

National Institute Economic Review

Journal of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research

No. 198 October 2006

THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

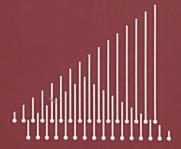
Immigration and its effects by Rebecca Riley and Martin Weale Migration in Europe by Ray Barrell and lana Liadze

SAVINGS AND THE ECONOMY

by Alain Jousten

Household saving rates and the design of public pension programmes: cross-country evidence by Richard Disney
Saving and life insurance holdings at Boston University – a unique case study by B.Douglas Bernheim, Solange Berstein, Jagadeesh Gokhale and Laurence J. Kotlikoff
The UK savings gap by Ehsan Khoman and Martin Weale
When to give? A note on the timing of gifts and bequests

ISSN 0027-9501



www.niesr.ac.uk

Discussion Papers

All National Institute discussion papers are now available on our website www.niesr.ac.uk

No. 275

Entry rates and the risks of misalignment in the EU8

by T. Fic, R. Barrell and D. Holland

No. 276

Simulating cohort labour earnings for Australia

by J. van de Ven

No. 277

The distributional effects of taxation in Australia and the United Kingdom: evidence from microsimulations by J. van de Ven

No 278

A comparison of national saving rates in the UK, US and Italy

by T. Kirsanova and J. Sefton

No. 279

Fiscal implications of demographic uncertainty: comparisons across the European Union

by M. Weale

No. 280

Employability skills initiatives in higher education: what effects do they have on graduate labour market outcomes?

by G. Mason, G. Williams and S. Cranmer

No. 281

Do ICT skill shortages hamper firms' performance?

by J. Forth and G. Mason

NIESR's Monthly Email Newsletter

A free monthly email newsletter service from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. Included every month are:

- * Summaries of recent research from NIESR
- * E-newsletter articles on topical economics subjects
- * Forthcoming NIESR events
- st Forthcoming publications from NIESR (including discussion papers)
- * NIESR's GDP estimates (summarised one week after press release date)

To receive the email newsletter please fill in the form at: http://www.niesr.ac.uk/enews/enews.php



National Institute Economic Review

Editor

M.R. Weale, Director, NIESR

Editorial Board

R.I. Barrell

G.S. Clisham

D. Holland

G. Mason

P. Meadows

H. Metcalf

S.I. Prais

R. Riley

Council of Management

Lord Burns (President)

Professor Stephen Nickell (Chairman)

Nicholas Barber

Kate Barker

Professor Charles Bean

Colette Bowe

Professor Willem H. Buiter

Bronwyn Curtis

Professor John Ermisch

Professor Charles Goodhart

Hans Liesner

Sir Peter Middleton

Sir Nicholas Monck

Lord Turnbull

Lord Turner

Dr Sushil Wadhwani

Martin Weale (Director)

In 2006 National Institute Economic Review [ISSN: 0027-9501] is published in January, April, July and October by SAGE Publications (London, Thousand Oaks, CA and New Delhi). Annual subscription: full rate (including electronic version), £246/US\$462; individual rate, £103/US\$181; secondary school/teacher/student, £26/US\$43. Single issue rates: full rate, £70/US\$123; individual, £34/US\$59. Electronic only and print only subscriptions are available to insitutions at a discounted rate. Please note that VAT may be applicable at the appropriate local level. Visit the Sage website (www.sagepublications.com/2006subscriptions.htm) for more information. Full rate subscriptions include the right for members of the subscribing institution to access the electronic content of the journal at no extra charge from SAGE. The content can be accessed online through a number of electronic journal intermediaries, who may charge for access. Full details are available from www.sagepub.co.uk or from SAGE Publications Ltd, 1 Oliver's Yard, 55 City Road, London EC1Y 1SP. Tel + 44 (0)20 7324 8500; Fax + 44 (0)20 7324 8600 (or in North America from SAGE Publication, 2455 Teller Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320, USA).

Aims and Scope

The *Review* is the quarterly publication of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research – one of Britain's oldest and most prestigious independent research organisations. The Institute's objective is to promote, through quantitative research, a deeper understanding of the interaction of economic and social forces that affect people's lives so that they may be improved. It has no political affiliation, and receives no core funding from government. Its research programme is organised under the headings of Economic Modelling and Analysis; Productivity; Education and Training and the International Economy.

Copyright © National Institute of Economic and Social Research, 2006. Apart from fair dealing for the purposes of research or private study, or criticism or review, and only permitted under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, this publication may only be reproduced, stored or transmitted, in any form or by any means, with the prior permission of the Publishers, or in the case of reprographic reproduction, in accordance with the terms or licences issued by the Copyright Licensing Agency. Inquiries concerning reproduction outside those terms should be sent to the publishers at the above mentioned address. Periodicals postage rate is pending at Rahway, NJ. POSTMAS-TER. Notification of any change of address should be sent to: National Institute Economic Review, c/o Mercury Airfreight International Ltd, 365 Blair Road, Avenel, New Jersey 07001, USA.

The *Review* welcomes the offer of high quality articles describing findings of social or economic research. Articles should normally comprise 4–10,000 words, excluding tables. All articles are externally refereed, but the *Review* is able to organise quick publication in appropriate cases. Full notes for contributors are available from Fran Robinson (email: f.robinson@niesr.ac.uk). website: http://www.niesr.ac.uk. Articles intended for publication should be sent to National Institute Economic Review, 2 Dean Trench Street, London SW1P 3HE, or by e-mail to Fran Robinson, email: f.robinson@niesr.ac.uk.

The *Review* is abstracted or indexed in Business Periodicals Index, CD-ROM International Bibliography of Periodical Literature in the Humanities and Social Sciences, EconLit, Emerald Management Reviews, IBZ: International Bibliography of Periodical Literature in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Inspec, Journal of Economic Literature (and JEL on CD), Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts, Online – International Bibliography of Periodical Literature in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Social Services Abstracts, Sociological Abstracts, World Banking Abstracts, and Worldwide Political Science Abstracts.

Printed by HenDi Systems, London. ISSN: 0027–9501