

The Computer Wage Premium in Canada In 1994 and 2000

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Abstract

In this paper, I examine the computer wage premium in Canada in 1994 and 2000 and the effect on wage structure. I found that Canada has lower computer wage premium than what was documented in the US literature. I also found an increased return to computer use for both genders from 1994 to 2000. The computer premium is larger for annual income than for hourly wages, indicating a positive impact from computer use on both hourly wages and annual incomes. Moreover, the computer wage premium is strongly related with occupation choice. Once occupations are controlled for, the computer premium decreases; nevertheless, it remains substantive.