Tradability and the Labor-Market Impact of Immigration: Theory and Evidence from the United States

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- Empirically:  $\uparrow$  immigrants into a region in U.S.
  - within less tradable occupations: ↓ native employment in more relative to less immigrant-intensive occupations (crowding out)
  - 2 within more tradable occupations: neither crowding out nor in
- Output: Ou
- variation in native wage outcomes across occupations
   workers in immigrant-intensive, non-tradable occup. gain less (or lose)

# Theory

### Occupation production

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task production function

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- Supply of workers in region r,  $N_r^D$  and  $N_r^I$
- Each worker k = D, I chooses o to max. wage income  $\underbrace{\mathcal{W}_{ro}^{k}}_{\text{"occ. wage"}} \times \underbrace{\varepsilon_{\omega o}}_{\text{eff. units}}$

$$L_{ro}^{k} = \int_{\omega \in \Omega_{ro}^{k}} \varepsilon_{\omega o} d\omega$$

where  $\varepsilon_{\omega o} \sim$  Fréchet with parameter  $\theta > 0$ , where  $\uparrow \theta \Rightarrow \downarrow$  dispersion  $\Rightarrow$  higher labor supply elasticity skilled and uns

# Occupation demand

And occupation's price sensitivity of demand

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$$Y_{r} = \left(\sum_{o \in \mathcal{O}} \mu_{ro}^{\frac{1}{\eta}} \left(Y_{ro}\right)^{\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}}\right)^{\frac{\eta}{\eta-1}}$$

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 $\bullet \Rightarrow$  Occupation demand elasticity

$$\epsilon_{\it ro}\equiv S_{\it ro}^{
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• Occupations grouped into two disjoint sets, g = T, N, analytics:  $\epsilon_{rT} > \epsilon_{rN}$ 

#### Comparative static: $\uparrow$ in the number of immigrants

• Consider o in set  $g = \{T, N\}$ , assume -r prices & quantities fixed

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- Adjustment within T v.s. within N:  $\epsilon_{rN} < \epsilon_{rT} \Rightarrow$ 
  - more crowding-out (or less crowding-in) w/in N
  - wages  $\downarrow$  in *I*-intensive occupations more (or  $\uparrow$  less) w/in *N*

#### Comparative statics: generalizations

• Add education heterogeneity

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, where  $L_{reo}^{k} = Z_{reo}^{k} \int_{z \in \mathcal{Z}_{reo}^{k}} \varepsilon(z, o) dz$ 

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Re-write:

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$$\beta_{r}^{D} \equiv \frac{(\epsilon_{rT} - \rho)(\theta + 1)}{\epsilon_{rT} + \theta} \Phi_{r}^{\prime} \qquad \beta_{Nr}^{D} \equiv \frac{(\theta + \rho)(\theta + 1)(\epsilon_{rN} - \epsilon_{rT})}{(\epsilon_{rN} + \theta)(\epsilon_{rT} + \theta)} \Phi_{r}^{\prime}$$

# Connecting theory and data

#### Empirical implementation

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- Residual contains  $n_r^D$  and  $a_{ro}$ 
  - May be correlated with  $x_{ro}$  through  $n_{re}^{l}$
  - Use variant of Card instrument

$$x_{ro}^*\equiv\sum_e S_{reo}^{\prime}rac{\Delta N_{re}^{\prime *}}{N_{re}^{\prime}} \quad ext{with} \quad \Delta N_{re}^{\prime *}\equiv\sum_c f_{rec}\Delta N_{ec}^{-r}$$

where c is a source (country or country group) of immigrants

•  $a_{ro}$  may be correlated with  $x_{ro}$  through  $S'_{reo}$ ; also measurement error in  $S'_{reo}$ 

• Robustness: use  $S'_{-reo}$ , lags of  $S'_{reo}$ 

#### Data

- Census Integrated Public Use Micro Samples (IPUMS):
  - ▶ 1980: 5 percent census; 2012 three-year ACS: 3 percent sample
  - Individuals between age 16 and 64
    - $\star\,$  Foreign-born share of U.S. working age hours  $\uparrow$  from 6.6 to 16.4 percent
- Local labor markets: 722 commuting zones
- Education: two native groups (SMC-, CLG+)
- Instrument:
  - twelve sources (e.g. Mexico, China, India, Western Europe)
  - three education groups (HSD, HSG SMC, CLG+)

# Occupations and tradability

- 50 occupations
  - Slight aggregation in baseline (50 occupations)
- Tradability: Use Blinder and Krueger (JOLE 2013) measure of occupation "offshorability"
  - Based on professional coders' assessment of ease with which each occupation could potentially be offshored
  - Goos et al. (2014) provide evidence supporting this measure:
  - Grouped into 25 tradable and 25 non-tradable, using median
- Results robust using industries instead of occupations
  - tradables: agriculture, manufacturing, and mining

