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The Effect of City Export on City Wage: An Empirical Study Based on Chinese Cities

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ABSTRACT

Using the Chinese Statistic Yearbook and Customs Statistics, the paper examines the effect of city export on city wage based on the panel data from 286 Chinese cities. The paper finds that: (1) The export amount of the city has significantly increased the wage level of the city, but the number of export types and export destinations has no significant impact on the wage level of the city. (2) The export of cities with different sizes has different influences on city wage. The export amount, the number of export destinations and the number of export types have significant positive effects on wage in large cities, but has not significant effects on wage in small and medium cities. (3) The export of cities with different locations has different influences on city wage. For the eastern and central cities, the export amount, the number of export destinations and types significantly increase the city wage level, and the impact on the eastern cities is greater than that of the central cities, but the impact on the wage level of the western cities is not significant.

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