

# HIGHER SALARIES, MORE TEACHING, BETTER PERFORMANCE?

The effects of the introduction of the minimum  
salary for teachers in Brazil

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## Teacher salary of municipal school systems

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- Brazilian public education system: decentralized nature with organizational autonomy
- Municipal teachers' salaries as a decision of the municipality

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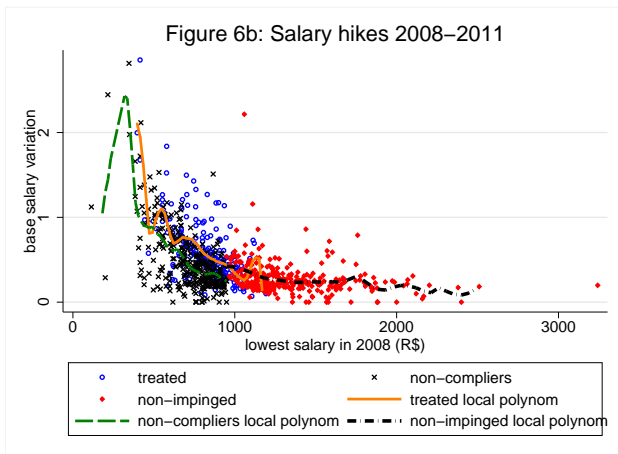
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Year	Economy minimum salary		National minimum base salary for teachers		Municipal teachers' base salary			Total Salaries (RAIS)								
								municipal teachers			private teachers' total salary			individuals with college diploma		
	RS	Var	RS	Var	Brazil	Treated	Untreated	Brazil	Treated	Untreated	Brazil	Treated	Untreated	Brazil	Treated	Untreated
2008	415.00				1,037.35	904.66	1,517.98	1,469.51	1,146.47	1,989.80	1,586.34	1,106.38	1,940.28	2,419.46	2,147.68	2,990.18
2009	465.00	12.0%	950.00													
2010	510.00	9.7%	1,024.67	7.9%												
2011	545.00	6.9%	1,187.14	15.9%												
2012	622.00	14.1%	1,450.75	22.2%												
2013	678.00	9.0%	1,567.00	8.0%	1,822.82	1,829.87	2,278.64	2,698.35	2,395.15	3,126.35	2,440.99	1,859.37	2,946.40	3,388.28	3,253.39	3,755.35
Variation (2008-2013)		63.4%		64.9%	75.7%	102.3%	50.1%	83.6%	108.9%	57.1%	53.9%	68.1%	51.9%	40.0%	51.5%	25.6%
Annual variation		10.3%		13.3%	11.9%	15.1%	8.5%	12.9%	15.9%	9.5%	9.0%	10.9%	8.7%	7.0%	8.7%	4.7%
Average inflation rate per year																5.7%



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## Figure: Aggregate municipal teachers proportion

**Table 1** Aggregate municipal teachers' proportions according to their status as stayers, droppers, entrants, fresh, former private teacher and College graduated

Teachers proportions	Year	T treated			Untreated			Diff-in-Dif
		mean	95% Conf. Interval		mean	95% Conf. Interval		
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	2008	79,7%	77,8%	81,5%	78,3%	76,5%	80,2%	
	Diff (p.p.)	3,3			4,1			
Droppers	2011	15,5%	14,2%	16,7%	16,8%	15,4%	18,2%	-1,1
	2008	16,7%	15,3%	18,1%	17,0%	15,3%	18,7%	
	Diff (p.p.)	-1,2			-0,2			
Entrants	2011	17,0%	15,6%	18,5%	17,6%	16,3%	18,8%	0,8
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Fresh	2011	5,6%	4,9%	6,3%	5,8%	5,0%	6,6%	1,3
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College graduated	2011	64,9%	61,8%	68,0%	76,7%	73,4%	80,0%	2,3
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- $\gamma$  captures the average effect of teachers' salary variation on pupils proficiency variation