Most tradable occupations	Least tradable occupations
Fabricators	Firefighting
Printing Machine Operator	Therapists
Woodworking Machine Operator	Construction Trade
Metal and Plastic Processing Operator	Personal Service
Textile Machine Operator	Private Household Occupations
Math and Computer Science	Guards
Records Processing	Vehicle Mechanic
Machine Operator, Other	Electronic Repairer
Precision Production, Food and Textile	Health Assessment
Computer, Communication Equipment Operator	Extractive

• 19 of 50 occupations achieve the minimum tradability measure

# Empirics: Allocation regressions

### Domestic allocation results

Ignoring occupation tradability

$$\mathbf{n}_{ro}^{D} = \alpha_{r}^{D} + \alpha_{o}^{D} + \beta^{D} \mathbf{x}_{ro} + \iota_{ro}^{D}$$

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	088 (.0646)	1484** (.0685)	0988** (.0407)	1298*** (.0399)	2287*** (.0472)	2099*** (.0366)
Obs	33723	33723	33723	26644	26644	26644
R-sq	.822	.822	.822	.68	.68	.679
F-stat (first stage)		129.41			99.59	

Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Significance levels: \* 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\*1%.

 Ignoring differences between more and less tradable occupations: evidence that immigrants crowd out native workers

#### Domestic allocation results

	(1)	(2) Low Ed	(3)	(1)	(2) High Ed	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.089* (.0492)	.0086 (.0884)	.0053 (.0609)	.0223 (.036)	0335 (.066)	0209 (.0599)
$\beta_N^D$	303*** (.062)	303*** (.101)	238*** (.091)	309*** (.097)	373*** (.126)	33*** (.113)
Obs	33723	33723	33723	26644	26644	26644
R-sq	.836	.836	.836	.699	.699	.699
Wald Test: P-values	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		105.08			72.28	

 $n_{ro}^{D} = \alpha_{rg}^{D} + \alpha_{o}^{D} + \beta^{D} x_{ro} + \beta_{N}^{D} \mathbb{I}_{o} \left( N \right) x_{ro} + \nu_{ro}^{D}$ 

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- **(**)  $\beta^D = 0$ : Neither crowding in nor out within T
- **2**  $\beta_N^D < 0$ : More crowding out within N than within T

• LA 1980-12: private household services & firefighting (N):  $x_{ro} - x_{ro'} = 0.65$  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{n_{ro}} - \mathbf{n_{ro'}} = \mathbf{0.22}$ , labor supply elasticity  $= 2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{w_{ro}} - \mathbf{w_{ro'}} = \mathbf{0.11}$ 

#### Robustness: domestic allocation

- Robustness to confounding secular trends
  - Restrict CZs, excluding 5 largest immigrant-receiving CZs Details
  - Sample years:
    - ★ 1980-2007 Details
       ★ 1990-2012 Details
    - \* 1980-1990 Details
  - Dropping workers employed in routine or communication-intensive occupations
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- Robustness to definitions of tradability
  - Different cutoffs for occupation tradability
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#### Occupation wages

 $\beta^{D}$ 

 $\beta_N^D$ 

Obs

R-sq

Wald Test: P-values

F-stat (first stage)

$$\begin{aligned} Wage_{reo}^{D} \equiv W_{ro}^{D}L_{reo}^{D}/N_{reo}^{D} = \gamma W_{ro}^{D}Z_{reo}^{k} \left(\pi_{reo}^{D}\right)^{\frac{-1}{\theta+1}} \\ \implies w_{ro}^{D} = wage_{reo}^{D} + \frac{1}{\theta+1}d\ln\pi_{reo}^{D} \quad \theta = 1 \\ w_{ro}^{D} = \alpha_{rg}^{D} + \alpha_{o}^{D} + \beta^{D}x_{ro} + \beta_{N}^{D}\mathbb{I}_{o}\left(N\right)x_{ro} + \nu_{ro}^{D} \\ \hline \left(1\right) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & (3) & (1) & (2) & (3) \\ 0LS & 2SLS & RF & 0LS & 2SLS & RF \\ 0LS & 2SLS & RF & 0LS & 2SLS & RF \\ \hline \left(.0229) & (.0449) & (.0313) & (.0321) & (.0565) & (.0518) \\ -.1885^{***} & -.2043^{***} & -.1708^{***} & -.1674^{***} & -.2341^{***} & -.2026^{***} \\ (.0378) & (.0702) & (.0496) & (.0609) & (.0866) & (.0766) \end{aligned}$$

