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| Abstract | <p>This paper uses the 2008 Chinese General Social Survey to investigate the wage dispersion and information ignorance across different groups (urban vs. rural areas and hukou, registered residence vs. non-hukou) in the Chinese labor markets. The empirical study shows that workers in private sector or without official labor contracts have a higher degree of information ignorance. It is also found that people working in their registered residential areas (both urban and rural) have a high degree of information ignorance. In addition, there exists a significant difference in information ignorance between urban workers with and without urban hukou. The results indicate that signing official labor contracts contributes positively to information acquisition. On the other hand, urban nonhukou people have to be devoted to harder job searches in order to get better wage returns than any other groups.</p> |
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