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**ABSTRACT**

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## Earnings in the late 1980's: an occupational perspective

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The earnings gap between more and less educated workers increased during the 1980's. Changes in occupational demand accounted for roughly a third of the increase. This article assesses how much trends in the skills market—looked at through the proxy of occupations—have influenced earnings trends.

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