

Imperial County Weekly Wages

Focus on Post-Recession Recovery

Q 3 – 2015 Update

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1. Descriptions and References

The contents of this report illustrate the evolution of Imperial County wage patterns over time. This report presents:

Wages: Average weekly wages for the industry in the region. They are inflation adjusted to current dollars using: Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items, from the FRED Database maintained by the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank.

The data underlying this report are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). These data are available on a quarterly basis, generally with a 5 month lag from the end of the quarter to the release of the data.

QCEW: The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program publishes a quarterly count of employment and wages reported by employers covering 98 percent of U.S. jobs, available at the county, MSA, state and national levels by industry. <http://www.bls.gov/cew/home.htm>

Time Period: The data extend from Q1-1990 through Q 3 - 2015

Seasonality: There is a significant seasonal component to many industries. The QCEW data are not seasonally adjusted. Rather than seasonally adjusting the data, most comparisons in this report are between the same quarter in different years. The data presented are therefore the actual employment levels and wages (inflation adjusted) compared across years.

A particular focus of this report is on the post-Great Recession recovery. This is accomplished by comparing the most recent quarter of data to the same quarter in 2007, the last non-recessionary year for most of California and the United States.

Notes:

Notes: There are occasions where the data displayed seem to reflect implausible increases in either employment or wages. These changes are as reported in the QCEW data. For a closer look at these changes, please contact: Jon@MarinEconomicConsulting.com

