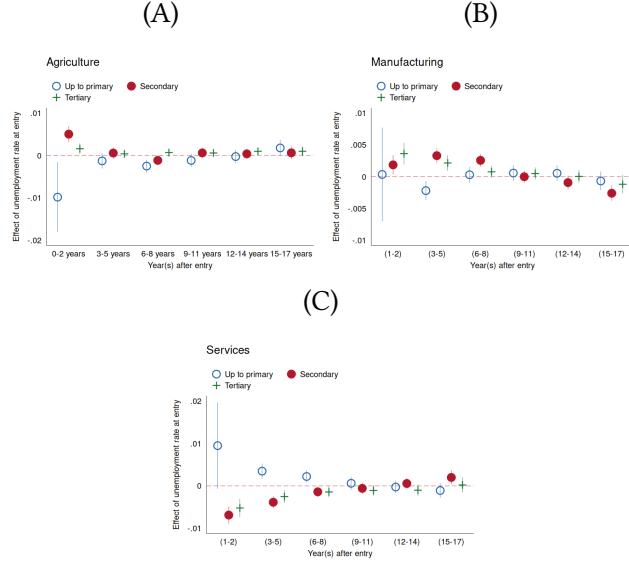
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Figure A.14: Scarring effects on earnings by education using provincial UR



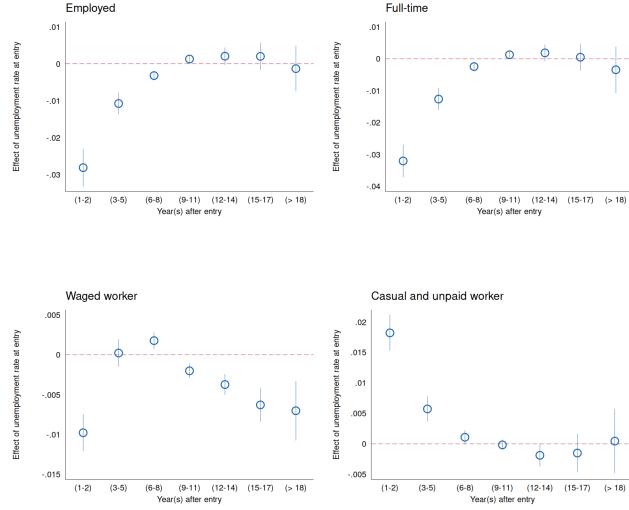
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Figure A.15: Scarring effects on occupational sectors by education using provincial UR



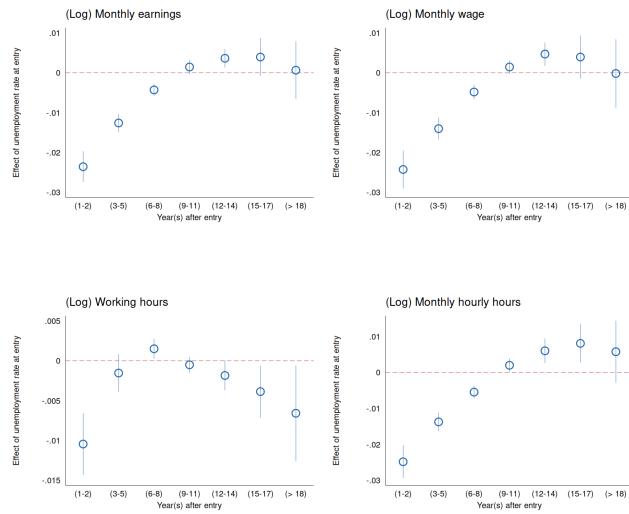
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Figure A.16: Scarring effects on employment using 3-year moving average national UR



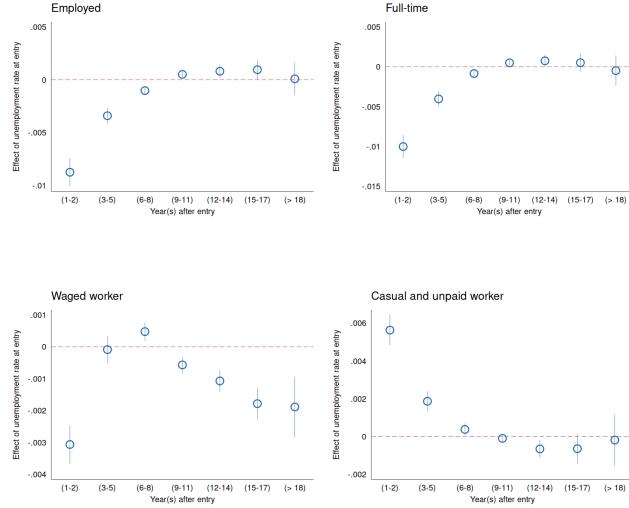
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Figure A.17: Scarring effects on earnings using 3-year moving average national UR



