

README: Reproducibility Package

Expanding pension coverage to the informal sector: the case of Viet Nam

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Overview

This README file lists the data sources and codes used for the analysis of the results included in the paper “Expanding pension coverage to the informal sector: the case of Viet Nam”. The Tables and Figures included in the manuscript can be replicated by running the two Stata do-files to i) clean the raw data and ii) run the analysis.

Data Availability

Some data supporting the findings of the study cannot be made publicly available. Public aggregated data at the province-level can be downloaded from the Vietnam General Statistic Office website (<https://www.gso.gov.vn/en/statistic-book/>). The Vietnam Labor Force Survey and Vietnam Social Security Administrative Data are not publicly available. Users who would like to replicate the results should contact GSO and VSS to acquire access to such data.

Data Sources

Some data used for the analysis are publicly available and can be downloaded from institutions’ websites. Other data sources are not publicly available and users are recommended to contact GSO and/or VSS to acquire access to such data.

Data	Source	Access/URL
Vietnam Labor Force Survey	General Statistic Office	Not publicly available
Social insurance administrative data	Vietnam Social Security	Not publicly available

PAPI index	UNDP	https://papi.org.vn
Province-level income and poverty index	General Statistic Office – Statistical Yearbook (2021)	https://www.gso.gov.vn/en/data-and-statistics/2022/08/statistical-yearbook-of-2021/
Number of contributors to China’s Rural and Urban pension scheme	China’s Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MOHRSS)	https://www.mohrss.gov.cn/ and — Statistical Bulletins / 年度统计公报 and the China Statistical Yearbook / China Social Insurance Statistical Yearbook (social security chapter), where the row labelled 当年缴费人数 / 缴费人数 appears for the rural / new-rural /urban–rural resident pension for different years.

Instructions for Replicators

New users should follow these steps to run the package successfully: - Users must first have access to all data files if they are not included in the reproducibility package. They should go to the mentioned links, download the listed files, and place them in the data folder.

- 01_data_cleaning.do
- Run this do-file to clean raw data files and prepare working files for the analysis
- 02_analysis.do
- Run this do-file for the whole analysis included in the manuscript

List of Exhibits

Given users’ access to all the raw data files, the provided code reproduces:

- All numbers provided in text in the paper
- All tables and figures in the paper

The order of exhibit shown below is as appears in the manuscript:

Exhibit name	Output filename	Script	Note
Figure 1	VSIF_figure1_2_3.xlsx (sheet “Figure 1”)	Manually created in Excel	Found in Outputs/main/figures (<i>raw data not publicly available</i>)

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			The number of mandatory and voluntary contributors were provided by the Vietnam Social Security (VSS) based on administrative data. The labor force is also provided by VSS and refers to the population estimated to be aged 15 up to the retirement age, 60 for males and 55 for females using National Statistical Office figures
Figure 2	VSIF_figure1_2_3.xlsx (sheet "Figure 2")	Manually created in Excel	Found in Outputs/main/figures (<i>raw data not publicly available</i>) The figure uses administrative data provided by the VSS. The mandatory and voluntary contributors by age were summed to arrive at the totals shown in the figure. The error in the sheet has been corrected.
Figure 3	VSIF_figure1_2_3.xlsx (sheet "Figure 3")	Manually created in Excel	Found in Outputs/main/figures (<i>raw data not publicly available</i>) The figure uses administrative data from VSS on the number of voluntary contributors per year and number of the informal sector labor force are from the GSO (public)
Figure 5	Figure 5 china_rural_pension_contributors.xlsx (sheet 1)	Manually created in Excel	Found in Outputs/main/figures (<i>raw data not publicly available</i>) The figure uses administrative data for the number of contributors to China's Rural and Urban pension scheme. Data come from official government statistics published by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MOHRSS). See https://www.mohrss.gov.cn/ and — Statistical Bulletins / 年度统计公报 and the China Statistical Yearbook / China Social Insurance Statistical

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			Yearbook (social security chapter), where the row labelled 当年缴费人数 / 缴费人数 appears for the rural / new-rural /urban-rural resident pension for different years.
Table 4	SI_factors.xlsx	02_analysis.do (lines 30-65)	Found in Outputs/main/tables Table format: label column names, label names of categorical variables
Figure 6	SI_factors_byage.png	02_analysis.do (lines 68-83)	Found in Outputs/main/figures
Figure 7	VSIF_income_corr.xlsx	02_analysis.do (lines 89-104)	Found in Outputs/main/tables Panel A: insert scatter plot, using columns monthly_inc_pc and shr_vsif Panel B: insert scatter plot, using columns poor and shr_vsif Add axis titles and trend lines for both graphs
Figure 8 Panel A	contributor.png	02_analysis.do (lines 107-121)	Found in Outputs/main/figures
Figure 8 Panel B	Shrcontributor.png	02_analysis.do (lines 123-132)	Found in Outputs/main/figures
Table 5	reg_matching.xlsx	02_analysis.do (lines 137-182)	Found in Outputs/main/tables Table format: label column names, label names of standardized variables
Figure 9	VSIF_projection.xlsx	02_analysis.do (lines 200-240)	Found in Outputs/main/tables Insert bar and line chart for both graphs, add labels.
Table 6	reg_matchingpoor.xlsx	02_analysis.do (lines 184-195)	Found in Outputs/annex/tables

Requirements

Software Requirements

- **Stata version 17**
 - outreg2

Memory and Runtime and Storage Requirements

The codes run file in a normal computer memory setup. Runtime takes approximately 3 minutes for each do-file.