

The Hidden Cost of Crime: Crime Victimization and Mental Health

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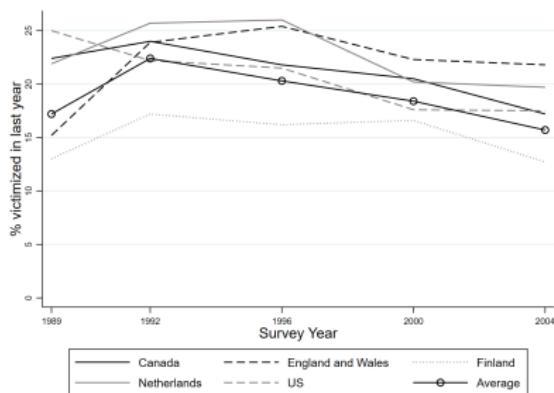
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INTRODUCTION

Motivation: Crime Victimization

Big picture question: How does crime impact victims and society?

Many crimes are not victimless – see e.g. numbers from the *International Crime Victimization Survey*:



Source: Bindler, Ketel and Hjalmarsson (2020).

- ▶ % who report being victimized of at least 1 of 10 crimes (e.g. theft, burglary, robbery, sex offenses and assaults/threats).
- ▶ Annual avg. includes all countries reporting in a given survey year.
- ▶ In every survey round, >15% of respondents report being victimized in just the last year.

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Growing literature evaluating the impact of policies on crime, incl. criminal justice policy but also social & economic policy.

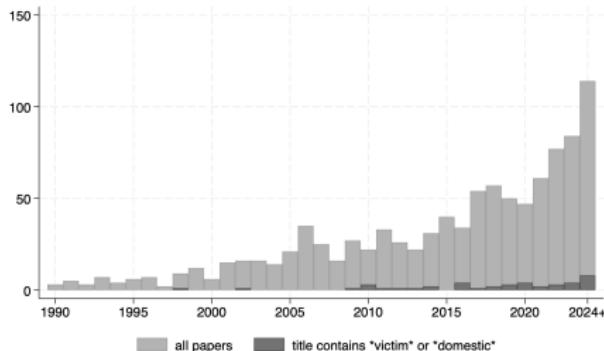
- ▶ Often of interest: cost-benefit type analyses of policies wrt crime.
- ▶ Policy cost: public spending, e.g. for police, prisons, schools, ... (+ sometimes political costs?).
- ▶ Benefits: costs of crimes prevented through respective policies.

Literature: What do we know?

Economics of crime literature (following Becker 1968):

- ▶ How does the cost of crime affect the behavior of the *offenders* (deterrence, scarring effects)? But: Scarce knowledge on the costs of crime for victims.

More recently: Young and dynamic literature on victimization and (social) costs of crime. → *Possible by access to high-quality data.*



Source: Doleac (2024). Database of crime-related papers published in Economics journals (general interest plus top field).

Literature (non-exhaustive list)

- ▶ **Physical health** (e.g., injuries, birth outcomes): Ornstein (2017), Aizer (2011), Currie et al. (2022), + public health literature.
- ▶ **Mental health and well-being:** Cornaglia et al. (2014), Dustmann and Fasani (2016), Johnston et al. (2018), Bhuller et al. (2024).
- ▶ **Economic consequences** (e.g., labour market outcomes): Velamuri and Stillman (2008), Ornstein (2017), Bindler and Ketel (2022), Bhuller et al. (2024), Adams-Prassl et al. (2024), Adams-Prassl et al. (2024).
- ▶ **Behavioural changes/precautionary behaviours** (e.g., moving, political participation, policy preferences): Dugan (1999), Braakmann (2012), Bateson (2012), Visconti (2019), Bindler et al. (2024).
- ▶ **Human capital costs of (indirect) crime exposure:** Monteiro and Rocha (2017), Foureaux-Koppensteiner and Menezes (2021), Chang and Padilla-Romo (2023), Bharadwaj et al. (2021), Cabral et al. (2020), Ang (2021).