33723

.797

0.00

26644

.712

0.00

26644

.711

0.00

65.90

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102.77

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0.01

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$$Wage_{reo}^{D} \equiv W_{ro}^{D}L_{reo}^{D}/N_{reo}^{D} = \gamma W_{ro}^{D}Z_{reo}^{k} \left(\pi_{reo}^{D}\right)^{\frac{-1}{\theta+1}}$$

$$\pi_{reo}^{k} = \frac{\left(Z_{reo}^{k}W_{ro}^{k}\right)^{\theta+1}}{\sum_{j\in\mathcal{O}}\left(Z_{rej}^{k}W_{rj}^{k}\right)^{\theta+1}} \implies wage_{reo}^{D} = wage_{reo}^{D}$$

 $\textit{wage}_{\textit{reo}}^{\textit{D}} = \alpha_{\textit{rg}}^{\textit{D}} + \alpha_{\textit{o}}^{\textit{D}} + \beta^{\textit{D}} x_{\textit{ro}} + \beta_{\textit{N}}^{\textit{D}} \mathbb{I}_{\textit{o}}\left(\textit{N}\right) x_{\textit{ro}} + \nu_{\textit{ro}}^{\textit{D}}$ 

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	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^D$	.0382*** (.0136)	.0461** (.0231)	.0376** (.0172)	.003 (.021)	0075 (.031)	.0012 (.0295)
$\beta_N^D$	0565** (.0276)	0828 (.0521)	0762** (.0374)	.0073 (.0279)	0223 (.0365)	0189 (.0311)
Obs R-sq	33723 .639	33723 .639	33723 .639	26644 .613	26644 .613	26644 .613
Wald Test: P-values	0.34	0.38	0.18	0.64	0.36	0.52
F-stat (first stage)		105.08			72.28	

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# Empirics: Occupation labor payments

#### Occupation labor payments

• Assume  $lp_{ro} = p_{ro}q_{ro} + \nu_{ro}$  where  $\nu_{ro}$  uncorrelated with  $x_{ro}$ 

 $lp_{ro} = \alpha_{rg} + \alpha_{o} + \gamma x_{ro} + \gamma_{N} \mathbb{I}_{o}(N) x_{ro} + \nu_{ro}$ 

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\gamma$	.392***	.387**	.327**
	(.115)	(.163)	(.123)
$\gamma_N$	351***	401***	323***
	(.116)	(.136)	(.092)
Obs	34892	34892	34892
R-sq	.897	.897	.897
Wald Test: P-values	0.38	0.89	0.98
F-stat (first stage)		127.82	

Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Significance levels: \* 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\*1%. For the Wald test, the null hypothesis is  $\gamma + \gamma_N = 0$ .

•  $\gamma_N < 0 \iff \epsilon_T > \epsilon_N$  LP  $\uparrow$  more w/ exposure in  $\mathcal{O}(T)$  than  $\mathcal{O}(N)$ 

#### Robustness: occupation labor payments

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# Quantitative model

### Quantitative model: extensions and calibration

#### • Extensions:

- workers differentiated by their education level
- regional agglomeration/congestion
- 3 cross-region worker mobility
- I full general equilibrium
- Assigning parameter values:

lit based  $\alpha = 7$  (trade elasticity);  $\theta = 1$  (skill dispersion);  $\nu = 1.5$  (natives' mobility);  $\lambda = 0.05$  (agglomeration)

trade costs NT: infinite; T: match regional trade shares

empirics targeting native allocation regressions:  $\eta = 1.57$  (occupation substitutability) and  $\rho = 5.6$  (native, immigrant substitutability)

wage data

#### Extended model

**()** Workers differentiated by their education level, *e* (2 domestic, 3 immigrant)

$$L_{reo}^{k} = \frac{\mathsf{Z}_{reo}^{k}}{\int_{\omega \in \Omega_{reo}^{k}} \varepsilon(\omega, o) \, dz}$$

where  $Z_{reo}^k = \bar{Z}_{reo}^k N_r^{\lambda}$ ,  $N_r$  is population in r, and  $\lambda$  governs the extent of regional agglomeration/congestion

Efficiency units of type k workers perfect substitutes across e

$$L_{ro}^{k} = \sum_{e} L_{reo}^{k}$$

**2** Workers k, e, source country c, choose where to live, e.g. Redding (2016)

$$N_{re}^{kc} = \frac{\left(U_{re}^{kc}\frac{Wage_{re}^{k}}{P_{r}}\right)^{\nu}}{\sum_{j\in\mathcal{R}}\left(U_{je}^{kc}\frac{Wage_{je}^{k}}{P_{j}}\right)^{\nu}}N_{e}^{kc} \quad \text{where} \quad N_{re}^{l} = \sum_{c}N_{re}^{kc}$$