2. Overview of Wage Changes Since the Onset of the Great Recession

Figure 2 - 1

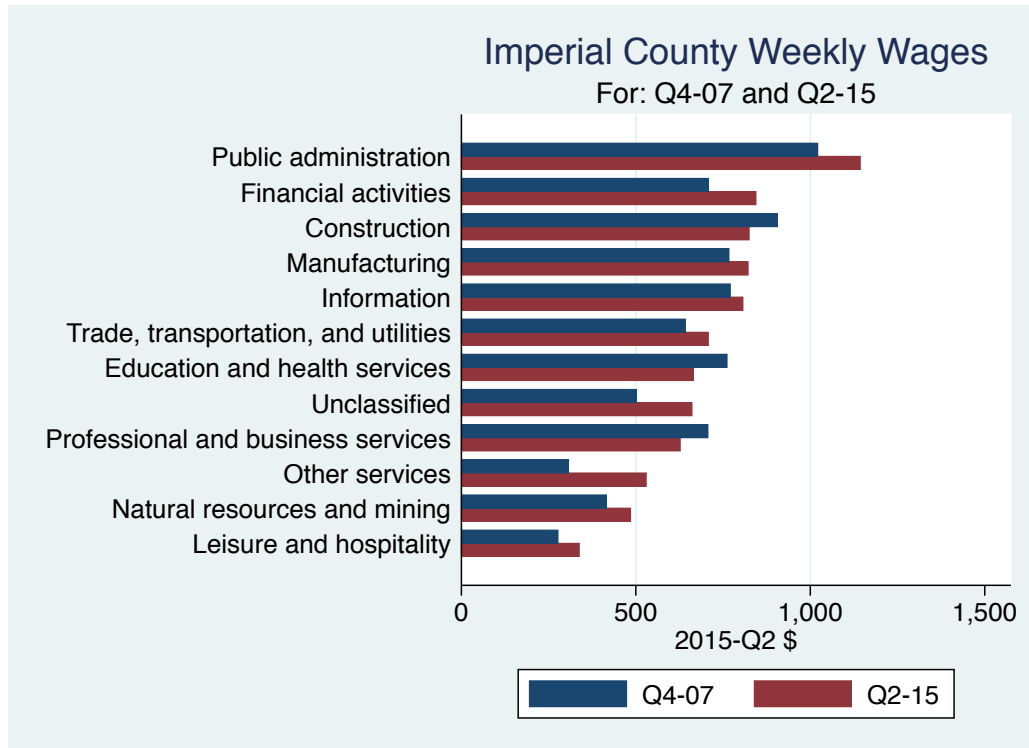


Table 2.1: Quarterly Summary for Q 3 – 2015

Sector	Levels in Q 3 – 2015				Change vs Q 3 in 2007			
	Employment	Wages	Relative to:		Employment	Wages	Relative to:	
			Bay	U.S.			Bay	U.S.
Public administration	8,004	1,211.9	0.7	1.0	-173	285.47	0.06	0.08
Construction	2,500	859.0	0.6	0.8	452	62.00	-0.09	-0.12
Financial activities	1,298	833.2	0.4	0.6	-131	187.67	0.01	0.04
Information	319	818.0	0.2	0.5	-92	193.00	-0.08	-0.03
Manufacturing	1,162	798.0	0.3	0.7	-1,441	100.00	-0.03	-0.03
Trade, transportation, and utilities	13,289	700.0	0.6	0.8	833	91.14	-0.03	-0.01
All industries	62,337	694.0	0.4	0.7	7,875	74.00	-0.07	-0.05
Professional and business services	2,509	622.3	0.3	0.5	-275	33.92	-0.08	-0.09
Education and health services	15,120	612.1	0.5	0.7	6,395	-104.57	-0.18	-0.25
Other services	842	574.0	0.7	0.9	-2,915	274.00	0.21	0.30
Natural resources and mining	12,185	546.0	0.7	0.5	3,909	81.00	0.01	-0.03
Unclassified	220	450.0	0.4	0.5	218	-781.00	-1.12	-1.05
Leisure and hospitality	4,706	341.7	0.6	0.8	1,250	77.70	0.03	0.07
Total	124,490							

Source: BLS, QCEW; Calculations by Marin Economic Consulting

3. Weekly Wages Over Time

Table3.1: Summary of Weekly Wages versus the Bay Area as A Whole

Sector	Q 3 – 2015		Relative Wages: Q 3 of Each Year					
	Employment	Wages	1990	1995	2001	2004	2007	2015
Public administration	8,004	1,211.9	0.79	0.76	0.74	0.73	0.67	0.72
Construction	2,500	859.0	0.64	0.59	0.65	0.67	0.70	0.61
Financial activities	1,298	833.2	0.59	0.45	0.40	0.39	0.37	0.38
Information	319	818.0	0.56	0.41	0.33	0.34	0.28	0.19
Manufacturing	1,162	798.0	0.54	0.45	0.45	0.38	0.35	0.32
Trade, transportation, and utilities	13,289	700.0	0.70	0.73	0.64	0.66	0.64	0.61
All industries	62,337	694.0	0.63	0.57	0.52	0.53	0.50	0.43
Professional and business services	2,509	622.3	0.69	0.48	0.40	0.41	0.38	0.29
Education and health services	15,120	612.1	0.82	0.78	0.75	0.71	0.72	0.53
Other services	842	574.0	0.67	0.59	0.47	0.49	0.52	0.73
Natural resources and mining	12,185	546.0	0.67	0.60	0.52	0.70	0.66	0.67
Unclassified	220	450.0			0.32	0.24	1.52	0.40
Leisure and hospitality	4,706	341.7	0.67	0.59	0.59	0.57	0.58	0.62

Source: BLS, QCEW; Calculations by Marin Economic Consulting

Table3.2: Summary of Weekly Wages versus California as A Whole

Sector	Q 3 – 2015		Relative Wages: Q 3 of Each Year					
	Employment	Wages	1990	1995	2001	2004	2007	2015
Public administration	8,004	1,211.9	0.83	0.81	0.82	0.79	0.75	0.81
Construction	2,500	859.0	0.73	0.68	0.82	0.80	0.82	0.73
Financial activities	1,298	833.2	0.64	0.52	0.49	0.48	0.47	0.50
Information	319	818.0	0.56	0.45	0.42	0.45	0.39	0.31
Manufacturing	1,162	798.0	0.67	0.63	0.66	0.57	0.57	0.52
Trade, transportation, and utilities	13,289	700.0	0.77	0.82	0.75	0.76	0.76	0.75
All industries	62,337	694.0	0.71	0.69	0.67	0.68	0.67	0.61
Professional and business services	2,509	622.3	0.76	0.60	0.55	0.55	0.52	0.42
Education and health services	15,120	612.1	0.84	0.83	0.85	0.81	0.82	0.63
Other services	842	574.0	0.70	0.64	0.57	0.58	0.61	0.82
Natural resources and mining	12,185	546.0	0.96	0.85	0.85	0.88	0.85	0.79
Unclassified	220	450.0			0.43	0.24	1.41	0.50
Leisure and hospitality	4,706	341.7	0.67	0.61	0.63	0.58	0.61	0.68