This Paper: Crime Victimization and Mental Health

Current literature: Health and mental health show up as one potential mediator for individual (economic) costs of crime.

→ **This paper: Can we learn more?**

- ▶ Individual-level victimization data with **detailed measures of mental health** plus **victim-offender relationship** from New Zealand (*register data*).
- ▶ Trace mental health consequences and study heterogeneity by victim-offender relationship (*beyond intimate partner violence*).
- ▶ Focus on violent crimes and adult population.

Research Questions and Contribution

1. **Consequences of victimization:** What are the effects of criminal victimization on individual's mental health?

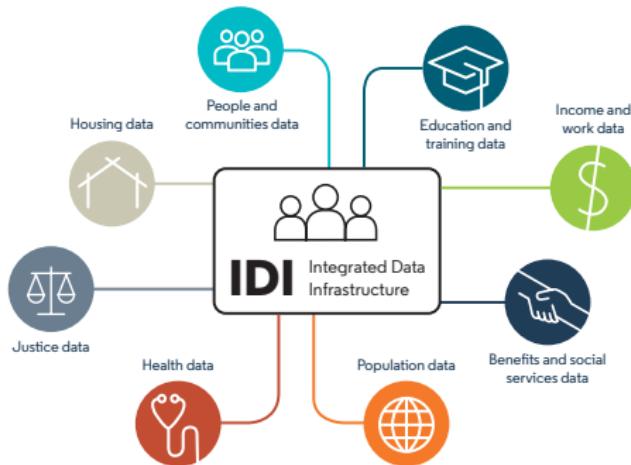
Contribution: Replication and extention of existing findings with more **detailed high-quality data** on both crime victimization (all crime types) and mental health treatments (at monthly level),

2. **Heterogeneous effects:** How does the **victim-offender relationship** (familiar/unfamiliar offender) shape mental health effects of victimization (+ downstream labor market effects)?

Contribution: Identify relationship between victim and offender **beyond domestic violence** (in register data).

DATA AND DESCRIPTIVES

New Zealand (NZ) Administrative Data



- ▶ Individual-level administrative data from **StatsNZ Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI)**.
- ▶ Research database, holding **de-identified administrative microdata about universe of people in NZ** from multiple government agencies, NGOs & surveys.

New Zealand (NZ) Administrative Data

Administrative data with (common) pros and cons.

Advantages:

- ▶ High quality data.
- ▶ Less noise/recall bias than survey data (on self-reported victimization and mental health).
- ▶ **Population-wide data**, detailed information on timing (on reported victimization, health treatments).

Disadvantages (flagged but not solved...):

- ▶ Under-reporting of victimization (based on reports to the police).
- ▶ Under-reporting of mental health problems (based on medical records).

Core Data on Crime Victimization (Treatment)

- ▶ **Spine:** Reported crime victimizations between 07/2014 and 12/2023 from **Recorded Crime Victims Statistics (RCVS)**.
- ▶ Record of all (alleged) offenses and victimizations in NZ.
- ▶ Information on:
 - * Victim and offender (if known) of each (police) recorded offense,
 - * type of crime,
 - * exact date and time of the offense,
 - * exact location of the offense,
 - * police/court action taken,
 - * **victim-offender relationship** (familiar versus unfamiliar offender).

Estimation Sample

Sample conditions to facilitate aggregation of raw police data to **victim-month level**.

1. Keep only most closely related offender per offense (if multiple offenders).
2. Keep only most severe offense per event (if multiple offenses).
3. Keep only the most severe event per month (if multiple events).

→ **Estimation sample:** Balanced longitudinal dataset with 114 monthly observations per victim (victims-only dataset).

- ▶ Add victims' demographic information from police data (if missing: from personal details data).

