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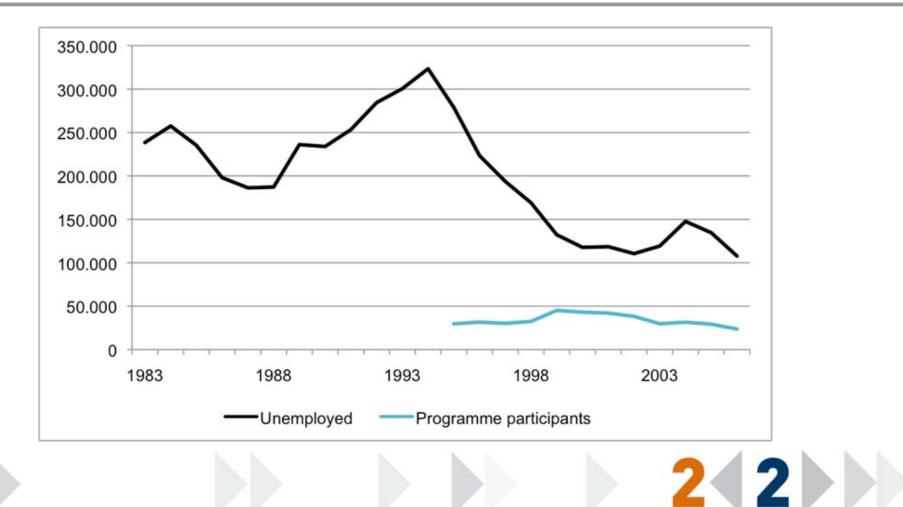
The Costs and Benefits of the Danish Active Labour Market Programmes

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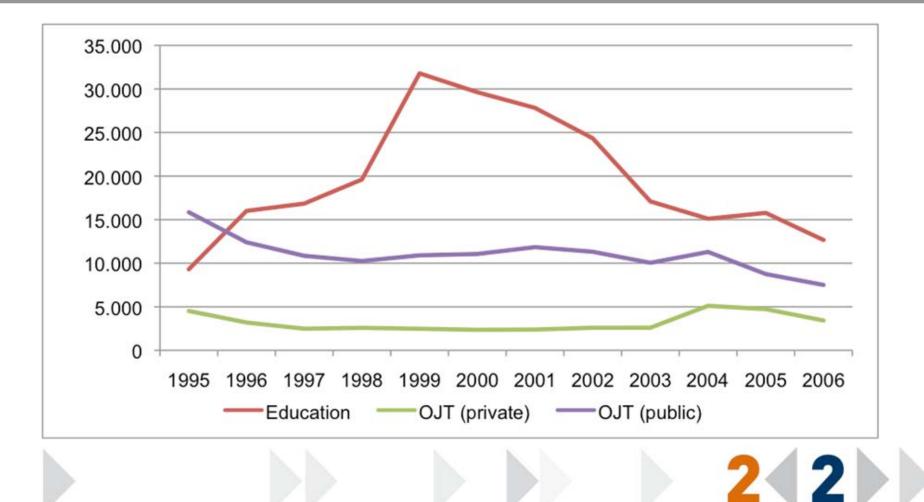
Unemployment in Denmark





Unemployment in Denmark







- Comparison of accumulated value of earnings effects with direct operation costs of programmes corrected for marginal cost of public funds
- Consider long-run outcomes (11 years of data)
 - -Differences in short and longer run effects important

Private Returns to Danish ALMPs



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• Annual earnings effects

- -(Impressive) short-run effects for OJT-programmes
 - ≥ 5,500 € per year (close to 50%)
- -(Expected) short-run effects for educational
 - ≈ -2,000 € per year (around 20%)

Private Returns to Danish ALMPs



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• Annual earnings effects

- -Longer-run effects for private OJT
 - 2,200 € per year (15 %)
- -Longer-run effects for public OJT
 - 500 € per year (4%)
- -Longer-run effects for educational programme
 - 1,100 € per year (8%)

Social Returns to Danish ALMPs



- Benefits and costs accounted for:
 - Direct effects on earnings
 - Reduced distortions from taxation due to saved UIbenefits
 - Direct programme costs (administration of programmes, education material, teacher hours)
 - Wage subsidies during job training (value of production during job training equals wage minus subsidy

Social Returns to Danish ALMPs



- Benefits and costs not accounted for
 - Value of reduced leisure
 - Displacement of non-subsidized workers
 - Effects on well-being of participants
 - Ex ante effects

Social returns to Danish ALMPs



- Net Present Value per Participant
 - Private On-the-Job Training: 37,000 €
 - Public On-the-Job Training:
 - -Educational Programmes:
- -11,000€

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