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## Migrant workers in the Brazilian formal labour market

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### Trabajadores migrantes en el mercado laboral formal brasileño

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**Abstract:**

In the last decade, Brazil has been experiencing a new cycle of international migration. The migrant population living in Brazil grew by 20% approximately, according to International Organization for Migration. The objective of this paper is to analyse the insertion of foreign workers in the Brazilian formal labour market, investigating returns to schooling of migrants compared with natives and the positive or negative discrimination that can exist in the formal job market. To perform the research of this paper, the Annual Report on Social Information database is used, analysing the period from 2010 to 2017. The methodology used to calculate the rate of return on education of native and foreign workers is based on Mincer's equation. Mincer's equation is estimated econometrically, in which the dependent variable, the log of wage or labour income, is regressed in years of schooling of the person and other controls. The return to education demonstrates a positive discrimination of international formal workers in Brazil and a convergence in return rates between native and immigrants: international return rate is approximately 37% in 2010 and approximately 20% in 2017, while native return rate remains constant during the period, approximately 15%.

**Keywords:** education; returns; immigration; Brazil; labour

**Resumo:**

Na última década, o Brasil viveu um novo ciclo de migração internacional. A população migrante residente no Brasil cresceu cerca de 20%, segundo a Organização Internacional para as Migrações. O objetivo deste artigo é analisar a inserção de trabalhadores estrangeiros no mercado de trabalho formal brasileiro, investigando os retornos à escolaridade dos migrantes em comparação com os nativos e a discriminação positiva ou negativa que pode existir no mercado formal de trabalho. Para a realização da pesquisa deste artigo, é utilizada a base de dados do Relatório Anual de Informações Sociais, que analisa o período de 2010 a 2017. A metodologia de cálculo da taxa de retorno da educação de trabalhadores nativos e estrangeiros é baseada na equação de Mincer. A equação de Mincer é estimada econometricamente, na qual a variável dependente, o log do salário ou renda do trabalho, é regredida nos anos de escolaridade da pessoa e outros controles. O retorno da educação demonstra uma discriminação positiva dos trabalhadores formais estrangeiros no Brasil e uma convergência nas taxas de retorno entre nativos e imigrantes: a taxa de retorno internacional é de aproximadamente 37% em 2010 e cerca de 20% em 2017, enquanto a taxa de retorno dos nativos permanece constante no período, aproximadamente 15%.

**Palavras-chave:** educação; retornos; imigração; Brasil; trabalho

**Resumen:**

En la última década, Brasil ha experimentado un nuevo ciclo de migración internacional. La población migrante que reside en Brasil ha crecido de un 20% aproximadamente, según la Organización Internacional para las Migraciones. El objetivo de este artículo es analizar la inserción de los trabajadores extranjeros en el mercado laboral formal brasileño, investigando los retornos a la educación de los migrantes en comparación con los nativos y la discriminación positiva o negativa que puede existir en el mercado laboral formal. Para realizar la investigación de este artículo se utiliza la base de datos del Informe Anual de Información Social, que analiza el período de 2010 a 2017. La metodología para calcular la tasa de retorno de la educación de los trabajadores nativos y extranjeros se basa en la ecuación de Mincer. La ecuación de Mincer se estima económicamente, en la cual la variable dependiente, el logaritmo de los salarios o ingresos del trabajo, se retrocede en los años de

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escolaridad de la persona y otros controles. El retorno a la educación muestra una discriminación positiva contra los trabajadores extranjeros formales en Brasil y una convergencia en las tasas de retorno entre nativos e inmigrantes: la tasa de retorno internacional es aproximadamente del 37% en 2010 y alrededor del 20% en 2017, mientras que la tasa de retorno de los nativos se mantiene constante en el período, aproximadamente un 15%.

**Palabras clave:** educación; retornos; inmigración; Brasil; trabajo

## Introduction

In the last decade, Brazil has been experiencing a new cycle of international migration: between 2010 and 2015, the migrant population living in Brazil grew by 20% approximately, according to International Organization for Migration (IOM, 2018).

