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Comparing earnings inequality using two major surveys

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Some previous research suggests that discrepancies exist between the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth and the Current Population Survey in terms of earnings trends; when the sample is limited to full-time, year-round workers, however, the discrepancies are largely eliminated. This article focuses on the comparison between the NLSY79 and the CPS, updating the Gottschalk-Moffitt analysis to 1994, the final year of data collection for the NLSY79 cohort.

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