The Impact of Covid19 on the Labour Market
Real-Time Survey Evidence

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Collecting real time data to fill in the gaps

- Rapid response with 3 waves of geographically representative surveys totaling 28,000+ workers in UK, US, Germany.

- Timely information concerning the impact on:
  - Occupations and industries. Important for supply chains.
  - Workers. Which demographic groups are suffering?

- Specifics to this crisis not considered in conventional surveys:
  - New policies (e.g. furloughing)
  - Working from home
What percentage of tasks can workers do from home?
Tasks from home across occupations

Architecture and Engineering

Office and Administrative Support

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Tasks from home across occupations (average)
Tasks from home across occupations (dispersion)

Architecture and Engineering

Office and Administrative Support
Tasks from home across occupations (0%)

- Architecture and Engineering
- Office and Administrative Support

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Tasks from home across occupations (100%)

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Tasks from home across occupations

Food Preparation and Serving

Computer and Mathematical

Architecture and Engineering

Office and Administrative Support

Share of tasks possible from home

US

UK
Tasks from home across occupations

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Job loss across occupations and industries

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Comparison between job keepers

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Kept job

Lost job

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Comparison between job keepers and losers

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Job polarization increasing in the UK

Share of workers that can do all tasks from home increased most in occupations in which already many workers could so.
Low income workers have less possibilities

US

UK

Less than $10,000
$10,000 - $19,000
$20,000 - $29,000
$30,000 - $39,000
$40,000 - $49,000
$50,000 - $59,000
$60,000 - $69,000
$70,000 - $79,000
$80,000 +

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£70,000+

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Gender gaps
Gender inequalities

- Financial crisis:
  - Male-dominated industries (manufacturing, construction) hit more severely

- This crisis:
  - Containment measures have hit the service sector in which women tend to be over-represented

- We find that women are more likely to have lost their job and been furloughed
  - even when we control for differences in the types of jobs that men and women do
Are closed schools a bottleneck for women?

Notes: Sample restricted to those working from home.
Outlook in terms of respondents’ expectations
People fear losing their job before August

Average perceived probability of job loss

End March | Early April | Mid May

US | UK | 95% confidence interval

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A lot of uncertainty about finding new jobs

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Moving forward

► Short run:
  ▶ In-depth analysis of furloughing in the UK

► Medium run:
  ▶ Understand changing landscape of work (e.g. working from home, type of contracts)
  ▶ Study more countries?

► Long run:
  ▶ How will working from home and automation interplay?