

Language and Earnings in the Federal Public Service in Canada

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Abstract

In the Canadian federal public service, the Official Languages Act regulates the language of work and service to the public, generating a demand for bilingualism. Bivariate probit selection and difference-in-difference procedures are used to examine whether, once endogeneities of sectoral placement and bilingualism status are accounted for, a bilingualism premium exists and whether it is larger in the public service than in other sectors.

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