The brain drain: some evidence from European expatriates in the United States*

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ABSTRACT: This paper uses U.S. Census data from 1990 and 2000 to provide evidence on the labor market characteristics of European-born workers living in the US. It is found that there is a positive wage premium associated with these workers, and that the highly skilled are over-represented compared with the source country, more so, when one moves up the skill ladder.

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