Immigration has always been a constant throughout the country's short history, but the reasons explaining this phenomenon are different in each historical period. In the eighteenth century, for example, Latin America, as a whole, received intense migratory flows, especially from European colonists and enslaved Africans. Already in the nineteenth century, the region attracted a new migration flow originated from the political and social crises that plagued Europe. During the twentieth century, a new wave of immigrants arrived in Latin America after World War II (Patarra, 1996).

Today, globalization has had a heavy weight in people's decision to choose a destination country.

According to Martine (2005), the migrant's horizon is less restricted to the nearest city or state capital of the country of origin. Its horizon is the world - glimpsed in the movies, on television, in communication networks with relatives and friends.

Along with this greater Brazilian visibility around the planet, another factor stands out: the international economic crisis of 2008. The crisis has had two consequences: it kept unemployment rate high for some years in Europe and US, leaving these countries less attractive for migrants, and it rose the distrust of the natives against immigrants, causing tougher migration policies, which restrict foreign entry (Bogus, Fabiano, 2015).

Finally, Brazil has become a country of destiny of two south-south migratory flows: Haitians, between 2010 and 2016, escaping from their country after the catastrophic earthquake of 2010, and Venezuelans, fleeing, starting from 2017, from economic crisis in their country.

Considering these premises, the objective of this paper is to analyse the insertion of foreign workers in the Brazilian formal labour market, investigating, in

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particular, returns to school of migrants compared with natives and the possible, positive or negative, discrimination that can exist in the formal job market.

The paper is divided into six sections, including this introduction: in the second section, international and national literature review about immigration is presented; in the third section, data and methodology used are showed; in the fourth section, foreign workers are compared with native workers in terms of personal background characteristics; in the fifth section, results of returns to school of migrants compared with natives are exhibited; and finally, the last section concludes the paper.

## Literature review

The literature studying international migration identifies that immigrants arriving at various host countries are not randomly selected from the populations of source countries. The human capital theory suggests that these individuals are self-selected as they respond to earnings gaps between the source country and the host country.

Besharov, Lopez and Siegel (2013) present some highlights on this discussion. The authors report on some key patterns that characterize current migratory flows. Regarding the motivations, the migration destined to the developed countries has as main factor the increase of income, being that approximately 70% of the flow refers to the economic migrant. South-south migration is also economically motivated, but to a lesser extent, only 30% of the total number of migrants.

Van Tubergen, Maas and Flap (2004) identify that the origin and destiny of the immigrant affects his or her labour market insertion. Where different groups of immigrants are analysed with similar destinations, it is observed that, after controlling for the characteristics of individuals and the place of destination, the origins of the immigrant are fundamental to determine labour market insertion. In other words, some immigrant groups are at an advantage and others at a disadvantage, depending on the group of origin, keeping everything else constant.

Migration control is widely used as a labour policy in Brazil. According to Vilela and Sampaio (2015), when analysing residence permits for foreigners in Brazil from 2005 to 2011, certain selectivity and restrictiveness are inferred, given the predominance of authorizations for professional and highly skilled men and investors from different countries, generally more developed (North American, European and

Asian). In an aligned way, but analysing the inverse phenomenon, about the entry of undocumented, Araujo, Filartigas and Carvalho (2015) describe the hard-working conditions of Bolivian immigrants in Brazil.

Vilela (2011), in her study on Brazil, finds that, in general, international immigrants tend to benefit from the same conditions as Brazilians. The benefits are higher for Argentines, Chinese and Koreans, followed to a lesser extent by Chileans. This is as much about income as it is about class positions. Bolivians, Paraguayans, Peruvians, and Uruguayans tend to be in similar or better occupational positions than Brazilians. However, they have a disadvantage in terms of salaries.

The methodology of estimating returns to education using the Mincer equation is widely used in Brazil. For example, we can cite Loureiro, Galrão (2001), Ueda, Hoffmann (2002), Sachsida et al. (2004) and Resende, Wyllie (2006). In general, these authors report rates of return between 10% and 20%, being higher in the city than in the rural environment. This range of variation for the Mincer return to education has been robust across different databases, periods and methodologies. More recently, Barbosa Filho and Pessôa (2013) calculated the return of education using the Mincer method using data from the National Household Sample Survey (PNAD) for the years 2002 to 2009. Estimates were made by controlling the fact that the worker is male, white, working in the public sector, being formal, being unionized, and having working experience. The results suggest that each year of education in Brazil is associated with an average rise in wages between 19% and 21%.