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$$\hat{\gamma}_{DDD} = [(\bar{y}_{m_T, G_T, 1} - \bar{y}_{m_T, G_T, 0}) - (\bar{y}_{m_U, G_T, 1} - \bar{y}_{m_U, G_T, 0})] - [(\bar{y}_{m_T, G_U, 1} - \bar{y}_{m_T, G_U, 0}) - (\bar{y}_{m_U, G_U, 1} - \bar{y}_{m_U, G_U, 0})] \quad (3)$$

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test_2009_10	0.0125 (0.0110)	-0.0186* (0.0111)	-0.0149 (0.01000)	-0.0155 (0.00947)	-0.00397 (0.0100)	0.0179* (0.0107)	-0.0225 (0.0110)	0.0186* (0.0111)	0.0149 (0.01000)	-0.0101 (0.0111)	0.0230** (0.0117)	*0.0314*** (0.0105)	*0.00539*** (0.00176)	0.00116 (0.00187)	-0.00276 (0.00241)	-0.132*** (0.0256)	0.00744 (0.0171)	-0.0609*** (0.0176)	
Time	0.0284*** (0.0108)	0.0414 (0.0394)	0.781* (0.0470)	0.0142 (0.0105)	-0.0563* (0.0302)	-0.0488 (0.0470)	-0.0284*** (0.0108)	-0.0414 (0.0394)	-0.0781* (0.0470)	-0.127*** (0.00915)	-0.132*** (0.0363)	-0.212*** (0.0532)	-0.00360** (0.00179)	0.00591 (0.00590)	0.0312 (0.0127)	0.0407 (0.0271)	0.0401 (0.0522)	-0.0312 (0.103)	
Constant	0.783*** (0.00827)	1.028*** (0.216)	-0.632 (1.057)	0.175*** (0.00741)	0.0156 (0.170)	-0.752 (0.853)	0.217*** (0.00827)	-0.0283 (0.216)	1.632 (1.057)	0.213*** (0.00814)	0.194 (0.206)	1.989** (0.918)	0.0142*** (0.00139)	0.0221 (0.0342)	-0.235 (0.168)	0.647*** (0.0180)	0.766*** (0.282)	-0.0398 (1.300)	
Observations	1,530	1,191	521	1,530	1,191	521	1,530	1,191	1,530	1,191	521	1,530	1,191	521	1,530	1,191	521	1,191	521
R-squared	0.022	0.292	0.778	0.009	0.293	0.726	0.022	0.292	0.778	0.275	0.462	0.804	0.012	0.245	0.676	0.060	0.758	0.934	
Municipality characteristics		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES	
School's system characteristics		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES	
School Infrastructure		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES	
Pupils' characteristics		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES	
Weights			IPTW			IPTW			IPTW			IPTW			IPTW			IPTW	