Occupation wage changes in Los Angeles



Highest - lowest occupation wage change



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Changes in real wage (low education) and education wage premium



Changes in real wage (low education)



### Doubling of college-educated immigrants

Changes in real wage (low education)


Changes in real wage (low education) and education wage premium





Occupation wage changes in Los Angeles (Fixing prices outside of LA, no regional mobility)



Occupation wage changes in Los Angeles (General equilibrium)



Highest - lowest occupation wage change



# Conclusions

- Study impact of immigration across workers who are differentially exposed:
  - CZs receive different immigrant supply shocks
  - immigrants are differentially important across occupations
  - tradability  $\Rightarrow$  differential price response
- Theoretically and empirically,
  - **(**) relatively more crowding out across N occupations than across T occupations
- Quantitatively,
  - on average, immigration raises real wage of natives workers
  - ► large within CZ effects of immigration (especially within *N*)
  - nature of the shock matters for differential impact of N vs T

# APPENDIX

### Alternative occupation production function

- o output is a Cobb-Douglas combination of a continuum of tasks,  $z \in [0,1]$
- Within k, worker productivity may vary across o, but not across z w/in o
- Efficiency units of D and I are perfect substitutes in z; for  $\rho > 1$  output is

$$Y_{o}(z) = L_{o}^{D}(z) \left(\frac{A_{o}^{D}}{z}\right)^{\frac{1}{\rho-1}} + L_{o}^{\prime}(z) \left(\frac{A_{o}^{\prime}}{1-z}\right)^{\frac{1}{\rho-1}}$$

- Task cost function is  $C_o(z) = \min\{C_o^D(z), C_o'(z)\}$
- Alternative assumptions yield same equilibrium conditions:

$$P_o = \exp\left(\frac{1}{1-\rho}\right) \left(A_o^D(W_o^D)^{1-\rho} + A_o^I(W_o^I)^{1-\rho}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\rho}}$$
$$\frac{L_o^D}{L_o^I} = \frac{A_o^D}{A_o^I} \left(\frac{W_o^D}{W_o^I}\right)^{-\rho}$$

- Equivalently, Eaton and Kortum (2002) Fréchet assumptions
  - See Dekle, Eaton, and Kortum (2007)

# Alternative: imperfect substitutability btw skilled, unskilled

Same qualitative results, different regression

• Production of occupation o in region r

$$Q_{ro} = A_{ro} \left( \left( A_{ro}^{U} L_{ro}^{U} \right)^{\frac{\rho-1}{\rho}} + \left( A_{ro}^{H} L_{ro}^{H} \right)^{\frac{\rho}{\rho}} \right)^{\frac{\rho}{\rho-1}}$$

where immigrants and natives are perfect substitutes within H and L

$$N_r^k = A_r^{kl} N_r^{kl} + A_r^{kD} N_r^{kD}$$
 for  $k = U, S$ 

and each individual (k = D or I) draw an iid productivity across occupations from the same Fréchet distribution

- This is the same model, so theoretical results apply
- However, the "shock" induced by immigration differs
  - Impact of immigration depends on skill composition of immigrants
  - Empirical specification would differ

## Immigrant allocation results

- Conduct same exercises for changes in immigrant allocations
  - ▶ Consider three immigrant groups: HSD-, HSG & SMC, COL+

	(1a)	(2a)	(3a)	(1b)	(2b)	(3b)	(1c)	(2c)	(3c)
		Low Ed			Med Ed			High Ed	
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{I}$	.3345	.6316	.1753	2132	3846	26	8253***	-1.391***	9635***
	(.2889)	(.6106)	(.3309)	(.1937)	(.3099)	(.1934)	(.1717)	(.265)	(.1971)
$\beta_N^I$	-1.425***	-2.036**	-1.379***	8943***	-1.203***	8488***	4716***	6842**	3991**
	(.3988)	(.8431)	(.379)	(.2317)	(.3529)	(.134)	(.1736)	(.2895)	(.1814)
Obs	5042	5042	5042	13043	13043	13043	6551	6551	6551
R-sq	.798	.797	.799	.729	.728	.73	.658	.649	.662
Wald Test: P-values	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		863.39			185.66			128.32	

Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Significance levels: \* 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\* 1%. For the Wald test, the null hypothesis is  $\beta' + \beta'_N = 0$ .

