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Wage and productivity stability in U.S. manufacturing plants

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Wages and productivity were substantially dispersed across all manufacturing plants in 1987, but the dispersion narrowed modestly from then until 1997; the connection between a plant's level of productivity and its hourly wages weakened over the same period, and many plants exhibited substantial movements within the relative wage and productivity distributions.

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