Standard errors in parentheses

\*\*\*p<0.01, \*\*p<0.05, \*p<0.1



# Impact of salary increase on teachers' move

Figure: Aggregate municipal teachers move 2011

VARIABLES	(1) Stayers	(2) Stayers Full	(3) Stayers Full	(4) Exits	(5) Exits Full	(6) Exits Full	(7) Entrants	(8) Entrants Full	(9) Entrants Full	(10) Freshers	(11) Freshers Full	(12) Freshers Full	(13) Former private	(14) Former private Full	(15) Former private Full	(16) College graduated	(17) College graduated Full	(18) College graduated Full
ATT	-0.00795 (0.0177)	-0.00296 (0.0167)	-0.00379 (0.0170)	-0.0106 (0.0157)	-0.0108 (0.0152)	-0.0316** (0.0171)	0.00795 (0.0177)	0.00296 (0.0167)	0.00379 (0.0170)	0.0127 (0.0155)	-0.000578 (0.0140)	-0.00970 (0.0154)	0.00578** (0.00288)	0.00492 (0.00330)	0.00633 (0.00357)	0.0230 (0.0470)	-0.0160 (0.0256)	0.0170 (0.0288)
Treated	0.0132 (0.0135)	-0.0247* (0.0135)	-0.0232** (0.0107)	-0.00287 (0.0117)	0.0211* (0.0117)	0.0220** (0.0107)	-0.0132 (0.0135)	0.0247* (0.0135)	0.0232** (0.0107)	-0.0147 (0.0141)	0.0267* (0.0144)	0.0327*** (0.0109)	-0.00716*** (0.00206)	-0.00154 (0.00225)	-0.00440* (0.00243)	-0.141*** (0.0300)	-0.0208 (0.0205)	-0.0471** (0.0195)
Time	0.0409*** (0.0119)	0.0382 (0.0392)	0.103** (0.0493)	-0.00185 (0.0116)	-0.0270 (0.0349)	-0.102** (0.0517)	-0.0409*** (0.0119)	-0.0382 (0.0392)	-0.103** (0.0493)	-0.159*** (0.0108)	-0.127*** (0.0398)	-0.280*** (0.0497)	-0.00449*** (0.00215)	0.00223 (0.00885)	-0.00513 (0.0115)	0.111*** (0.0328)	0.137*** (0.0661)	0.0841 (0.0933)
Constant	0.783*** (0.00956)	-0.314 (0.437)	-0.650 (0.888)	0.170*** (0.00889)	1.703*** (0.547)	2.247** (1.119)	0.217*** (0.00956)	1.314*** (0.437)	1.650* (0.888)	0.216*** (0.00978)	1.479*** (0.481)	1.753* (0.925)	0.0151*** (0.00168)	-0.0996 (0.0993)	0.0139 (0.150)	0.657*** (0.0219)	2.557*** (0.713)	1.224 (1.225)
Observations	1,030	828	540	1,030	828	540	1,030	828	540	1,030	828	540	1,030	828	540	1,030	828	540
R-squared	0.026	0.385	0.733	0.004	0.388	0.713	0.026	0.385	0.733	0.341	0.551	0.802	0.018	0.319	0.644	0.114	0.751	0.930
Municipality characteristics		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES
School system characteristics		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES
School Infrastructure		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES
Pupils' characteristics		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES
Weights			IPTW			IPTW			IPTW			IPTW			IPTW			IPTW

Standard errors in parentheses

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# Results - Chapter 2

- impact of higher teachers' salary on pupils' performance

# Impact of salary increase on pupils' proficiency

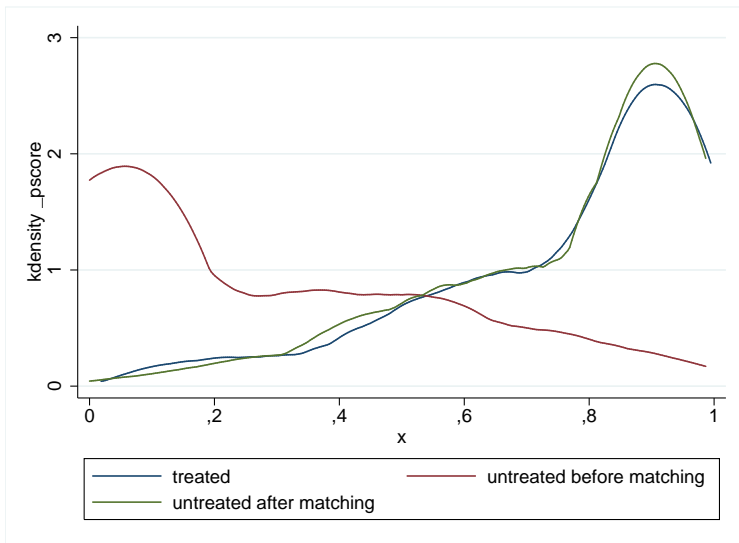
Figure: ATT and ITT for pupils' test scores 2009