• Results strongly consistent with theory

## Robustness: Drop top 5 immigrant-receiving CZs

• Drop 5 largest immigrant-receiving CZs:

- LA/Riverside/Santa Ana
- New York
- Miami
- Washington DC
- Houston

	(1)	(2) Low Ed	(3)	(1)	(2) High Ed	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.0881 (.0534)	.0406 (.0895)	.0274 (.0739)	.0084 (.0431)	0544 (.0722)	0508 (.0597)
$\beta_N^D$	2722*** (.0854)	3577*** (.0779)	3422*** (.0934)	1791** (.0874)	2222* (.1295)	1961 (.1182)
Obs R-sq	33473 .827	33473 .827	33473 .827	26405 .687	26405 .687	26405 .687
Wald Test: P-values	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.01
F-stat (first stage)		26.98			35.39	

## Robustness: Terminal year (1980-2007)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	Low Ed 2SLS	RF	OLS	High Ed 2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.081 (.0797)	0404 (.1525)	0495 (.1059)	0341 (.0436)	0967 (.0665)	1033 (.0764)
$\beta_N^D$	4851*** (.0858)	4517** (.1895)	3543* (.1915)	3301*** (.0988)	3677*** (.1152)	3093*** (.086)
Obs R-sq	31596 .789	31596 .789	31596 .788	23215 .649	23215 .648	23215 .649
Wald Test: P-values	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		134.76			73.53	

## Robustness: Start year (1990-2012)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2) High Ed	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^D$	.1875** (.0895)	.1396 (.1035)	.1908** (.0768)	0481 (.0892)	2219* (.1316)	146 (.1187)
$\beta_N^D$	2702** (.1148)	.0145 (.3739)	0068 (.2308)	216** (.1053)	3388*** (.1311)	3051*** (.1118)
Obs R-sq	33957 .776	33957 .776	33957 .776	28089 .601	28089 .6	28089 .602
Wald Test: P-values	0.25	0.60	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		55.35			47.28	

## Robustness: Start and end year (1980-1990)

	(1)	(2) Low Ed	(3)	(1)	(2) High Ed	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	4114	6615**	6405*	.1181	.2368	.1606
	(.2516)	(.2967)	(.3423)	(.1631)	(.2585)	(.2353)
$\beta_N^D$	6394***	4463*	7786***	714***	6448	5311
	(.1987)	(.2471)	(.2374)	(.2642)	(.4431)	(.4478)
Obs	33861	33861	33861	26605	26605	26605
R-sq	.674	.674	.674	.514	.514	.513
Wald Test: P-values	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.20

# Robustness: tradability cutoff (23 T and 23 NT)

Include the top 23 most tradable (and least tradable) occupations, dropping 4 middle occupations

	(1)	(2) Low Ed	(3)	(1)	(2) High Ed	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^D$	.1824*** (.0594)	.0745 (.0888)	.0599 (.0663)	.1063** (.0521)	.043 (.0897)	.05 (.0901)
$\beta_N^D$	3914*** (.0846)	401*** (.0917)	3439*** (.0828)	3921*** (.1092)	4523*** (.1384)	4008*** (.1256)
Obs R-sq	30835 .831	30835 .831	30835 .831	24038 .697	24038 .696	24038 .697
Wald Test: P-values	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		112.65			71.65	

# Robustness: tradability cutoff (21 T and 21 NT)

Include the top 21 most tradable (and least tradable) occupations, dropping 8 middle occupations

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	Low Ed 2SLS	RF	OLS	High Ed 2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.2383*** (.0585)	.1571* (.0849)	.1177* (.0673)	.0866* (.0511)	.0332 (.0869)	.0436 (.0868)
$\beta_N^D$	4393*** (.0958)	4809*** (.0948)	3941*** (.0874)	3964*** (.1096)	4863*** (.1317)	4239*** (.1171)
Obs R-sq	28035 .827	28035 .827	28035 .827	21262 .692	21262 .691	21262 .692
Wald Test: P-values	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		105.66			63.63	

# Robustness: tradability cutoff (30 T and 20 NT)

### Separate 50 occupations into 30 tradable and 20 non-tradable occupations

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	Aigh Ed 2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.0353 (.0508)	0846 (.0846)	0407 (.0571)	0114 (.0308)	0683 (.0551)	0617 (.0488)
$\beta_N^D$	2262*** (.0727)	2515*** (.0813)	2448*** (.0752)	3026*** (.0928)	382*** (.1155)	3042*** (.0934)
Obs R-sq	33723 .832	33723 .832	33723 .832	26644 .7	26644 .7	26644 .7
Wald Test: P-values	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		99.52			53.11	