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Treatment-level restrictions:

- ▶ Drop: victims w/ criminal history at first victimization (charges).
- ▶ No recent victimizations in the months/years before focal victimization: Drop individuals with victimizations before 01/2016.

Victimization Sample

Sample: 28,020,600 observations for 233,505 individuals/victims.

	All		Serious Assault	Common Assault	Sexual Assault	Threat	Robbery
	Freq.	%	%	%	%	%	%
Victim-Months (row %)	352,149		52.91	34.65	6.24	1.62	4.58
Female (col %)	196,227	55.72	64.36	40.49	91.71	36.71	28.88
Familiar off. (col %)	90,192	25.61	30.74	22.43	17.03	14.83	5.84
Unfamiliar off. (col %)	261,957	74.39	69.26	77.57	82.97	85.17	94.16
Victims	233,505						
>1 victim-month	60,186						

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Number of victimizations / victim

Victimizations by Detailed Offense

	All		Female		Male	
	Freq	%	Freq	Row %	Freq	Row %
Serious Assault	186,324	52.91	119,919	64.36	66,405	35.64
Resulting in Injury	95,322	27.07	59,805	62.74	35,517	37.26
Not Resulting in Injury	91,002	25.84	60,114	66.06	30,888	33.94
Common Assault	122,031	34.65	49,410	40.49	72,621	59.51
Sex offences	21,972	6.24	20,151	91.71	1,821	8.29
Aggravated	15,447	4.39	14,202	91.94	1,245	8.06
Non-Aggravated	6,525	1.85	5,949	91.17	576	8.83
Threat	5,688	1.62	2,088	36.71	3,600	63.29
Abduction and Kidnapping	1,632	0.23	1095	67.10	537	32.90
Blackmail and Extortion	4,056	1.15	993	24.48	3,063	75.52
Robbery	16,134	4.58	4,659	28.88	11,475	71.12
Aggravated	14,841	4.21	4,281	28.85	10,560	71.15
Non-Aggravated	1,293	0.37	378	29.23	915	70.77
Total	352,149		196,227	55.72	155,922	44.28

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Seriousness scores

Summary Statistics

Demographics (measured in month of first victimization):

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	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂
Observations	91,089	43,017	22,509	38,370	8,724	738	537	831	2,007	5,172
Age (D)										
15 - 24	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.28	0.59	0.55	0.36	0.53	0.27	0.38
25 - 34	0.30	0.27	0.24	0.24	0.20	0.19	0.22	0.19	0.26	0.27
35 - 44	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.10	0.11	0.16	0.10	0.16	0.15
45 - 54	0.13	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.07	0.09	0.14	0.08	0.16	0.10
55 - 64	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.06	0.10	0.07
65+	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.04
Ethnicity (D)										
European	0.34	0.40	0.45	0.48	0.53	0.55	0.51	0.57	0.36	0.38
Maori	0.46	0.37	0.36	0.26	0.28	0.30	0.28	0.15	0.20	0.16
Pacific	0.10	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04
Asian	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.14	0.09	0.07	0.14	0.21	0.37	0.39
Other	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04

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Victim-Offender Relationship

Unique feature of the data:
Victim-offender relationship is recorded *by the police* when known.

Gender differences in victim-offender relationship:

Offender more often a familiar person when victims are female (esp. for violent crimes).

All offenses (%)	♀	♂
N	196,227	155,922
Family Member	18.51	6.01
Partner	13.19	2.11
(Grand)Parent	0.94	0.69
(Grand)Child	2.07	1.41
Sibling	1.10	0.76
Other FM	1.22	1.04
No FM	13.80	11.16
Ex-Partner	6.71	1.08
Friend, Flatmate	0.80	0.97
Other	6.29	9.12
Unknown	67.68	82.83
Stranger	6.36	18.87
No off. identified	58.94	59.69
Not stated	2.99	4.27

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By offense

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Primary outcome: Mental health (MH).

