

# **BUSN 5000 Project**

Exploring Pay Differences between Women and Men

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# Introduction

# Overview

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**Data**

# March 2024 CPS

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# March 2024 CPS Extract

```
cpsmar_e <- ____ (here("____", "____"))
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# Analysis sample

```
cpsmar_a <- cpsmar_e %>%
  _____(
    age >= _____,
    age <= _____,
    earnings > _____
  ) %>%
  _____(
    gender = _____(female == _____, "Female", "Male"),
    wage = _____/(_____ * _____),
    lwage = log(_____),
    Black = case_when(race==_____~1, TRUE ~ 0),
    south = case_when(region==_____~1, TRUE ~ 0),
    married = case_when((marital==_____ | marital==_____ | marital==_____ )~1, TRUE ~ 0),
    age_centered = age - 23
  )
```

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# Baseline earnings distributions

# Plotting earnings distributions

```
figure1 <- ggplot(_____, aes(x = _____, group = _____, fill = _____)) +
  geom_density(alpha = 0.4) +
  labs(
    title="Figure 1. Distribution of earnings by gender",
    x="Earnings",
    y="Density"
  )+
  theme_minimal()
earnings_fvm <- cpsmar_a %>%
  group_by(_____) %>%
  summarize(avg_earnings = round(_____(_____, na.rm = TRUE),0))

avg_earnings_f <- earnings_fvm %>%
  _____(gender == "Female") %>%
  pull(avg_earnings) # `pull` extracts the "avg_earnings" value for "Female" from earnings_fvm, a single value since the data
only record two genders.

avg_earnings_m <- earnings_fvm %>%
  _____(gender == "Male") %>%
  pull(avg_earnings) # `pull` extracts the "avg_earnings" value for "Male" from earnings_fvm, a single value since the data only
record two genders.
```

# Distribution of earnings by gender

# Baseline comparisons

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# The career gender gap

# Wages and hours differences

# Documenting the differences

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# Plotting career log wage profiles

```
cef_fvm_w <- cpsmar_a %>%
  _____(_____, _____) %>%
  _____(avg_lwage = mean(_____, na.rm = TRUE))

figure2 <- ggplot(_____, aes(x = _____, y = _____, color = _____, linetype = gender, linewidth = gender)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line() +
  scale_linetype_manual(values = c("Female" = "longdash", "Male" = "solid")) +
  scale_linewidth_manual(values = c("Female" = 0.7, "Male" = 0.5)) +
  guides(linewidth = "none") +
  labs(
    title="Figure 2. Career log-wage profiles for women and men",
    x="Year",
    y="Average log wage"
  )+
  theme_minimal()
```

# Career log wage profiles

# Estimating wage differences over a career

```
males <- cef_fvm_w %>%
  _____(gender == "Male") %>%
  _____(avg_lwage_male = avg_lwage) %>%
  _____(~gender)
females <- cef_fvm_w %>%
  _____(gender == "Female") %>%
  _____(avg_lwage_female = avg_lwage) %>%
  _____(~gender)

diff_fvm <- inner_join(males, females, by = "age_centered") %>%
  _____(age_centered <= 30) %>%
  _____(
    diff = avg_lwage_male - avg_lwage_female,
    age_group = cut(
      age_centered,
      breaks = c(-1, 10, 20, 30),
      labels = c("1-10", "11-20", "21-30"))
  ) %>%
  group_by(_____) %>%
  _____(mean_diff = mean(_____) * 100)

table2 <- kable(
  diff_fvm,
  digits = 2,
  col.names = c("Year Range", "Avg Pct Difference"),
  align = "cc",
  caption = "Table 2. Percent wage differences, first 30 years",
  ) %>%
  kable_styling(position = "center")
```

# Evolution of the gender wage gap

# Discussing the gender wage gap evolution

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# Explaining the gender wage gap

# Fitting the log wage profiles

```
formula <- _____ ~ _____ + I(_____^2)
figure3 <- figure2 +
  geom_smooth(
    method = _____,
    formula = _____,
    aes(group = _____),
    se = FALSE
  ) +
  stat_poly_eq(
    aes(label = after_stat(eq.label)),
    formula = _____,
    parse = TRUE
  ) +
  labs(
    title="Figure 3. Career log-wage profiles with quadratic fits",
    x="Year",
    y="Average log wage"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()+
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
```

# Log wage profiles with quadratic fits

# Gender differences in education

# Gender differences in demographics

# Documenting differences in characteristics

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# Controlling for education and demographic characteristics