# Robustness: tradability cutoff (20 T and 30 NT)

### Separate 50 occupations into 20 tradable and 30 non-tradable occupations

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.232*** (.0585)	.1484* (.0844)	.1156* (.067)	.0867 (.0574)	.0267 (.0943)	.0454 (.0919)
$\beta_N^D$	3931*** (.084)	2963*** (.083)	2335*** (.0735)	3181*** (.0936)	3521*** (.1186)	3248*** (.1151)
Obs R-sq	33723 .84	33723 .84	33723 .839	26644 .698	26644 .698	26644 .699
Wald Test: P-values	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		117.27			58.42	

## Robustness: Drop routine-intensive occupations

Drop workers employed in the most routine-intensive occupations ( $\geq$  75th percentile)

	(1)	(2) Low Ed	(3)	(1)	(2) High Ed	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.0826* (.0442)	.1375** (.0655)	.11 (.0672)	0517 (.036)	0746 (.0614)	0517 (.057)
$\beta_N^D$	3045*** (.0972)	4347*** (.0831)	3592*** (.0643)	2212** (.0921)	3263** (.1284)	2901** (.1146)
Obs	32997	32997	32997	24693	24693	24693
R-sq	.822	.822	.822	.706	.706	.707
Wald Test: P-values	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		80.33			73.75	

# Robustness: Drop communication-intensive occupations

Drop workers employed in the most communication-intensive occupations ( $\geq$  75th percentile)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2) Histh Ed	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.1124* (.0661)	0476 (.1156)	0256 (.0821)	0146 (.0541)	1364 (.0875)	116 (.0852)
$\beta_N^D$	2963*** (.074)	2111* (.1154)	1997* (.1032)	2343*** (.079)	3417*** (.1205)	2778*** (.0996)
Obs R-sq	31172 .839	31172 .838	31172 .839	22972 .672	22972 .671	22972 .672
Wald Test: P-values	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		84.84			183.2	

# Robustness: Using $S_{-reo}^{l}$ instead of $S_{reo}^{l}$

### Use the national immigrant cost share of occupation o

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.089* (.0492)	1.154* (.6034)	.6561* (.3382)	.0223 (.036)	.2168 (.3651)	.0711 (.2351)
$\beta_N^D$	3034*** (.0615)	-1.817*** (.5879)	-1.163*** (.4443)	3088*** (.0973)	-2.565*** (.4197)	-2.064*** (.5177)
Obs R-sq	33723 .836	33723 .822	33723 .836	26644 .699	26644 .623	26644 .701
Wald Test: P-values	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		8.88			16.27	

# Robustness: Averaging 1970 and 1980 for $S_{reo}^{I}$

Use the average values in 1970 and 1980 to calculate immigrant share of labor payment,  $S^{\rm I}_{\rm reo}$ 

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2) High Ed	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.089* (.0492)	0009 (.0931)	0049 (.058)	.0223 (.036)	0728 (.0718)	0375 (.0473)
$\beta_N^D$	3034*** (.0615)	3007*** (.1153)	2272*** (.0856)	3088*** (.0973)	5027*** (.1767)	2387** (.1038)
Obs R-sq	33723 .836	33723 .836	33723 .836	26644 .699	26644 .697	26644 .699
Wald Test: P-values	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-stat (first stage)		102.93			83.89	

- Categorize
  - (T) goods-producing industries: agriculture, mining and manufacturing
  - (N) service industries

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2) Histh Ed	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\beta^{D}$	.2441** (.1168)	.5744 (.4335)	.6119 (.4063)	.4303*** (.1313)	.5429 (.3904)	.5789** (.2888)
$\beta_N^D$	3473** (.1372)	4971 (.4113)	4842 (.3481)	7248*** (.1803)	9742** (.4814)	8986*** (.318)
Obs	22067	22067	22067	17202	17202	17202
R-sq	.827	.820	.828	.723	.723	.123
Wald Test: P-values	0.35	0.46	0.27	0.01	0.00	0.01
F-stat (first stage)		51.65			81.62	

## Robustness: Drop top 5 immigrant-receiving CZs

### • Drop 5 largest immigrant-receiving CZs:

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- New York
- Miami
- Washington DC
- Houston

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
γ	.2844***	.1696	.1388
	(.0736)	(.1053)	(.1016)
γΝ	2067**	1979**	1829**
	(.0881)	(.0969)	(.0931)
Obs	34642	34642	34642
R-sq	.895	.895	.895
Wald Test: P-values	0.14	0.58	0.35
F-stat (first stage)		36.98	

## Robustness: Terminal year (1980-2007)

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\gamma$	.4057***	.4454***	.328***
	(.0993)	(.1246)	(.0926)
$\gamma_N$	5488***	6431***	4809***
	(.2034)	(.1286)	(.0933)
Obs	33200	33200	33200
R-sq	.853	.853	.852
Wald Test: P-values	0.27	0.04	0.10
F-stat (first stage)		160.91	

Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Significance levels: \* 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\*1%. For the Wald test, the null hypothesis is  $\gamma + \gamma_N = 0$ .