However, in the literature, there is no specific study of the return to education of migrants in Brazil; this will be a novel contribution of the research at hand.

## Data e methodology

To perform the research of this paper, the Annual Report on Social Information database is used, analysing the period from 2010 to 2017. The Annual Report on Social Information (RAIS) is a socio-economic information report requested by the Brazilian Ministry of Labour and Employment to legal entities and other employers annually, consequently its database include the population of formal workers in Brazil.

The studied population was people employed in the formal market, that is, individuals who had employment with regular employment contract and guarantees of social protection.

The following table 1 presents data about RAIS database for each in the period 2010-2017 and, therefore, the numbers of formal workers population. Moreover, the table 1 divides the total number of workers into two groups: Brazilian workers and foreign workers. According to these numbers, the foreign workers are a small part of total workers: the percentages indicate that this group represent between 0,13% and 0,31% of total formal workers in the country.

**Table 1 Number of formal workers**

Year	Brazilian Workers	Foreign Workers	Total
2010	66.658.501 (99,87)	88.801 (0,13)	66.747.302
2011	66.187.689 (99,85)	95.728 (0,15)	66.283.417
2012	73.205.403 (99,83)	121.082 (0,17)	73.326.485
2013	75.246.638 (99,80)	153.872 (0,20)	75.400.510
2014	75.903.873 (99,73)	203.406 (0,27)	76.107.279
2015	71.951.950 (99,69)	223.152 (0,31)	72.175.102
2016	66.936.250 (99,69)	208.348 (0,31)	67.144.598
2017	65.461.736 (99,70)	194.146 (0,30)	65.655.882
	561.552.040		
Total	(99,77)	1.288.535 (0,23)	562.840.575

Note: In brackets, percentage of each group on the total.

Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

The most widely used way in the literature to measure returns on education is to estimate the impact of years of education on salary. This measure of the rate of return on education is based on the estimated coefficient for education in Mincer's regressions. An equation is estimated econometrically in which the dependent variable, the log of wage or labour income, is regressed in years of schooling of the person and other controls.

The estimation of the return of Mincer's equation is most easily understood from Equation 1 below. In it, the years of schooling affect the salaries paid. The following control variables are added to the equation: gender, race, experience, squared experience, whether he is a public or private sector worker and weekly hours worked (in appendices, Table A1 shows control variables and their characteristics).

$$\ln w_i (h) = \alpha_0 + \beta h_i + \sum_{l=1}^L \gamma_l controls_{l,i} + \varepsilon_i \quad (1)$$

In this equation,  $w_i$  is the wage of the  $i$ th worker,  $h_i$  represents the years of schooling,  $\beta$  is the return associated with the years of study, and the coefficient  $\gamma_i$  is the impact on the wages of the controls used in the regression. It follows from equation 1 that:

$$\frac{w(h) - w(h-1)}{w(h-1)} = \ln \frac{w(h)}{w(h-1)} = \ln w(h) - \ln w(h-1) = \beta \quad (2)$$

That is,  $\beta$  is the percentage gain in salary that results in an increase in education (Barbosa Filho and Pessôa, 2013).

### Personal Background Characteristics

The first characteristic that can be considered is relative to gender. In this case, table 2 compares the situation of Brazilian and foreign workers according to gender. In both groups, men are more present than women in the period considered, but in the case of migrant workers is more accentuate. Moreover, considering the changes with the passing of time, female participation in formal job market is increasing in the case of Brazilian workers, while is decreasing in the case of foreign workers in the period 2010-2017. According to De Maria and Moretto (2018), what may explain the increase in male participation among foreigners is the entry of Haitians starting from 2011 - a flow mostly composed by men.