Variables	ATT								ITT			
	Portuguese				Math				Portuguese		Math	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
ATT	-0.327 (2.102)	0.945 (3.827)	2.022 (1.657)	2.513 (2.291)	-2.636 (2.557)	-1.127 (4.662)	0.654 (2.118)	2.417 (2.763)	2.686* (1.446)	2.062 (2.100)	1.218 (1.905)	1.537 (2.572)
Treated	-14.08*** (1.486)	-14.65*** (2.264)	-0.569 (1.498)	1.199 (1.601)	-16.14*** (1.808)	-16.35*** (2.650)	0.649 (1.884)	2.131 (2.173)	-1.457 (1.173)	0.768 (1.467)	0.128 (1.455)	1.774 (1.873)
Time	9.445*** (1.337)	9.709*** (2.750)	8.896*** (1.260)	6.305*** (2.211)	12.94*** (1.627)	13.81*** (3.262)	12.70*** (1.643)	7.869*** (2.507)	8.373*** (1.210)	6.536*** (2.191)	11.81*** (1.593)	8.942*** (2.498)
Constant	178.4*** (0.945)	178.8*** (1.620)	107.5*** (17.59)	91.42*** (22.10)	197.9*** (1.150)	199.0*** (1.863)	92.05*** (22.48)	72.76*** (25.38)	102.4*** (16.49)	99.12*** (19.79)	89.70*** (22.41)	87.67*** (23.37)
Observations	944	872	872	800	944	872	872	800	1,144	910	1,144	910
R-squared	0.220	0.192	0.793	0.768	0.228	0.191	0.770	0.739	0.778	0.761	0.746	0.736
Sample weights		Yes	Yes	IPTW		Yes	Yes	IPTW	Yes	IPTW	Yes	IPTW
Municipality characteristics			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fiscal covariates			Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pupils' characteristics			Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
School Infrastructure			Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
School system characteristics			Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Robust standard errors in parentheses.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1

# Matching Balance



# Impact of salary increase on pupils' proficiency

Figure: ATT for pupils' test scores 2011 and 2013

Variables	Portuguese						Math					
	2011			2013			2011			2013		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
ATT	-0.257 (2.221)	0.983 (1.820)	-1.332 (2.763)	-1.922 (4.137)	0.997 (1.864)	0.615 (2.358)	-2.098 (2.660)	0.631 (2.173)	-3.901 (3.984)	-4.055 (4.774)	-1.668 (2.402)	-1.328 (2.685)
Treated	-14.01*** (1.572)	-3.315** (1.446)	-2.543 (1.843)	-16.29*** (2.126)	-0.0153 (1.400)	0.965 (1.495)	-15.63*** (1.883)	-2.553 (1.740)	-1.089 (2.825)	-18.01*** (2.500)	1.505 (1.691)	1.902 (1.670)
Time	16.26*** (1.458)	10.45*** (1.515)	12.56*** (3.219)	19.96*** (3.050)	9.704** (4.591)	13.84* (7.151)	18.43*** (1.752)	11.46*** (1.975)	16.44*** (4.580)	18.65*** (3.617)	4.778 (5.569)	8.932 (8.013)
Constant	180.0*** (1.033)	112.3*** (18.60)	106.1*** (29.60)	180.7*** (1.556)	154.5*** (51.49)	223.9* (114.3)	199.5*** (1.240)	116.6*** (22.39)	138.2*** (37.16)	201.2*** (1.845)	198.6*** (63.91)	295.6** (119.2)
Observations	854	775	538	850	764	540	846	766	534	850	764	540
R-squared	0.308	0.788	0.855	0.297	0.861	0.923	0.284	0.759	0.798	0.247	0.815	0.897
Sample weights		Yes	IPTW	Yes	Yes	IPTW Kernel		Yes	IPTW	Yes	Yes	IPTW Kernel
Municipality characteristics		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Fiscal covariates		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Pupils' characteristics		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
School Infrastructure		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
School system characteristics		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes

Robust standard errors in parentheses.

# Results - Chapter 3

- Do unconditional higher salaries schemes yield better teachers?