```
singles <- cpsmar_a %>%
  filter(
    married==_____,
    child_u6==_____
  )
models <- list(
  "Baseline" = lm(_____ ~ _____ +
    age_centered + I(age_centered^2),
    _____),
  "Add Education" = lm(_____ ~ _____ +
    age_centered + I(age_centered^2) + _____ + _____ + _____,
    _____),
  "Add Person" = lm(_____ ~ _____ +
    age_centered + I(age_centered^2) + _____ + _____ + _____ +
    _____ + _____ + _____ + _____,
    _____),
  "Add Household" = lm(_____ ~ _____ +
    age_centered + I(age_centered^2) + _____ + _____ + _____ +
    _____ + _____ + _____ + _____ +
    _____ + _____,
    _____),
  "Only Singles" = lm(_____ ~ _____ +
    age_centered + I(age_centered^2) + _____ + _____ + _____ +
    _____ + _____ + _____ + _____,
    _____)
)
```

# Reporting the results

```
cm <- c(
  'female'          = 'Female',
  'age_centered'   = 'Age',
  'I(age_centered^2)' = 'Age$^2$',
  '(Intercept)'    = 'Constant'
)
gm <- tibble::tribble(
  ~raw, ~clean, ~fmt,
  "nobs", "$N$", 0,
  "r.squared", "$R^2$", 2
)
rows <- tribble(~term, ~Baseline, ~Add_Education, ~Add_Person, ~Add_Household, ~Only_Singles,
  'Education controls', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X', 'X',
  'Demographic controls', ' ', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X',
  'Household controls', ' ', ' ', ' ', 'X', 'X'
)
attr(rows, 'position') <- c(9, 10, 11) # Positions where you want these rows to appear

table5 <- modelsummary(
  models,
  add_rows = rows,
  coef_map = _____,
  gof_map = _____,
  vcov = c("_____", "_____", "_____", "_____", "_____" ),
  title = "Table 5. OLS estimates of the gender wage gap",
  notes = "____ standard errors in parentheses.",
  escape = FALSE
)
```

# Explaining the gender wage gap

# Documenting the findings

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**Conclusion**

# Summary

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# Appendix

# Data documentation

```
# Define the variables and their descriptions
variables <- data.frame(
  Variable = c(
    "age",
    "earnings",
    "hours",
    "race",
    "marital",
    "HSGrad",
    "SomeColl",
    "CollDeg",
    "region",
    "female",
    "hisp",
    "fulltime"
  ),
  Definition = c(
    "years; capped at 85",
    "____",
    "____",
    "respondent's race (1 = White only, 2 = Black only, 3 = AI only, 4 = Asian only, 5 = Hawaiian/Pacific Islander only (HP), 6 = White-Black, 7 = White-AI, 8
= White-Asian, 9 = White-HP, 11 = Black-Asian, 12 = Black-HP, 13 = AI-Asian, 14 = AI-HP, 15 = Asian-HP, 16 = White-Black-AI, 17 = White-Black-Asian, 18 =
White-Black-HP, 19 = White-AI-Asian, 20 = White-AI-HP, 21 = White-Asian-HP, 22 = Black-AI-Asian, 23 = White-Black-AI-Asian, 24 = White-AI-Asian-HP, 25 = White-
Black-AI-Asian-HP, 25 = Other 3 race comb., 26 = Other 4 or 5 race comb.)",
    "marital status (1 = Married civilian, 2 = Married AF, 3 = Married absent, 4 = Widowed, 5 = Divorced, 6 = Separated, 7 = Never married)",
    "= 1, if _____",
    "= 1, if _____",
    "= 1, if _____",
    "household region (1 = Northeast, 2 = Midwest, 3 = South, 4 = West)",
    "= 1 if _____",
    "= 1 if Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino",
    "= 1 if _____"
  )
)
```

# List of main variables with definitions

This is a list of the main variables used in this project with their definitions.