Source: BLS, QCEW; Calculations by Marin Economic Consulting

Table3.3: Summary of Weekly Wages versus the United States as A Whole

Sector	Q 3 – 2015		Relative Wages: Q 3 of Each Year					
	Employment	Wages	1990	1995	2001	2004	2007	2015
Public administration	8,004	1,211.9	1.02	1.00	1.04	1.00	0.95	1.03
Construction	2,500	859.0	0.82	0.77	0.91	0.87	0.91	0.80
Financial activities	1,298	833.2	0.69	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.54	0.58
Information	319	818.0	0.65	0.51	0.53	0.58	0.50	0.47
Manufacturing	1,162	798.0	0.76	0.71	0.78	0.66	0.71	0.68
Trade, transportation, and utilities	13,289	700.0	0.89	0.93	0.84	0.85	0.85	0.83
All industries	62,337	694.0	0.78	0.76	0.76	0.77	0.76	0.71
Professional and business services	2,509	622.3	0.80	0.66	0.62	0.62	0.59	0.50
Education and health services	15,120	612.1	0.90	0.88	0.93	0.90	0.92	0.67
Other services	842	574.0	0.75	0.65	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.86
Natural resources and mining	12,185	546.0	0.66	0.57	0.58	0.62	0.57	0.53
Unclassified	220	450.0			0.38	0.23	1.57	0.52
Leisure and hospitality	4,706	341.7	0.80	0.68	0.74	0.72	0.75	0.82

Source: BLS, QCEW; Calculations by Marin Economic Consulting

4. Graphical Display of Weekly Wage Evolution by Industry (Super Sector)

Graphs present only Q 3 data for each year.

