The Effects of Compulsory Schooling Laws on Teenage Marriage and Births in Turkey (Kırdar, Dayıoğlu and Koç, 2015)
Some Remarks

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Summary

The impact of CSL on timing of marriage and birth
- TDHS 2008 and 2013
- RDD and duration analysis
- Strong incarceration effects and no human capital effect
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- Large scale expansion in the quantity of education
- Quality of education?
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- Reporting results from samples including 1986-7 cohort
- not excluding individuals within the 9-month bandwidth around the cutoff
- another robustness check; comparability to the other research
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Banks and Mazzonna (EJ, 2012): comparing AIC of alternative estimators
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- Time to first-birth OLS regression?
- Abundant evidence is already presented
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- Economic crisis of 2001
- 20-24 aged male unemployment rate soar from 11% in 2000 to 16% in 2002
- Did not improve until 2005