

# Containment Measures and Job Loss: Evidence from SHARE Corona Surveys

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## *Abstract*

The Covid-19 pandemic has driven many people out of their jobs. This paper looks at the effect of stringency measures on job loss across 27 European countries and Israel by utilizing two SHARE Corona survey datasets. We account for relevant sociodemographic individual and household characteristics such as gender, age, education, health, partner in household and household income. Simple graphical analysis suggests that stricter government policies create higher job losses. Preliminary findings suggest that low-educated, older and individuals with health problems are more likely to lose their jobs. The effect of containment measures and policies on job loss is short lived. It is evident only at the beginning of the pandemic and eliminated afterwards. This finding has important policy implications for distinguishing short-term from medium-term effects of government policies on labour market outcomes.

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