Figure 4 - 1: 1028: Public administration

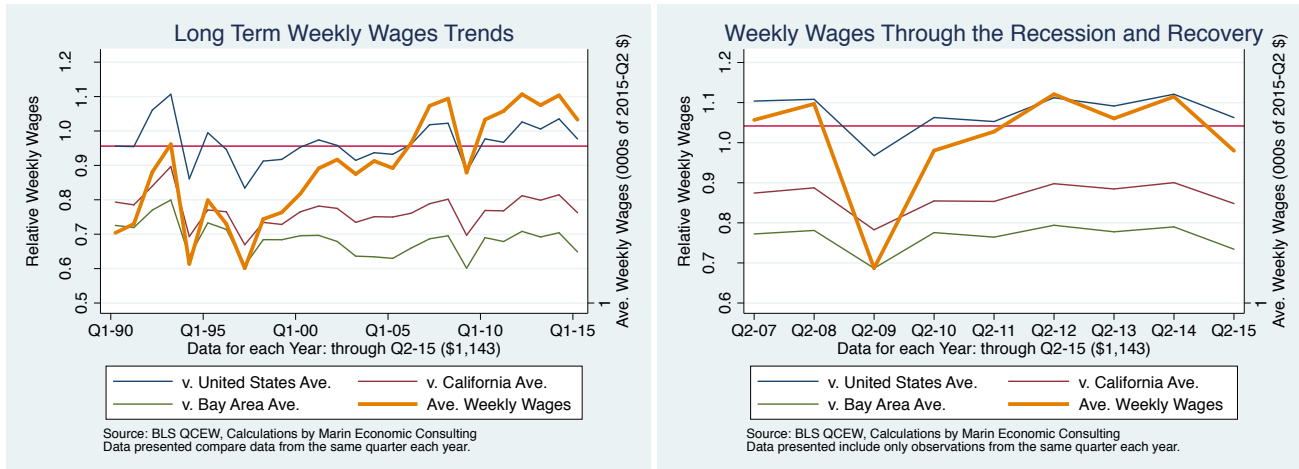


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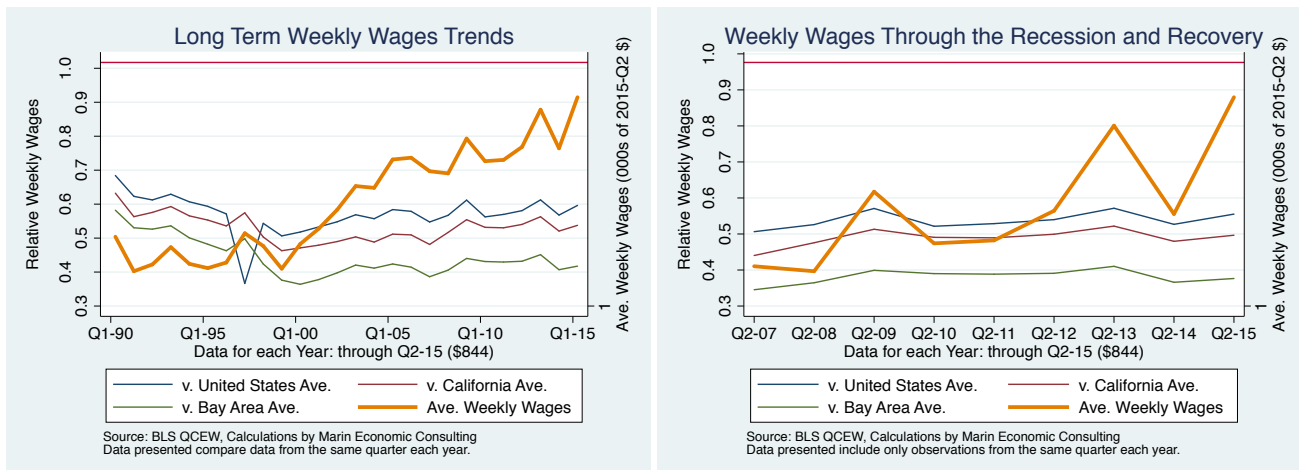


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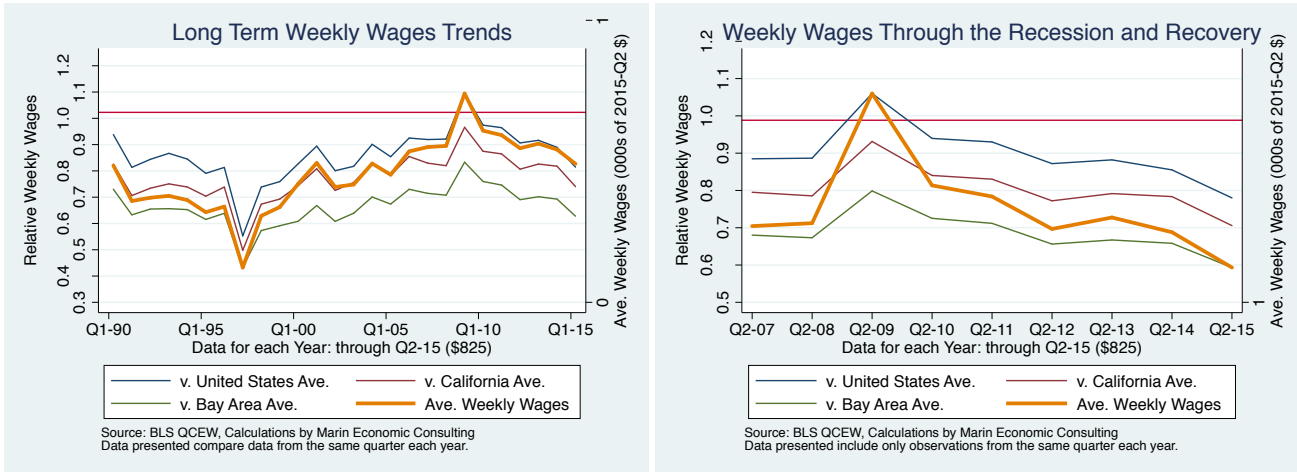


