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ABSTRACT

EU Eastern Enlargement elicited a rise in (temporary) labour market oriented immigration to Germany starting in May 2011. This paper quantifies the resulting labour market outcomes using administrative SIAB data (2005-2017). For this purpose, we classify EU immigrants into “new arrivals” and “stayers”, i.e. a (positively selected) subset of previous new arrivals who remain in the German labour market. This allows us to separately identify the short- and medium-run effects of recent EU immigration. We find a temporary negative wage effect among natives, particularly at the bottom of the wage distribution; and a permanent positive effect on native (full-time) employment.

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