This is in line with the Brazilian literature on immigration. Vilela, Sampaio (2015), considering foreign entry permits in Brazil between 2005 and 2011, noted that almost all permits are for men, representing 90.6% of all permits in the analysed period, while women correspond to only 9.4%.

**Table 2. Percentage of formal workers according to gender**

Year	Brazilian Workers		Foreign Workers	
	Male (%)	Female (%)	Male (%)	Female (%)
2010	60,15	39,85	68,36	31,64
2011	59,89	40,11	68,97	31,03
2012	59,01	40,99	70,34	29,66
2013	58,51	41,49	72,40	27,60
2014	58,00	42,00	73,89	26,11
2015	57,47	42,53	73,99	26,01

2016	57,09	42,91	72,87	27,13
2017	56,69	43,31	71,47	28,53

Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

Moving to another characteristic, table 3 evidences the average age of formal workers distinguishing between native and foreign workers. At the beginning of our analysis, the difference between the two groups is relevant: foreign workers are approximately 9 years older than Brazilian workers. However, it can be noted that it exists a convergence between the two types of workers in the last years of analysis: on one side, Brazilian workers increased the average age by approximately 2 years, on the other side, foreign workers decreased their age by approximately 6 years.

**Table 3. Average age of formal workers**

Year	Brazilian Workers	Foreign Workers
2010	34,40	43,78
2011	34,39	42,70
2012	34,63	41,15
2013	34,84	39,28
2014	35,11	37,67
2015	35,73	37,37
2016	36,36	37,68
2017	36,69	37,88

Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

Convergence occurs also in the case of average monthly salary (table 4). At the beginning of this analysis, year 2010, foreign workers earned, on average, a salary nearly four times Brazilian workers salary. In 2017, the last year of this analysis, foreigners earned, on average, a double monthly salary compared with Brazilians.

**Table 4. Average monthly salary in real terms (currency: Brazilian Real)**

Year	Brazilian Workers	Foreign Workers
2010	1422,00	5799,00
2011	1452,58	5639,44
2012	1503,87	5353,61
2013	1553,15	4781,77
2014	1574,53	3965,47
2015	1557,89	3512,01
2016	1596,87	3458,11

2017	1653,83	3421,42
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Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

Note: Nominal values deflated using GDP deflator. Reference year is 2010.

Data from table 4 demonstrate a possible positive discrimination of migrant workers, which is fading as the years go by.

Besides positive discrimination, another factor that certainly affects the average salary is the level of education. Table 5 shows the percentage of Brazilian and foreign workers in each level of education. It can be noted that migrant workers are more concentrated in the higher levels of education compared with natives. 73,47% of migrant workers have completed at least secondary education against 66,33% of native workers; especially, foreigners have a percentage of graduated workers twice larger than Brazilians.

**Table 5. Percentage of workers according to level of education (2010 – 2017)**

<b>Level of education</b>	<b>Brazilian workers (%)</b>	<b>Foreign workers (%)</b>
Illiterate	0,40	0,86
Up to 5 years	3,27	2,51
From 5 to 9 years	10,37	7,54
Primary completed	11,56	9,94
Secondary incomplete	8,07	5,70
Secondary completed	46,36	33,11
Tertiary incomplete	3,82	3,18
Graduated	15,60	34,25
Master's degree	0,42	1,52
Doctorate degree –		
PhD	0,13	1,41

Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

Finally, the last characteristic of workers is nationality. Amongst total number of workers with active formal employment less than 1% is foreign in the period considered; of these, approximately 37% were Latin American and Caribbean in 2010, and the participation of this group increased until 2017, when almost 59% of all foreigners came from Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Table 6. First five nationalities according to number of workers and percentage on total foreign workers**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
<b>2010 Nationality</b>	Portuguese	Argentinian	Chilean	Bolivian	Uruguayan