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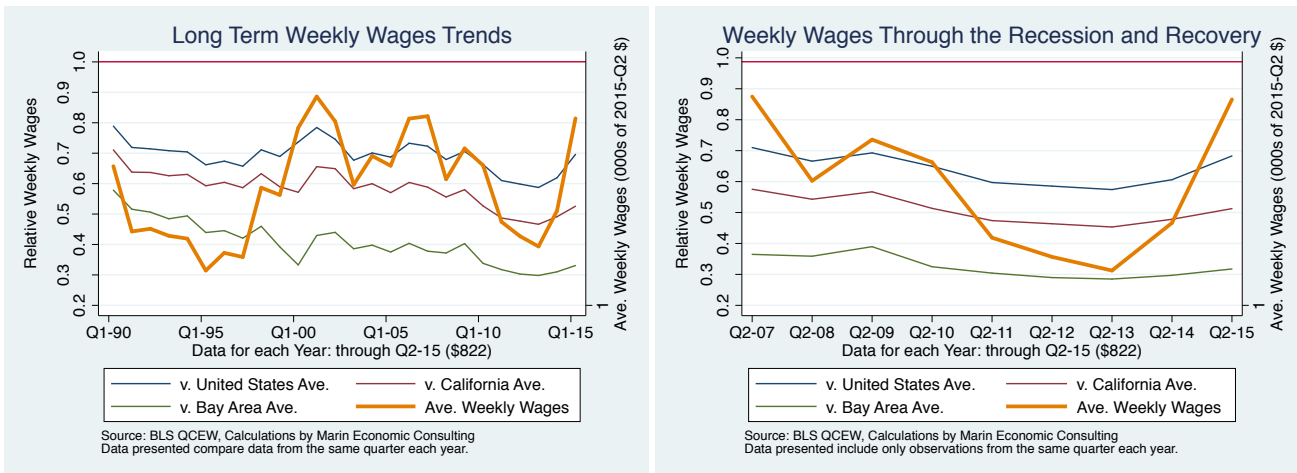


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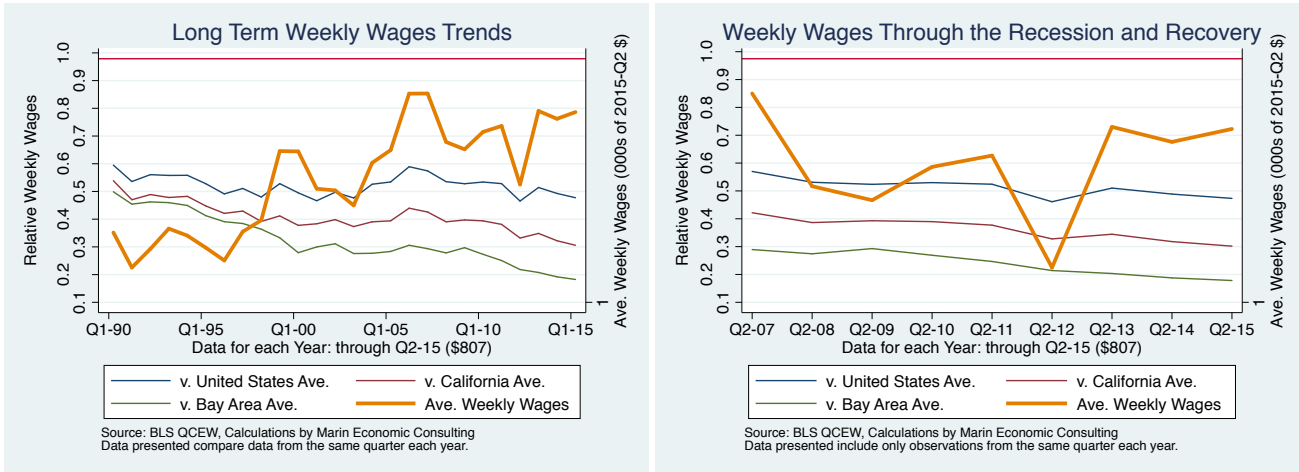