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- ▶ Our approach: Work with *MH treatment* as a proxy.
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Secondary outcomes: Labor market (LM) success.

Benefits

- ▶ Straightforward measurement (typical admin data).
- ▶ **(Monthly) wages:** From *Inland Revenue* (NZ tax authority).
- ▶ **(Monthly) social benefits:** Based on *benefit dynamics data* from Ministry of Social Development.

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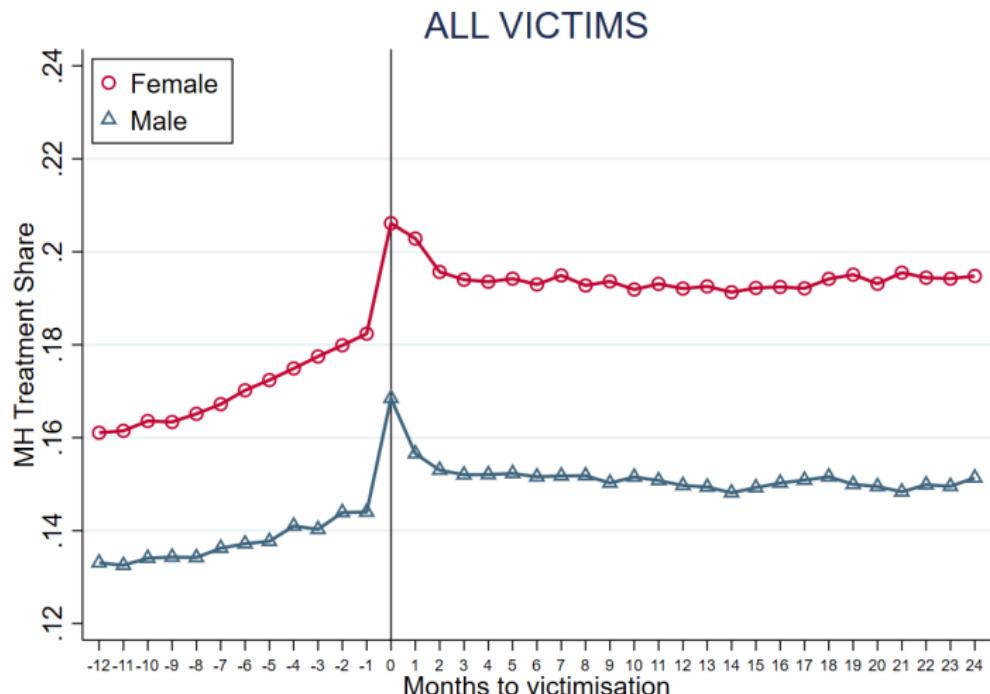
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Positive Wage (D)	0.44	0.54	0.51	0.55	0.48	0.37	0.49	0.63	0.55	0.54
Wage in \$1000	3.73	5.11	3.83	4.72	2.98	3.45	4.16	4.58	3.63	3.80
Positive Benefits (D)	0.45	0.26	0.33	0.21	0.24	0.26	0.26	0.11	0.19	0.18
Benefits in \$1000	1.51	1.30	1.38	1.19	1.34	1.22	1.47	1.33	1.37	1.18
MH Outcomes (in month before first victimization):										
MH treatment (D)	17.29	14.12	18.97	15.22	23.85	26.72	15.52	9.92	9.48	9.20

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CRIME VICTIMIZATION AND MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Treatment over Time (Raw Data)



Source: IDI (2022), own calculations.

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4. **Measurement problems:** Underreporting of victimization and undertreatment of MH.
→ Descriptive analysis using **survey data** (work in progress).