		Number of workers				
		%				
2011	Nationality	Portuguese	Argentinian	Others LA	Bolivian	Chilean
	Number of workers	11.262	8.004	7.209	6.996	6.696
	%	11,76	8,36	7,53	7,31	6,99
2012	Nationality	Portuguese	Argentinian	Bolivian	Paraguayan	Others LA
	Number of workers	12.814	9.489	9.096	7.720	7.567
	%	10,58	7,84	7,51	6,38	6,25
2013	Nationality	Haitian	Portuguese	Bolivian	Argentinian	Paraguayan
	Number of workers	20.742	13.989	11.313	10.651	9.812
	%	13,48	9,09	7,35	6,92	6,38
2014	Nationality	Haitian	Portuguese	Bolivian	Argentinian	Paraguayan
	Number of workers	43.832	14.637	12.860	12.383	11.896
	%	21,55	7,20	6,32	6,09	5,85
2015	Nationality	Haitian	Portuguese	Paraguayan	Argentinian	Bolivian
	Number of workers	59.523	14.236	12.985	12.588	11.986
	%	26,67	6,38	5,82	5,64	5,37
2016	Nationality	Haitian	Portuguese	Paraguayan	Argentinian	Bolivian
	Number of workers	55.703	12.613	12.600	11.604	10.455
	%	26,74	6,05	6,05	5,57	5,02
2017	Nationality	Haitian	Paraguayan	Portuguese	Argentinian	Bolivian
	Number of workers	51.327	12.884	10.920	10.730	9.061
	%	26,44	6,64	5,62	5,53	4,67

Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

These figures are confirmed by table 6, which exhibits the first five nationality in each year according to number of workers and percentage on total foreign workers.

Data show that workers from Latin America and Caribbean countries are the largest group, followed by Portuguese workers, which in the period 2010-2012 were the nationality with the highest proportion. Starting from 2013 Haitians replaced Portuguese as the first nationality in terms of number of workers, reaching in 2016 a peak of 26,74% of total foreign workers.

This large presence of workers from Latin America and Caribbean countries is due to the geographical and cultural proximity of these countries to Brazil, but also

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to the opportunities that Brazilian job market offers to foreigners. For example, even though the working conditions of Bolivians in São Paulo are precarious, working in Brazil allows them to survive and send money to their families in Bolivia, a similar situation in other contexts - as in the case of Rizek et al. (2010), which compares Bolivian immigrants in São Paulo and Buenos Aires.

## Results

Table 7 exhibits the results of returns to education estimated using Mincer equation (equation 1 in section 3). The complete results, including estimated values of controls, can be observed in tables A2 e A3 in appendices.

**Table 7. Returns to education rates (%)**

Year	Brazilian Workers	Foreign Workers
2010	15,02	37,67
2011	15,18	38,03
2012	14,92	35,11
2013	14,89	29,85
2014	14,93	23,78
2015	15,61	21,73
2016	15,71	20,92
2017	16,15	20,57

Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

Note: returns with significance level of 1%.

According to table 7, the returns to education of Brazilian workers are constant in the period analysed. Returns to education of native workers remain in a range between approximately 14% and 16%. The same situation does not appear in the case of foreigners: at the beginning of this analysis (2010) the return was 37,67%, a percentage more than double compared with Brazilians; this percentage decreases each year reaching in 2017, 20,57%, close to Brazilian workers return.

This convergence between Brazilian and foreign workers was anticipated by table 4, in terms of average monthly salary. In conclusion, it exists a positive discrimination in job market in favour of immigrant workers.

Analysing controls variables (tables A2 e A3 in appendices), it can be evidenced that all variables confirm the expectations in both groups of workers: age raises the individual's earnings, but at decreasing rates; men, whites and public

servants earn more than women, black/*pardos* and private sector workers; more time in a job increases the individual's earnings, but at decreasing rates; weekly hours of work affect positively earnings.

However, some results can be highlighted: men have in both groups higher earnings than women, however this fact is more evident in the case of foreign workers. In the period 2010 – 2017, convergence happens between native and foreign workers in terms of return to gender characteristic: in 2007 in both groups, men earn approximately 25% more than women. Convergence is positive, but the general gender pay gap is high comparing with other countries. For example, average gender pay gap in 2008 was 14,8% in OECD countries (OECD, 2008).