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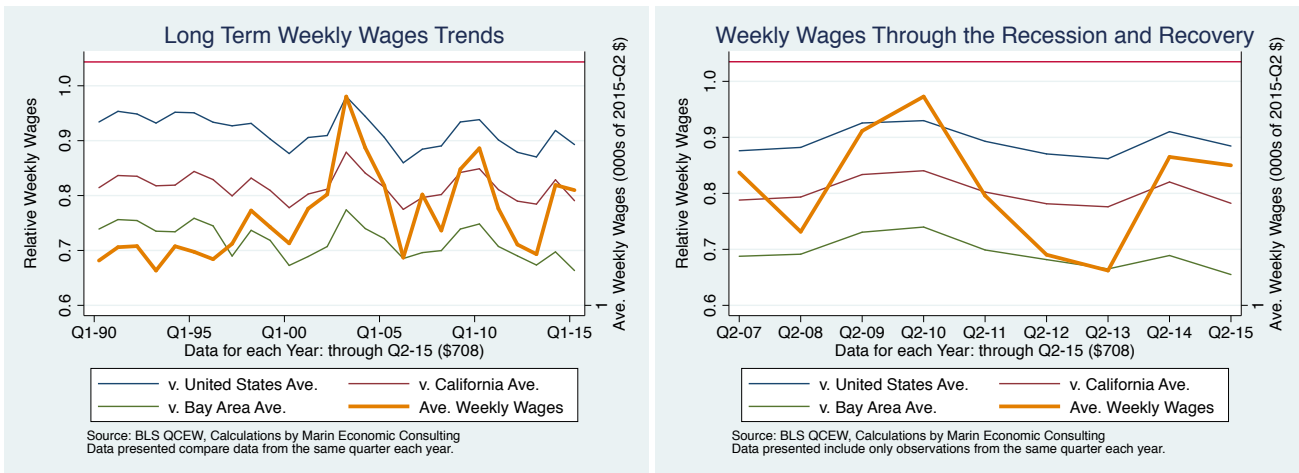


