

Hazardous or Not? Early Cannabis Use and the School to Work Transition of Young Men



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We ask whether cannabis use while at school impacts on the time it takes for young men to find their first job and the initial wage rate they receive. Using a multivariate mixed proportional hazard framework we find that early cannabis use leads young men to accept job offers more quickly and at a lower wage. These effects are present only for those who use cannabis for longer than a year before leaving school. We also find that early cannabis use reduces the likelihood of returning to school. These findings suggest no direct labor market effects of experimental early cannabis use.

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