

Read Me File for "The Impact of Family Income on Child Achievement: Evidence from the Earned Income Tax Credit"

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This read me file describes the programs and datasets to replicate tables from Dahl and Lochner, "The Impact of Family Income on Child Achievement: Evidence from the Earned Income Tax Credit," published in the American Economic Review

There are five Stata programs (`main.do`, `taxsim-eitc.do`, `merge-school-welfare.do`, `makevars.do`, and `regressions.do`) and two datasets (`main.dta` and `welfare_dat.csv`). The Stata program `main.do` calls all of the other programs, which use as inputs `main.dta` (data from the NLSY) and `welfare_data.csv` (data on school accountability and welfare reforms).

Important note: Since the variable for "state" is only available in the restricted use version of the NLSY, in `main.dta` this variable is set to 0. Those interested in using information on state of residence must apply for access to the restricted NLSY and merge this variable into the dataset. Without the state variable, the results will not exactly match the published results.