# Data - Teacher Quality

- Teachers in School Census 2008 and 2014 found in ENADE database (2005, 2008, 2011)
  - about 3% of all the school system-teacher matches in 2008 and about 4% in 2014 are composed by teachers found in ENADE database
  - Scores in ENADE normalized in each year (2005, 2008, 2011)

# Impact of teachers salary increase on teacher quality

Figure: ENADE

Group	Year	Major-Specific Component				General Formation Component										
		Average score	Std. Dev.	Linearize d Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]	Average score	Std. Dev.	Linearize d Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]							
Municipal teachers in treated	2014	4.954	1.575	0.032	4.891	5.017	4.902	1.688	0.037	4.829	4.974					
	2008	4.634	1.448	0.044	4.548	4.721						4.558	1.593	0.050	4.459	4.657
	Diff (2014-2008)	0.320										0.344				
Municipal teachers in untreated	2014	5.545	2.379	0.020	5.505	5.585	5.420	2.419	0.021	5.378	5.462					
	2008	4.961	2.457	0.039	4.885	5.038						4.799	2.482	0.041	4.718	4.880
	Diff (2014-2008)	0.583										0.620				
Diff-in-Diff		-0.263					-0.277									
Private teachers in treated	2014	5.262	2.005	0.042	5.179	5.344	5.244	2.145	0.046	5.153	5.335					
	2008	5.319	2.398	0.077	5.168	5.471						5.160	2.418	0.081	5.001	5.319
	Diff (2014-2008)	-0.058										0.084				
Private teachers in untreated	2014	5.245	2.581	0.018	5.210	5.281	5.244	2.730	0.019	5.206	5.282					
	2008	5.048	2.957	0.034	4.982	5.113						4.970	3.011	0.035	4.901	5.039
	Diff (2014-2008)	0.198										0.274				
Diff-in-Diff		-0.255					-0.190									
DDD		-0.008					-0.087									

Note: all statistics considered complex survey design.



# Impact of teachers salary increase on teacher quality

Figure: ENADE Pedagogy-Specific Component - Triple difference

Variables	Pedagogy - Major-specific component											
	All non-municipal teachers as control						Only private teachers as control					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
ATT (γ)	-0.0601 (0.0866)	-0.0601 (0.112)	-0.0786 (0.0965)	-0.00174 (0.0910)	0.0243 (0.0918)	0.0396 (0.0908)	0.0781 (0.0960)	0.0781 (0.120)	0.0437 (0.103)	0.151 (0.0999)	0.198* (0.102)	0.221** (0.101)
Municipal teachers in treated	-0.214*** (0.0726)	-0.214 (0.172)	-0.165 (0.147)	-0.210 (0.143)	-0.230 (0.141)	-0.251* (0.140)	-0.376*** (0.0823)	-0.376** (0.182)	-0.312* (0.164)	-0.392** (0.163)	-0.408** (0.161)	-0.425*** (0.160)
Time-FE on teachers	0.197*** (0.0418)	0.197*** (0.0841)	0.153** (0.0653)	0.0705 (0.0611)	0.0821 (0.0613)	0.0722 (0.0597)	0.255*** (0.0425)	0.255*** (0.0860)	0.221*** (0.0653)	0.104 (0.0630)	0.124* (0.0634)	0.112* (0.0602)
Time-FE on treated	-0.0685 (0.0662)	-0.0685 (0.0652)	0.00395 (0.0667)	-0.0295 (0.0688)	-0.0121 (0.0745)	-0.0184 (0.0751)	-0.207*** (0.0777)	-0.207** (0.0862)	-0.114 (0.0868)	-0.169* (0.0884)	-0.173* (0.0965)	-0.184* (0.0949)
Municipal teachers	0.0432 (0.0367)	0.0432 (0.141)	0.0677 (0.113)	0.146 (0.115)	0.157 (0.113)	0.181* (0.109)	0.0472 (0.0371)	0.0472 (0.148)	0.0791 (0.122)	0.201 (0.128)	0.206 (0.126)	0.233* (0.121)
Treated	0.127** (0.0557)	0.127 (0.0849)	0.0435 (0.0821)	0.150 (0.107)	0.143 (0.105)	0.153 (0.104)	0.289*** (0.0676)	0.289*** (0.108)	0.192* (0.111)	0.339** (0.136)	0.324** (0.134)	0.332** (0.133)
Time	0.100*** (0.0249)	0.100*** (0.0330)	-0.0528 (0.0512)	-0.0269 (0.0432)	-0.186*** (0.0529)	-0.181*** (0.0552)	0.0431* (0.0261)	0.0431 (0.0315)	-0.120** (0.0554)	-0.0716 (0.0516)	-0.246*** (0.0624)	-0.227*** (0.0635)
Constant	0.0179 (0.0218)	0.0179 (0.0594)	0.735*** (0.0999)	0.800*** (0.129)	0.855*** (0.131)	0.675*** (0.199)	0.0139 (0.0224)	0.0139 (0.0682)	0.718*** (0.113)	0.762*** (0.144)	0.817*** (0.146)	0.503** (0.218)
# Obs	65,250	65,250	65,250	65,250	65,144	65,136	57,542	57,542	57,542	57,542	57,454	57,448
R-squared	0.009	0.009	0.068	0.076	0.078	0.080	0.011	0.011	0.070	0.078	0.081	0.083
Cluster	No	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	No	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic
Individual charact	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Market salaries (RAIS)	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal charact	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
School system charact	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Complex sample design	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Standard errors in parentheses