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## Robustness: Start year (1990-2012)

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
γ	.5592***	.5133***	.7175***
	(.0818)	(.1302)	(.1192)
$\gamma_N$	4636***	2602*	5572***
	(.091)	(.1497)	(.0945)
Obs	35127	35127	35127
R-sq	.869	.869	.87
Wald Test: P-values	0.08	0.17	0.02
F-stat (first stage)		67.81	

Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Significance levels: \* 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\*1%. For the Wald test, the null hypothesis is  $\gamma$  +  $\gamma_{\textit{N}}$  = 0.

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## Robustness: tradability cutoff (23 T and 23 NT)

Include the top 23 most tradable (and least tradable) occupations, dropping 4 middle occupations

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
γ	.5961***	.6624***	.4943***
	(.1253)	(.1468)	(.1068)
$\gamma_N$	5629***	7093***	5223***
	(.1321)	(.1357)	(.0855)
Obs	32004	32004	32004
R-sq	.897	.896	.896
Wald Test: P-values	0.45	0.61	0.70
F-stat (first stage)		134.40	



## Robustness: tradability cutoff (21 T and 21 NT)

Include the top 21 most tradable (and least tradable) occupations, dropping 8 middle occupations

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\gamma$	.5898***	.6554***	.5115***
	(.1276)	(.1563)	(.1109)
$\gamma_N$	5533***	6957***	5321***
	(.1332)	(.1316)	(.0843)
Obs	29122	29122	29122
R-sq	.893	.893	.892
Wald Test: P-values	0.41	0.65	0.77
F-stat (first stage)		150.63	



## Robustness: tradability cutoff (30 T and 20 NT)

#### Separate 50 occupations into 30 tradable and 20 non-tradable occupations

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
γ	.349***	.2964*	.2742**
	(.1037)	(.1515)	(.1265)
γΝ	3232***	3465***	3023***
	(.0926)	(.0822)	(.0676)
Obs	34892	34892	34892
R-sq	.895	.895	.895
Wald Test: P-values	0.52	0.59	0.70
F-stat (first stage)		153.04	



## Robustness: tradability cutoff (20 T and 30 NT)

#### Separate 50 occupations into 20 tradable and 30 non-tradable occupations

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\gamma$	.6055***	.6847***	.5256***
	(.1317)	(.162)	(.1139)
$\gamma_N$	5629***	6817***	5043***
	(.1244)	(.122)	(.0863)
Obs	34892	34892	34892
R-sq	.902	.901	.901
Wald Test: P-values	0.31	0.97	0.75
F-stat (first stage)		98.59	



## Robustness: Drop routine-intensive occupations

### Drop workers in the most routine-intensive occupations ( $\geq$ 75th percentile)

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
γ	.3282**	.3854*	.3458**
	(.1341)	(.2166)	(.1755)
$\gamma_N$	2904**	4286**	3768***
	(.1382)	(.1756)	(.1256)
Obs	33817	33817	33817
R-sq	.89	.89	.891
Wald Test: P-values	0.46	0.69	0.70
F-stat (first stage)		97.61	

Standard errors clustered by state in parentheses. Significance levels: \* 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\*1%. For the Wald test, the null hypothesis is  $\gamma + \gamma_N = 0$ .

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## Robustness: Drop communication-intensive occupations

Drop workers in the most communication-intensive occupations ( $\geq$  75th percentile)

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
γ	.4441***	.4082**	.3781***
	(.119)	(.168)	(.1347)
$\gamma_N$	3639***	3259**	3107**
	(.126)	(.1601)	(.1275)
Obs	31974	31974	31974
R-sq	.883	.883	.882
Wald Test: P-values	0.12	0.33	0.25
F-stat (first stage)		108.96	

# Robustness: Using $S_{-reo}^{l}$ instead of $S_{reo}^{l}$

Use the national immigrant cost share of occupation o

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
γ	.3918***	2.299***	1.081**
	(.1147)	(.4259)	(.4653)
$\gamma_N$	3512***	-2.296***	-1.275***
	(.1157)	(.441)	(.4854)
Obs	34892	34892	34892
R-sq	.897	.863	.896
Wald Test: P-values	0.38	0.99	0.34
F-stat (first stage)		9.34	



# Robustness: Averaging 1970 and 1980 for $S_{reo}^{I}$

Use the average values in 1970 and 1980 to calculate immigrant share of labor payment,  $S^{I}_{\it reo}$ 