Figure 4 - 7: 10: All industries

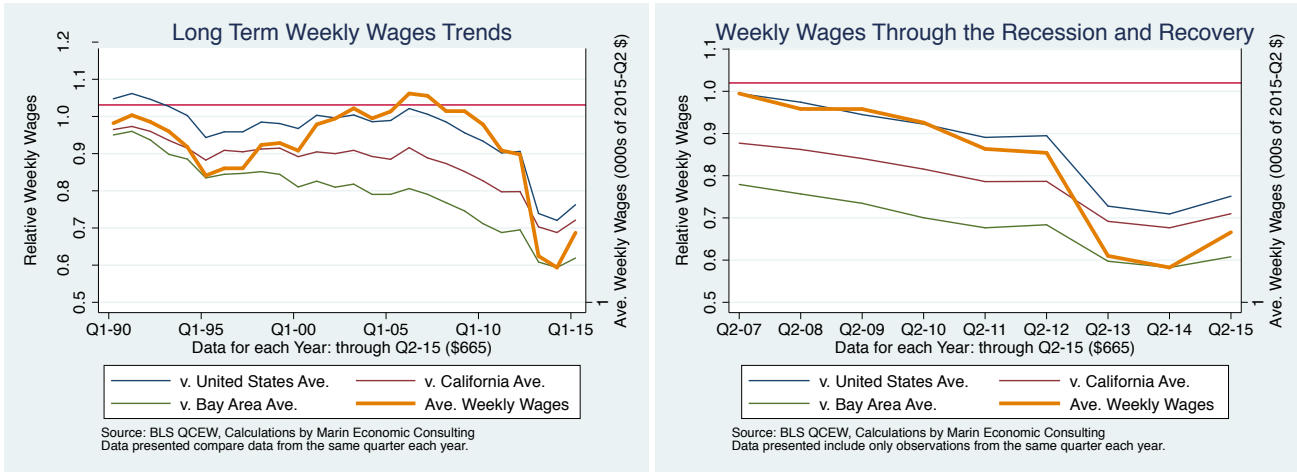


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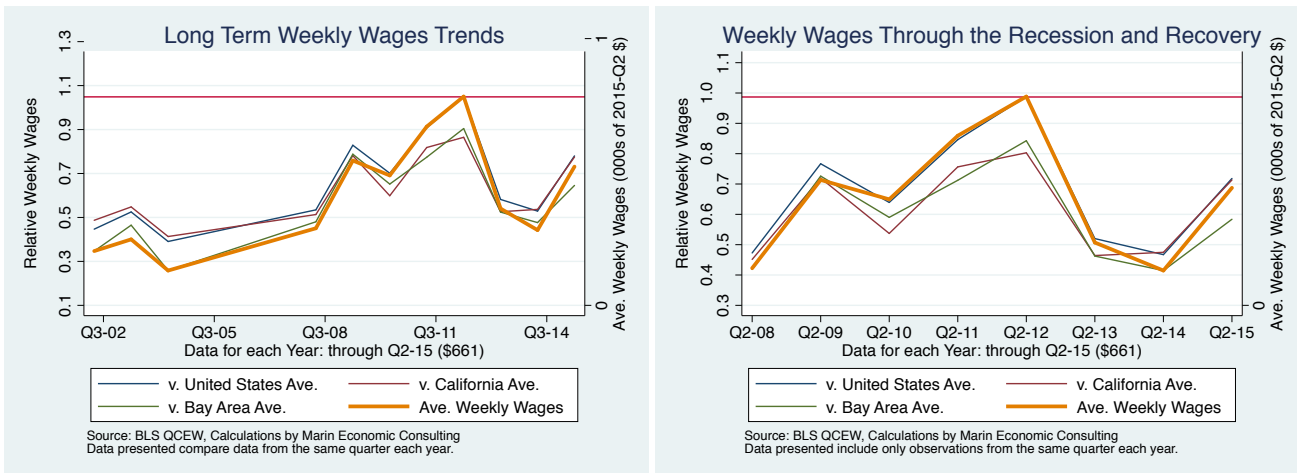


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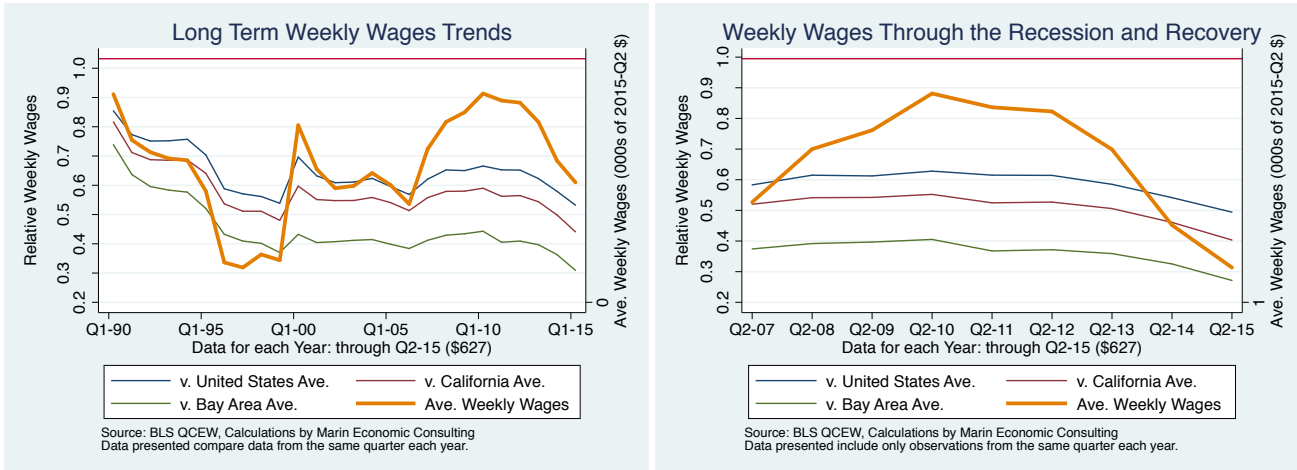


