

Frequency of Wage Changes

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International Wage Flexibility Project Dataset Characteristics

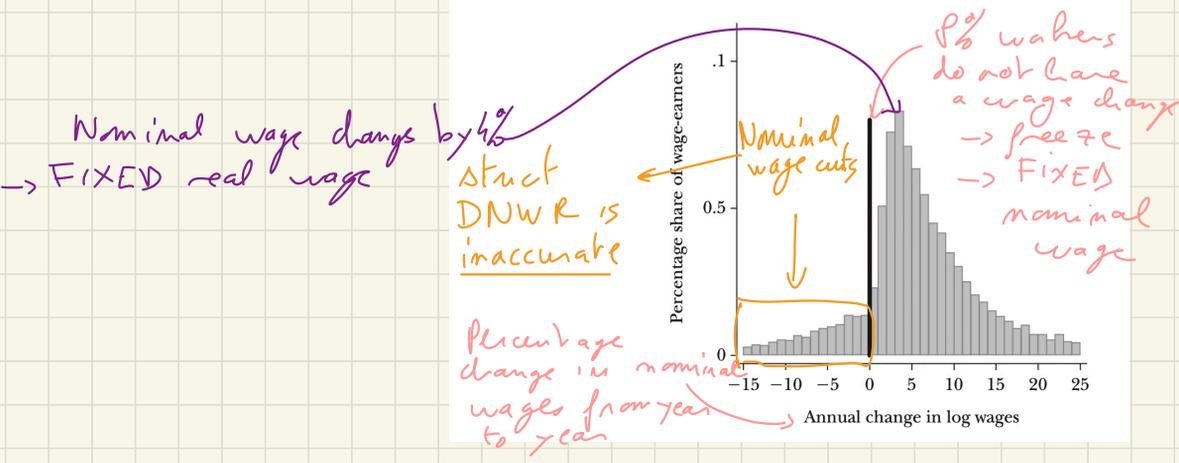
	Totals	Averages	
Countries	16		
Datasets	31	Datasets per country	1.6
Dataset years	360	Years per dataset	11.6
Wage changes observed	31.3 million	Observations per dataset year	87,000

Country	Dataset*	Years	Wage Measure
1. Austria	Social Security	1972-1998	Annual earnings
2. Belgium	Social Security	1978-1985	Annual earnings
3. Denmark	Statistics Denmark register of employees	1981-1999	Annual earnings
4. Finland	Service employers Industry employers (manual) Industry employers (nonmanual)	1990-2001 1985-2000 1985-2000	Wages/hour Wages/hour Wages/hour
5. France	La Déclaration Automatisé des Salaires (DADS)	1976-1980, 1984-1989, 1991-2000	Annual earnings/hour
6. Germany	Labor Survey (households) Institut für Arbeitsmarkt und Berufsforschung (IAB)	1994-2000 1975-1996	Earnings/hour Earnings**
7. Italy	Social Insurance	1985-1996	Annual earnings
8. Norway	Business and industry employers (blue collar) Business and industry employers (white collar)	1987-1998 1981-1997	Wages/hour Wages/hour
9. Portugal	Quadros de Pessoal	1991-2000	Wages/hour
10. Sweden	Employers (blue collar) Employers (white collar)	1979-1990, 1995-2003 1995-2003	Wages/hour Wages/hour
11. Switzerland	Social Insurance Labor Force Survey (households)	1988-1999 1992-1999	Annual earnings Wages
12. U.K.	National Employment Survey	1976-2000	Earnings/hour
13. U.S.	Panel Study of Income Dynamics (household survey)	1970-1997	Wages/hour
14. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, U.K.	European Community Household Panel (household survey)	1993-2001***	Earnings/hour

Figure 2

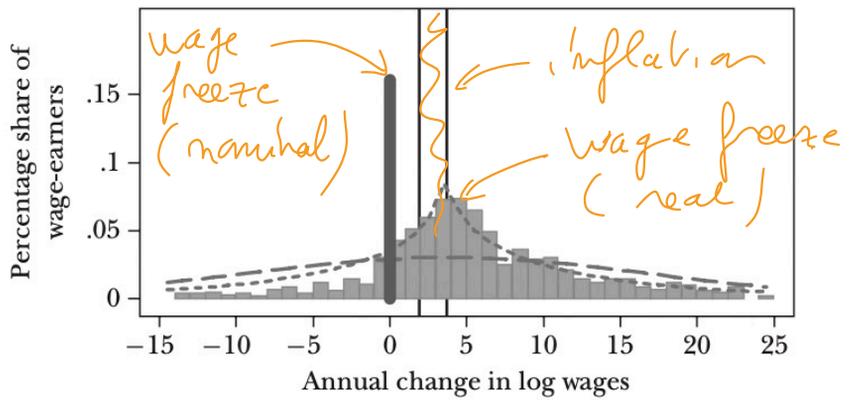
Wage Change Distribution for All Countries and Years

Figure 2a: Nominal Wage Change

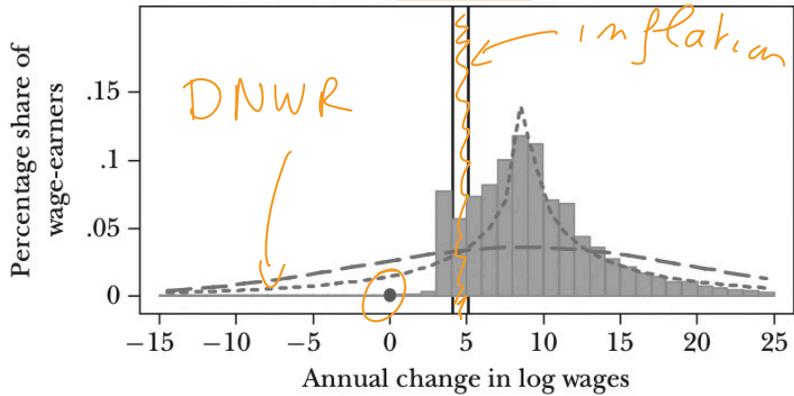


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DNWR is
inaccurate

United States 1987



Finland 1988



Conclusion: Significant rigidities in wage, both in nominal & in real terms. But strict DNWR is not apparent in data.