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1

# Impact of teachers salary increase on teacher quality

Figure: ENADE General Formation Component (Pedagogy) - Triple difference

Variables	Pedagogy - General Formation component											
	All non-municipal teachers as control						Only private teachers as control					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
ATT ( $\gamma$ )	-0.200 (0.152)	-0.200 (0.159)	-0.194 (0.142)	-0.0724 (0.129)	-0.0431 (0.129)	-0.0242 (0.128)	0.0241 (0.168)	0.0241 (0.173)	0.0173 (0.157)	0.194 (0.147)	0.262* (0.150)	0.292* (0.149)
Municipal teachers in treated	-0.128 (0.127)	-0.128 (0.245)	-0.0793 (0.216)	-0.136 (0.205)	-0.160 (0.202)	-0.185 (0.201)	-0.369*** (0.142)	-0.369 (0.259)	-0.312 (0.237)	-0.428* (0.233)	-0.457** (0.231)	-0.481** (0.230)
Time-FE on teachers	0.344*** (0.0691)	0.344*** (0.113)	0.267*** (0.0944)	0.135* (0.0791)	0.149* (0.0772)	0.138* (0.0760)	0.398*** (0.0711)	0.398*** (0.114)	0.329*** (0.0964)	0.140* (0.0792)	0.166** (0.0784)	0.151** (0.0752)
Time-FE on treated	-0.0867 (0.116)	-0.0867 (0.104)	-0.0183 (0.109)	-0.0233 (0.113)	0.0109 (0.115)	0.000533 (0.116)	-0.311** (0.136)	-0.311** (0.139)	-0.224 (0.145)	-0.273* (0.146)	-0.276* (0.151)	-0.294** (0.149)
Municipal teachers	-0.0708 (0.0602)	-0.0708 (0.186)	-0.0217 (0.150)	0.0985 (0.149)	0.114 (0.146)	0.142 (0.141)	-0.0781 (0.0616)	-0.0781 (0.195)	-0.00974 (0.157)	0.183 (0.164)	0.191 (0.160)	0.224 (0.154)
Treated	0.139 (0.0971)	0.139 (0.128)	0.0583 (0.129)	0.133 (0.159)	0.119 (0.159)	0.131 (0.158)	0.381*** (0.116)	0.381** (0.161)	0.291* (0.169)	0.419*** (0.202)	0.404** (0.202)	0.416** (0.201)
Time	0.215*** (0.0410)	0.215*** (0.0616)	0.0415 (0.0860)	0.0301 (0.0734)	-0.189** (0.0887)	-0.193** (0.0948)	0.160*** (0.0444)	0.160*** (0.0541)	-0.00945 (0.0922)	0.0212 (0.0798)	-0.219** (0.101)	-0.208** (0.105)
Constant	4.931*** (0.0353)	4.931*** (0.0812)	6.126*** (0.152)	6.322*** (0.199)	6.426*** (0.201)	6.310*** (0.325)	4.938*** (0.0376)	4.938*** (0.0870)	6.162*** (0.183)	6.315*** (0.229)	6.425*** (0.231)	6.160*** (0.358)
# Obs	62,915	62,915	62,915	62,915	62,811	62,803	55,415	55,415	55,415	55,329	55,329	55,323
R-squared	0.007	0.007	0.045	0.054	0.055	0.056	0.008	0.008	0.045	0.055	0.056	0.057
Cluster	No	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	No	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic
Individual charact.	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Market salaries (RAIS)	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Municipal charact.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
School system charact.	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Complex sample design	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