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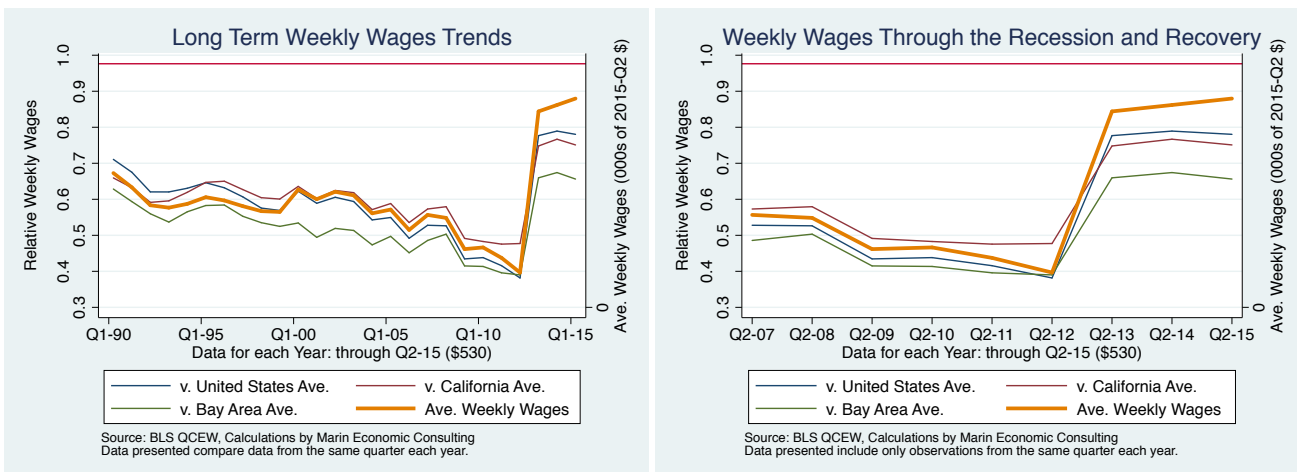


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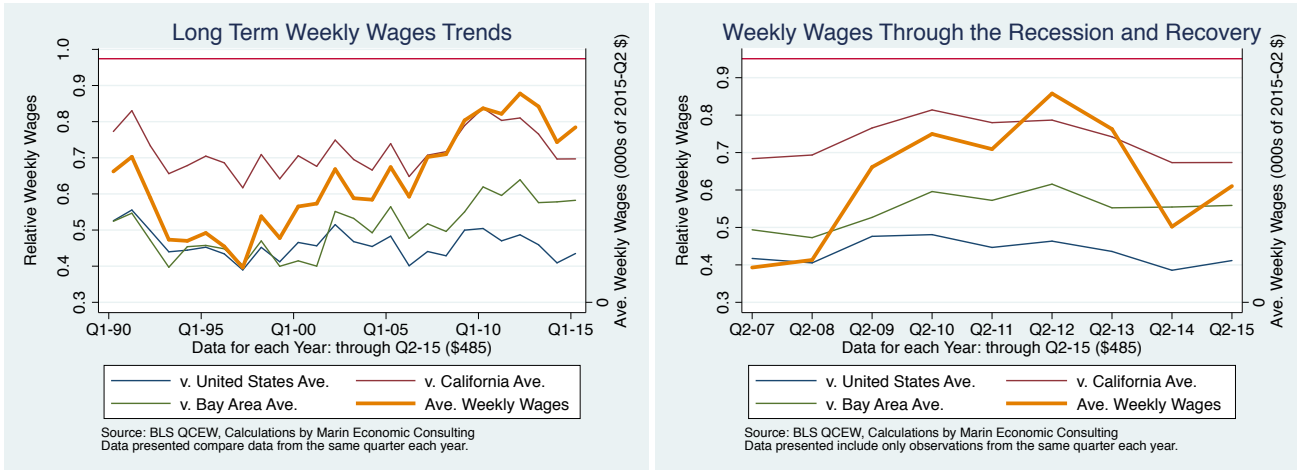


Figure 4 - 12: 1029: Unclassified

