

THE EFFECT OF COMPUTER USE ON DISABLED EARNINGS

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The Story

- Disabled worker discrimination
- Implications
- Why does it matter?
- How does computer use help the earning power of disabled income?

Hypothesis

- Computer use positively impacts the earning power of disabled workers

Data

- Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics
 - Current Population Survey; Computer and internet use Supplement
- Around 77 total variables in the model
- Fixed Effects and Controls

Descriptive Statistics

Variable	NonDisabled	Disabled
Hourly Wage	331.15	24.18
Log Hourly Wage	2.72	1.00
Computer Use	.310	.136

Note: The reported values are means.

Methodology

- Two Assumption Models
- Two Hypothesis Models
- Heckman model

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LogHourlyWage} = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Computer Use} + \beta_2 \text{Disabled} \\ & + \beta_3 \text{Disabled} * \text{Computer Use} + \beta_4 \text{Age} + \beta_5 \text{Age}^2 \\ & + \beta_6 \text{Education} + \beta_7 \text{Race} + \beta_8 \text{Gender} \\ & + \beta_9 \text{State dummies} + \epsilon \\ & + \beta_{10} \text{Blind} + \beta_{11} \text{Deaf} + \beta_{12} \text{Memory} + \beta_{13} \text{Physical} + \beta_{14} \text{Self Care} + \beta_{15} \text{Errands}\end{aligned}$$

Analysis

	Disabled	Non Disabled
No Computer Use	1576.69	1728.23
Computer Use	2389.62	2526.38

Note: The reported values are average Hourly Wages.

Results

Variables	Regression Results	Significant?
Computer Use	0.173	✓
Deaf*Computer Use	0.015	✗
Blind*Computer Use	-0.148	✗
Memory*Computer Use	0.038	✗
Physical*Computer Use	-0.067	✗
Selfcare*Computer Use	0.586	✓
Errands*Computer Use	0.022	✗

General Results

Variables	Regression Results	Significant?
Computer Use	0.173	✓
Disabled	-0.117	✓
Disabled*Computer Use	0.022	✗

Conclusions

- What does this mean?
- Correlation or Causation
- Possible Explanations