

Explanation of files and programs: “What
Explains the German Labor Market Miracle in
the Great Recession?”

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1. The program figures.do generates most of the descriptive figures [Figures 1,2,3,4,7,9] calling the programs:
 - (a) figure1.do
 - (b) figure2.do
 - (c) figuremisc.do
 - (d) gdpfig.do
 - (e) lfgraph.do (figure no longer in paper)
2. Other figures:
 - (a) The program generating the short-time graph is in arbeitszeit-graphs.do [Figure 8]
 - (b) The program generating the expectations graph is in expectgraph.do [Figure 10]
3. The program macro_q.do calls some programs in constructing the main data set, and also runs the regressions for employment and hours per worker [Table 4; Figures 5,6] (and total hours; not in the paper), creating predicted variables that are inputs to figures.do. It calls:
 - (a) The program kug.do adjusts labor costs for the reimbursed payments connected with short-time work (the short-time payments and, in 2009-2010, some social security contributions)
 - (b) The program cleanind.do chains industry-level variables to have no jump in 1991 and converts nominal to real values
 - (c) The program timevar.do just sets up Stata in time-series mode so as to be able to do Newey-West standard errors
4. The program industryregs.do mainly feeds inputs to decomp.do, and also calls expectations-related programs
 - (a) decomp.do decomposes surprises in employment, for the aggregate economy and by industry, into surprises given value-added and wages, and surprises in value-added given the components of GDP [Tables 5,6]

- (b) expectmanuf.do examines the effect of manufacturing expectations on manufacturing employment, and performs counterfactuals (not used in the paper)
 - (c) expecthrsworker.do does the same things for manufacturing hours per worker (not used in paper)
 - (d) expectall.do examines the effect of aggregate expectations on aggregate employment and performs counterfactuals [Tables 8,9]
5. otherrecessions.do predicts the 1970s and 1980s recession out of sample (mentioned in the paper)
 6. Table 1 is generated by manual calculations based on macro_q.dta
 7. Tables 7 and 10 come from data my RA has obtained from the IAB and will be sent separately
 8. Tables 2 and 3 are generated by my co-author, and the programs will be sent separately