# Institutional Background

## College entrance in Brazil

- Entrance into higher education: competitive process, there are not enough vacancies to all
- Observed salary or perceived relative salary, considering other careers, is a relevant factor in explaining college major decision or any course attractiveness
- It is arguable that in more attractive careers, that are more competitive, the minimum entry standard for that course is higher.
- We infer the effect of salary increase on attractiveness of the decent career using entrance exam scores of students in teaching related courses and its relation to other courses

# Data - Attractiveness of Teaching Career

- College freshmen in 2010 and 2013 found in ENEM database (2009, 2012)
  - about 55% of 2010 entrants took Enem in 2009 and 64% of 2013 entrants took Enem in 2012
  - Scores in IRT, allowing comparison between years

# Achievement distribution of college attenders by ability

Figure: Achievement distribution of attenders of courses related to teaching by ability (Enem scores) - treated and untreated

Quartil ou decil	2010				2013				Var (2013-2010) em p.p.	Diff-in-diff	
	Nota provas objetivas		Alunos oriundos de cada quartil ou decil		Nota provas objetivas		Alunos oriundos de cada quartil ou decil				
	mínima	máxima	%	quantidade	mínima	máxima	%	quantidade			
	Pedagogia				37,240						
1º quartil	317.3	450.4	45.4%	16,896	324.2	441.1	44.9%	22,302	-0.48		
Tratados			48.7%	1,143			31.2%	1,181	-17.56	-26.48	
Controles			36.3%	3,295			45.2%	4,368	8.92		
2º quartil	450.4	497.7	32.3%	12,017	441.1	485.6	31.6%	15,715	-0.64		
Tratados			32.4%	759			52.2%	1,977	19.81	19.58	
Controles			33.9%	3,078			34.1%	3,297	0.23		
3º quartil	497.7	545.1	18.5%	6,893	485.6	530.3	19.1%	9,472	0.55		
Tratados			16.1%	378			14.0%	531	-2.10	3.71	
Controles			23.1%	2,102			17.3%	1,674	-5.82		
4º quartil	545.1	802.4	3.9%	1,434	530.3	744.8	4.4%	2,196	0.57		
Tratados			2.8%	66			2.7%	101	-0.15	3.18	
Controles			6.7%	613			3.4%	330	-3.33		
10º decil	584.0	802.4	0.4%	153	565.4	744.8	0.5%	273	0.14		
Tratados			0.2%	4			0.1%	3	-0.09	0.36	
Controles			0.8%	77			0.4%	38	-0.45		