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
γ	.3918***	.592**	.3582**
	(.1147)	(.2319)	(.1541)
$\gamma_N$	3512***	6301***	3794***
	(.1157)	(.2223)	(.1392)
Obs	34892	34892	34892
R-sq	.897	.897	.897
Wald Test: P-values	0.38	0.62	0.70
F-stat (first stage)		141.15	

- Categorize
  - (T) goods-producing industries: agriculture, mining and manufacturing
  - (N) service industries

	(1) OLS	(2) 2SLS	(3) RF
$\gamma$	.4437*** (.1661)	.9535** (.4569)	.7295** (.3101)
$\gamma_N$	4743*** (.1803)	8382* (.5033)	5719* (.3148)
Obs	22014	22014	22014
R-sq	.838	.836	.839
Wald Test: P-values	0.80	0.35	0.16
F-stat (first stage)		61.31	

Wage regression

• Model has predictions for changes in occupation wages. Empirical version:

$$w_{ro}^{D} = \alpha_{rg}^{D} + \alpha_{o}^{D} + \chi^{D} x_{ro} + \chi_{N}^{D} \mathbb{I}_{o} \left( N \right) x_{ro} + \iota_{ro}^{D}$$

- Estimated using model-generated data, we obtain  $\chi^D=0$  and  $\chi^D+\chi^D_{\rm N}=-0.15$
- roughly equal to  $\beta^D/(\theta+1)$  and  $\beta^D_N/(\theta+1)$
- Unfortunately do not observe  $w_{ro}^D$  because of selection
- However, we do observe  $wage_{re}^{D}$ , which to a first-order approximation is

$$wage_{re}^{D} = \sum w_{ro}^{D} \pi_{reo}^{D}$$

• Combining the two equations and estimating using model-generated data, we obtain  $\chi^D=0.01$  and  $\chi^D+\chi^D_{\it N}=-0.18$ 

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	OLS	2SLS	RF
$\chi^{D}$	.602***	.8986***	.9678***
	(.1101)	(.139)	(.1617)
$\chi^D_N$	8265***	-1.629***	-1.691***
	(.1535)	(.1779)	(.2439)
Obs	1444	1444	1444
R-sq	.979	.976	.979
Wald Test: P-values	0.00	0.00	0.00

Significance levels: \* 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\*1%. For the Wald test, the null hypothesis is  $\chi^D$  +  $\chi^D_N$  = 0.

- Consistent with allocation results, exposure to immigration
  - in *N* decreases average wage  $(\chi^D + \chi^D_N < 0)$
  - ▶ in *N* decreases average wage more than in *T* ( $\chi^D_N < 0$ )
- Distinct from allocation results, exposure to immigration
  - in T increases average wage ( $\chi^D > 0$ )
- Differential adjustment btw tradable and non-tradable to immigration shocks
  - ► Dustmann & Glitz, 2015; Hong & McLaren, 2016; Peters, 2017
- While encompassing such between-sector impacts, we allow for differences in occupational adjustment *within* tradables when compared to *within* nontradables
- Testing "strong" Rybczynski (FPI, fixed factor intensity, magnification)
  - Evidence against Rybczynski: Hanson & Slaughter, 2002; Gandal et al., 2004; Card & Lewis, 2007; Dustmann & Glitz, 2015
- Test new predictions for *differential* adjustment across more to less price-sensitive industries/occupations, resuscitating "relaxed" Rybczynski logic
- Our findings consistent with price response to immigration evidence in Cortes, 2008, and rationalizes industry differences in literature
- Trade + native adjustment to immigration: Ottaviano, Peri, & Wright, 2013
- We characterize strength of crowding in/out, show how they differ w/in tradable versus w/in nontradable occupations/industries

## Theoretical literature review

Closest theoretical relation (but not focusing on immigration):

- Rybczynski (1955):  $\uparrow$  in a factor's endowment  $\Rightarrow$  crowding in
- Grossman and Rossi-Hansberg (2008) and Acemoglu, Gancia and Zilibotti (2015): ↓ in offshoring costs ⇒ two effects closely related to the forces giving rise to crowding in and crowding out
- Acemoglu and Guerrieri (2008): provide a condition under which capital deepening ⇒ crowding in or crowding out

Related theory focusing on immigration:

- Peri and Sparber (2009): crowding out; reallocation margin of adjustment benefits natives
- Ottaviano, Peri and Wright (2013): implications of immigration and offshoring for native employment in partial-equilibrium model of one industry (no comparisons across industries)

## Relative to both literatures, we:

- generalize Rybczynski to many occupations, producer price ≠ import price, upward sloping labor supply curves, and heterogeneous tradability
- provide general conditions under which there is crowding in or out,
- show crowding out weaker in more tradable occupations
- and focus on changes in within-group wages