The variable *white* has higher values in the case of foreign workers; moreover, in this group, the percentage is rising over the period, passing approximately from 23% in 2010 to 32% in 2017. Probable explanations to this result are the increase of arrivals of Haitian over the period analysed and the possible discrimination of natives against these workers. Costa de Sá, Silva (2016) explain that the biggest problems faced by Haitians in Brazil are racial discrimination, the difficulty of communication with Brazilians and the economic marginalization they face, residing in peripheral areas and in some cases acting below the qualifications they bring from Haiti.

The same situation can be verified when variable *public* is examined: foreign public sector servants have a higher salary than Brazilian public sector servants, additionally the percentage increased over the period, roughly from 26% in 2010 to 50% in 2017.

To expand the analysis of this paper, returns to education have been calculated specifically for Haitians, which are the main subgroup inside foreign workers group from 2013 onwards (table 6). According to table 8, Haitians workers appear to stay in a situation completely different from the whole group of foreigners: in this case, returns to education are negative and, most of times, statistically insignificant along the period considered. Educational level of Haitian workers is extremely lower compared with the whole group of foreigners and with Brazilians. The percentage of Haitian workers with tertiary education is on average 1,73%, while this percentage is 16,15% for Brazilian workers and 37,18% for foreign workers. This fact may be a possible explanation of negative discrimination against Haitians: being, most of times, workers

with a low level of education, Haitians are considered generally low skilled workers even in the case of skilled individuals.

**Table 8. Returns to education rates of Haitian workers (%)**

Year	Returns to education rates
2010	n. a.
2011	-0,58
2012	-0,48**
2013	0,13
2014	-0,10
2015	-0,51***
2016	-0,17*
2017	-0,35***

Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

Note: significance levels: \* 10%; \*\* 5%; \*\*\* 1%.

Even considering all variables in the regression (table A4 in appendices), it can be noted a difference in terms of statistical significance with regression considering the whole group of foreigners. In the case of Haitian workers, the variable *white* and *public* appear, most of years, statistically insignificant: in both cases, the result is due to the low percentages of Haitian workers that are white (on average 9,15% in 2010-2017) and public servant (on average 0,17% in 2010-2017).

### ***Implications for public policy formulation***

The results of this paper demonstrate that the return of education for foreign workers is greater than for Brazilians in the formal job market. In general, foreign workers have a higher level of education and obtain higher wages than locals at the same level of education.

However, the paper considers only part of the reality of the Brazilian labour market. Due to the large number of immigrants wishing to enter the labour market, other foreign workers are subject to more precarious working conditions, especially in the case of undocumented workers, whose insertion will mostly take place in informal or illegal activities. We must emphasize that data on informality are more difficult to obtain accurately, especially in the latter case.

However, foreign workers are concentrated not only in precarious conditions, but also in highly qualified occupations, especially in transnational corporations (Domeniconi and Baeninger, 2016). Immigrant workers most of times occupy specific niche markets (with or without good quality). This is evident even in the formal job market: on one side, high qualified workers with elevated returns to education, on the other side, low qualified workers with bad returns, as the case of Haitians. To address these issues, the state needs to be more active in implementing public policies that consider the diversity and complexity of recent migratory flows to Brazil.

## Conclusions

The analysis of personal background characteristics highlighted some attributes of foreign workers.

Generally, men are more present than women in the period considered, but in the case of migrant workers this fact is more accentuate. Female participation in formal job market is increasing in the case of Brazilian workers, while is decreasing in the case of foreign workers in the period.

Foreign workers are older than Brazilian workers in formal job market; however, it can be noted that it exists a convergence between the two types of workers in the last years of analysis.

Convergence occurs also in the case of average monthly salary. At the beginning of this analysis, foreign workers earned, on average, a salary nearly four times Brazilian workers salary. In the last year of this analysis, foreigners earned, on average, a double monthly salary compared with Brazilians.

Foreign formal workers have also, on average, higher levels of education compared with native workers.

According to nationality, international formal workers are predominantly from other Latin American countries, evidencing south-south migratory flows, except for large presence of Portuguese immigrants. Starting from 2013, Haitian immigrants become the largest group of foreign formal workers, reaching more than 25% of total foreign formal workers.

