

Migration in the Wake of Industrial Change: Evidence from Canadian Linked Employer-Employee Administrative Data

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Short Abstract

How do workers respond to industrial change? Migration is a potentially transformative response to shifting economic development, as individuals seek new employment in healthier labor markets or move to reduce housing costs. In this paper, we use unique administrative data to examine how workers move in response to industrial change over their life courses. Our analysis draws on the longitudinal Canadian Employer-Employee Dynamics Database, which holds the tax returns of individuals and firms, and the Records of Employment used to administratively document the detailed reason an individual separated from a job.