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Deregulation of opening hours and employment in the retail sector: Evidence from Germany

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Using the Establishment History Panel, we investigate the effects of a deregulation in shop opening hours in Germany on total employment as well as on incumbent plants. The identification strategy relies on variation in the deregulation across federal states allowing for a difference-in-differences approach. Our results suggest a moderate positive effect of the deregulation on total employment in food retailing. This effect is driven by an increase in part time employment while the liberalization did not affect full time employment. Looking at incumbents only, we find no positive effect for small plants and a small positive effect for medium size plants. We cannot draw any conclusions for large incumbent plants as the parallel trends assumption seems to be violated for this group. In future work, we will supplement the establishment data with individual information on employees allowing us to look at wages and the employment structure.

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