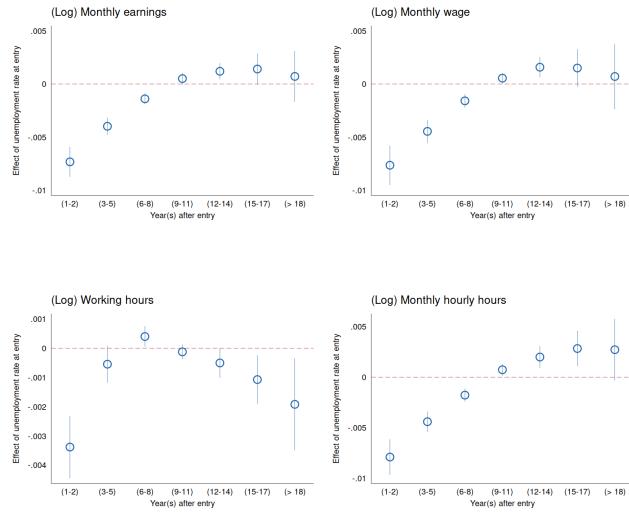
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Figure A.18: Scarring effects on employment using youth-specific national UR



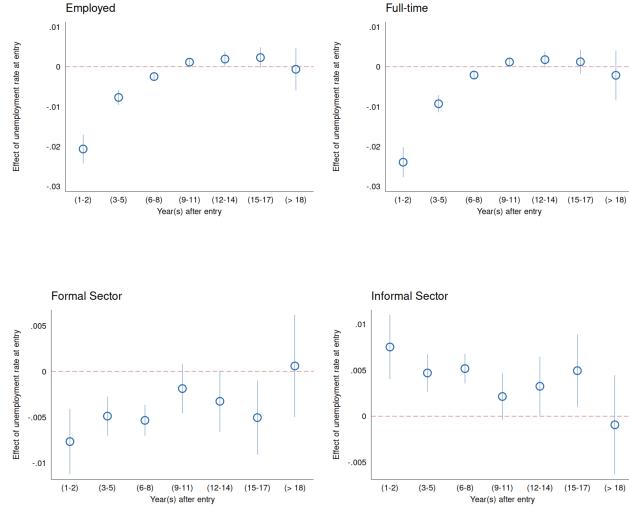
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Figure A.19: Scarring effects on earnings using youth-specific national UR



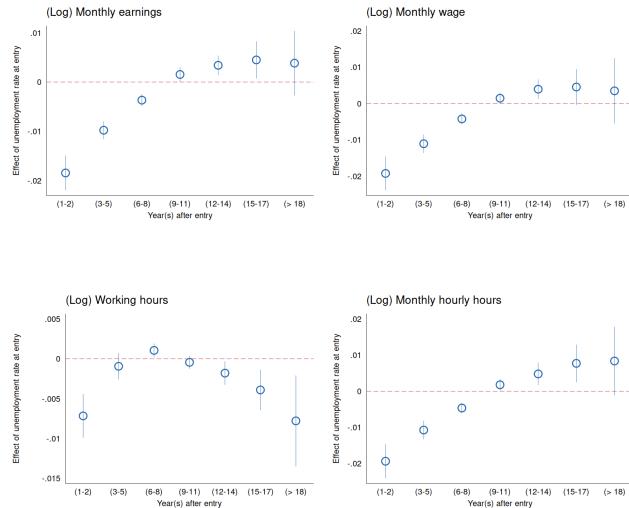
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Figure A.20: Scarring effects of employment using official UR