The return to education demonstrates a positive discrimination of international formal workers in Brazil and a convergence in return rates between native and immigrants: international return rate is approximately 37% in 2010 and

approximately 20% in 2017, while native return rate remains constant during the period, approximately 15%.

Returns to education have been calculated specifically for Haitians, which are the main subgroup inside foreign workers group from 2013 onwards. Haitians workers appear to stay in a situation completely different from the whole group of foreigners: in this case, returns to education are negative and, most of times, statistically insignificant along the period considered.

Finally, the main restriction of this paper is related to the lack of data on informally employed workers. In this sense, this research analyses only those workers registered in the database of the Ministry of Labour and Employment. Thus, this analysis has no ability to make inferences about self-employed workers and those employed in companies with up to 10 employees - in the latter case, there is no obligation to provide data to RAIS.

## Appendices

**Table A1. Control variables**

Variable	Description	Observation
age	Age of individuals in years	
age2	Squared age of individuals in years	
Male	1 = male; 0 = female	
White	1 = white; 0 = black/ <i>pardo</i>	'1' includes East Asian '0' includes Amerindian
Experience	Time in the actual job in years	
experience2	Squared time in the actual job in years	
Public	1 = public employee; 0 = private employee	
Hours	Weekly hours of work	

Source: Own elaboration.

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**Table A2. Results for Brazilian workers**

Variable	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
education	0,150	0,152	0,150	0,149	0,149	0,156	0,157	0,161
age	0,048	0,049	0,047	0,048	0,048	0,049	0,049	0,048
age <sup>2</sup>				-	-	-	-	-
	-0,001	-0,001	-0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	-0,001
male	0,297	0,294	0,285	0,284	0,280	0,271	0,259	0,252
white	0,098	0,104	0,093	0,091	0,098	0,104	0,110	0,112
experience	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,003	0,003
experience <sup>2</sup>				-	-	-	-	-
	-0,001	-0,001	-0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001
public	0,136	0,134	0,141	0,136	0,156	0,165	0,161	0,162
hours	0,009	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,011	0,011	0,011	0,012

Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

Note: all coefficients with significance level of 1%.

**Table A3. Results for foreign workers**

Variable	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
education	0,377	0,380	0,351	0,298	0,238	0,217	0,209	0,206
age	0,079	0,078	0,079	0,083	0,078	0,075	0,074	0,071
age <sup>2</sup>				-	-	-	-	-
	-0,001	-0,001	-0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	-0,001
male	0,457	0,445	0,427	0,396	0,352	0,315	0,284	0,251
white	0,230	0,247	0,249	0,234	0,283	0,306	0,327	0,317
experience	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,005	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,006
experience <sup>2</sup>				-	-	-	-	-
	-0,001	-0,001	-0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001	-0,001
public	0,261	0,247	0,275	0,318	0,416	0,455	0,457	0,504
hours	0,031	0,030	0,028	0,026	0,022	0,019	0,018	0,017

Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

Note: all coefficients with significance level of 1%.

**Table A4. Results for Haitian workers**

Variable	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
education	n.a.	-0,006	-0,005**	0,002	-0,001	-0,005***	-0,002*	-0,003***
age	n.a.	0,006	0,012***	0,009***	0,012***	0,014***	0,012***	0,012***
age <sup>2</sup>	n.a.	-0,001	-0,001*	-0,001***	-0,001***	-0,001***	-0,001***	-0,001***
male	n.a.	0,097**	0,196***	0,183***	0,166***	0,148***	0,125***	0,108***
white	n.a.	-0,046*	0,098***	0,016	-0,005	-0,002	-0,015***	-0,021***
experience	n.a.	0,021***	0,004**	0,009***	0,007***	0,007***	0,003***	0,004***
experience <sup>2</sup>	n.a.	-0,001	0,001***	-0,001	0,001	0,001	0,001***	0,001***
public	n.a.	0,048	-0,078	0,167	0,143	-0,117***	-0,051	0,064
hours	n.a.	0,006	0,003	0,013***	0,014***	0,016***	0,012***	0,016***

Source: Own elaboration using RAIS data.

Note: significance levels: \* 10%; \*\* 5%; \*\*\* 1%.

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