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Group	Year	Objective tests				Writing			
		Average score	Std. Dev.	Linearized Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]	Average score	Std. Dev.	Linearized Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]
teaching careers	2012	512.02	53.51	0.56	510.93 513.11	538.20	121.31	1.29	535.68 540.72
	2009	513.29	54.95	0.77	511.78 514.80	623.63	116.58	1.65	620.39 626.87
	Diff (2012-2009)	-1.27				-85.43			
teaching careers	2012	518.11	71.60	0.50	517.13 519.08	537.26	154.38	1.12	535.06 539.46
	2009	539.47	79.14	0.51	538.48 540.46	634.40	159.70	1.07	632.31 636.49
	Diff (2012-2009)	-21.36				-97.14			
	Diff-in-Diff	20.10				11.71			
other careers	2012	534.87	70.56	0.29	534.30 535.45	561.76	146.32	0.63	560.52 562.99
	2009	542.42	73.32	0.48	541.48 543.35	636.22	140.65	0.95	634.37 638.08
	Diff (2012-2009)	-7.55				-74.47			
other careers	2012	544.72	86.44	0.19	544.35 545.09	561.02	170.93	0.39	560.26 561.77
	2009	561.49	95.30	0.23	561.03 561.95	631.80	176.78	0.44	630.93 632.67
	Diff (2012-2009)	-16.77				-70.78			
	Diff-in-Diff	9.23				-3.69			
<b>DDD</b>		<b>10.87</b>				<b>15.40</b>			

Note: all statistics considered complex survey design. Inep adopts IRT for Enem scores.  
 Source: Author's estimates based on *Enem* database.

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Figure: Enem objective tests and writing - Triple difference

VARIABLES	Objective tests					Writing				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
ATT	10.87*** (2.967)	9.956*** (2.706)	10.94*** (3.467)	9.420** (3.899)	8.832** (3.771)	15.40*** (5.287)	17.71*** (5.720)	21.47*** (6.141)	22.61*** (6.776)	21.97*** (6.699)
Teaching in treated	-7.105*** (2.791)	-7.272*** (2.974)	-5.378 (3.342)	-5.729* (3.170)	-5.306* (3.173)	-15.19*** (4.275)	-14.68*** (4.869)	-14.69*** (5.259)	-17.05*** (5.143)	-16.52*** (5.058)
Time-FE on treated	9.225 (6.166)	8.634* (5.090)	11.52** (5.257)	-1.785 (4.214)	-0.332 (3.252)	-3.686 (9.422)	-7.659 (8.635)	-8.097 (8.183)	-18.98*** (7.046)	-17.98*** (6.493)
Time-FE on Teaching students	-4.591*** (1.495)	-5.696*** (1.495)	-3.201* (1.700)	-2.009 (1.532)	-2.048 (1.541)	-26.35*** (2.842)	-24.96*** (3.054)	-23.87*** (3.286)	-23.00*** (3.300)	-22.72*** (3.269)
Treated	-19.08*** (6.565)	-21.18*** (5.340)	-18.26*** (5.986)	-0.304 (4.163)	-1.202 (3.449)	4.424 (5.764)	4.982 (5.470)	10.95 (6.711)	13.76* (7.160)	11.98* (6.381)
Teaching major	-22.02*** (1.455)	-14.89*** (1.422)	-14.46*** (1.652)	-12.02*** (1.549)	-11.81*** (1.678)	2.596 (1.746)	0.891 (2.162)	2.496 (2.320)	3.592* (2.175)	3.752* (2.159)
Time	-16.77*** (5.297)	-22.20*** (4.055)	-42.77*** (7.081)	-26.24*** (3.828)	-25.26*** (3.339)	-70.78*** (5.002)	-71.80*** (4.301)	-91.86*** (7.697)	-82.01*** (6.247)	-84.64*** (6.318)
Constant	561.5*** (5.307)	567.4*** (3.600)	556.6*** (5.989)	554.8*** (4.621)	560.8*** (9.072)	631.8*** (3.596)	627.6*** (3.716)	618.1*** (6.251)	621.6*** (7.167)	651.4*** (12.92)
# Obs	877,838	593,080	485,867	485,867	485,794	877,838	593,080	485,867	485,867	485,794
R-squared	0.028	0.073	0.087	0.114	0.117	0.051	0.056	0.056	0.062	0.063
Cluster	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic	Munic
# Municipalities	515	515	410	410	409	515	515	410	410	409
Individual charact.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Market salaries (RAIS)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Municipality charact.	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
School system characteristics	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes

Robust standard errors in parentheses  
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