

David Card, "Using Geographic Variation in College Proximity to Estimate the Return to Schooling". In L.N. Christofides, E.K. Grant, and R. Swidinsky, editors, *Aspects of Labor Market Behaviour: Essays in Honour of John Vanderkamp*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1995.
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The original data set is the file proximity.zip posted on David Card's webpage
http://davidcard.berkeley.edu/data_sets.html

The data set contains 3613 observations on men from the 1976 cross-section of NLS young men (original NLS cohort)

Missing value code is NA

There are 3613 observations and 52 variables.

The data are presented in Excel, Stata, and text files.

The variable definitions are as follows.

Name	Label
id	sequential id runs from 1 to 5225
nearc2	grew up near 2-yr college
nearc4	grew up near 4-yr college
nearc4a	grew up near 4-yr public college
nearc4b	grew up near 4-yr priv college
ed76	education in 1976
ed66	education in 1966
age76	age in 1976
daded	dads education missing=avg
nodaded	1 if daded imputed
momed	moms education
nomomed	1 if momed imputed
weight	nls weight for 1976 cross-section
momdad14	1 if live with mom and dad age 14
sinmom14	lived with single mom age 14
step14	lived step parent age 14
reg661	dummy for region=1 in 1966
reg662	dummy for region=2 in 1966
reg663	dummy for region=3 in 1966
reg664	dummy for region=4 in 1966
reg665	dummy for region=5 in 1966
reg666	dummy for region=6 in 1966
reg667	dummy for region=7 in 1966
reg668	dummy for region=8 in 1966
reg669	dummy for region=9 in 1966
south66	lived in south in 1966
work76	worked in 1976
work78	worked in 1978
lwage76	log wage (outliers trimmed) 1976
lwage78	log wage in 1978 outliers trimmed

famed	mom-dad education class 1-9
black	1 if black
smsa76r	in smsa in 1976
smsa78r	in smsa in 1978
reg76r	in south in 1976
reg78r	in south in 1978
reg80r	in south in 1980
smsa66r	in smsa in 1966
wage76	raw wage cents per hour 1976
wage78	raw wage cents per hour 1978
wage80	raw wage cents per hour 1980
noint78	if noninterview in 1978
noint80	if noninterview in 1980
enroll76	1 if enrolled in 1976
enroll78	1 if enrolled in 1978
enroll80	1 if enrolled in 1980
kww	the kww score
iq	a normed iq score
marsta76	mar status in 1976 1=married, spouse present
marsta78	mar status in 1978 1=married, spouse present
marsta80	mar status in 1980 1=married, spouse present
libcrd14	1 if library card in home age 14