

Employment Linked to Exports from Latin American and Caribbean Countries, Spain, and the European Union

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Using the input  output matrices of six Latin American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru), employment associated with exports of goods and services destined for Spain, the European Union, and a selected group of main partners was estimated. The analysis provides evidence of the interrelationships between productive structure, foreign trade, and employment, particularly employment driven by Spain  s and the EU  s imports from these six countries. The study also includes employment estimates by gender and by skill level, distinguishing three categories: low, medium, and high skill. In addition, the results help fill an important gap in the literature by allowing for an assessment of the human capital content embodied in exports  especially primary products and resource  based manufactures  both of which contain, to some extent, shares of high  skill employment. Another noteworthy contribution is the inclusion of employment estimates for the commercial services sectors of each of the selected countries.