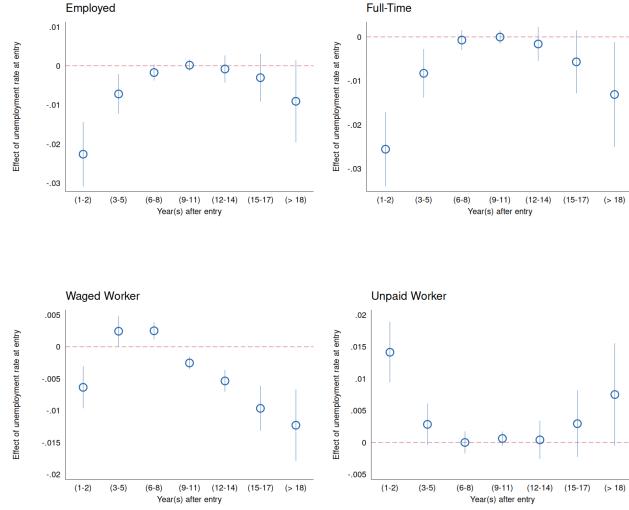
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Figure A.21: Scarring effects of earnings using official UR



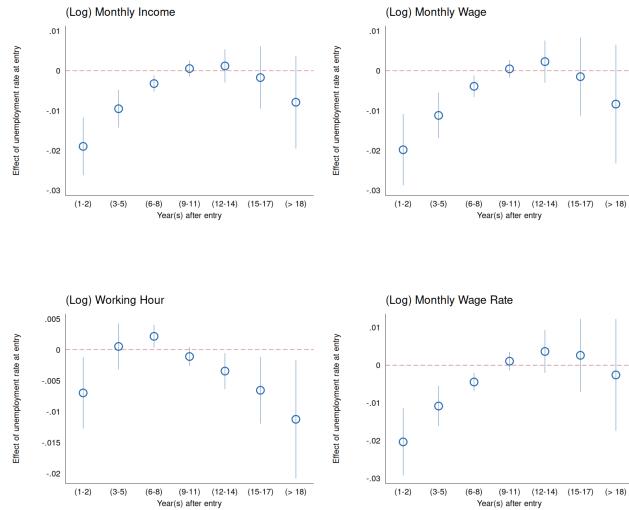
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Figure A.22: Scarring effects on employment, excluding pre 1994 observation



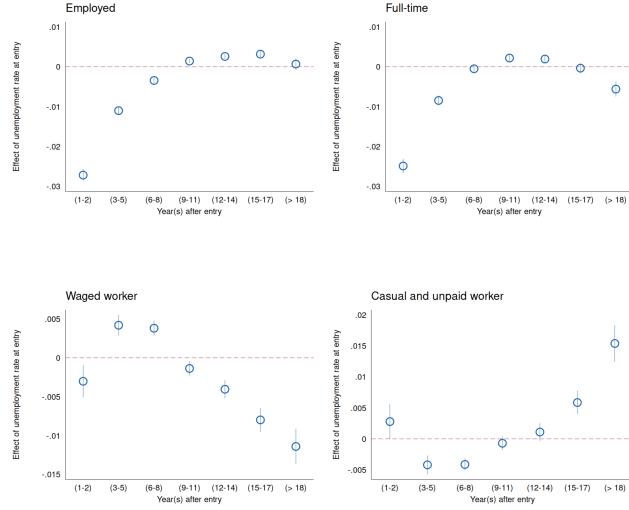
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Figure A.23: Scarring effects on earnings, excluding pre 1994 observation



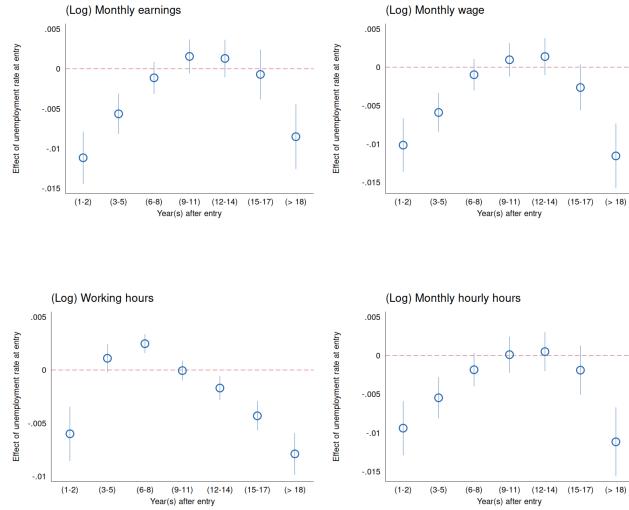
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Figure A.24: Scarring effects on employment using migration-adjusted provincial UR



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Figure A.25: Scarring effects on earnings using migration-adjusted provincial UR



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