Econometric Model and Estimation (I)

Event-study based on TWFE model (as in Bindler and Ketel 2022).

$$MH_{it} = \sum_{j=-5}^{12} \beta_j V_{i,t+j} + \delta_i + \delta_t + \delta_{ag} + \epsilon_{it}$$

- ▶ MH_{it} : Indicator (1/0) for mental health treatment of individual i at time t (= calendar month).
- ▶ $V_{i,t+j}$: Indicator (1/0) for 1st victimization event j periods from t .
Omitted period: $j = -1$. V_{it}^j is binned at the endpoints:
 $j \in [j = -5, j = 12]$ (Schmiedheiny and Siegloch 2023).
- ▶ FEs: δ_i (individual), δ_t (time, monthly level), δ_{ag} (age-group).
- ▶ Inference: Standard errors clustered by individual.

Econometric Model and Estimation (II)

Timing of treatment:

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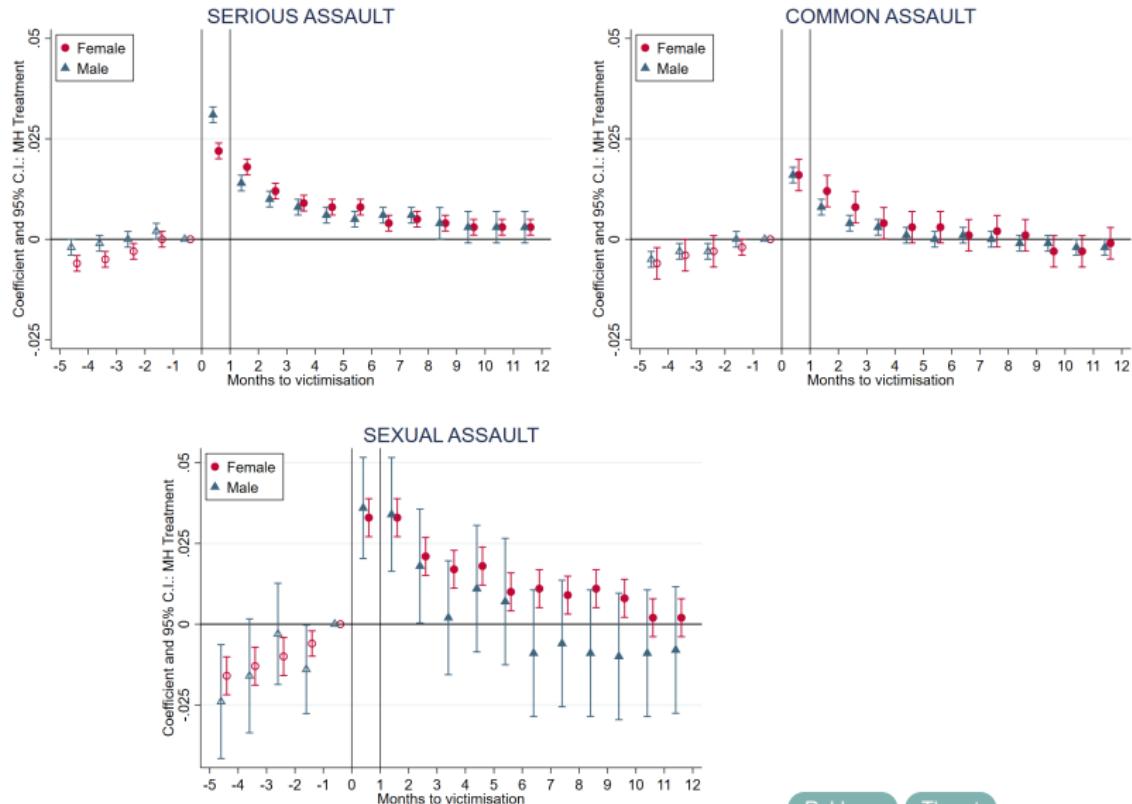
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Heterogeneous treatment effects:

- ▶ Heterogeneity in the treatment:
 - Estimation on subsamples by offense and gender.
- ▶ Heterogeneity across (treatment) groups:
 - Event-study instead of TWFE-DiD.
- ▶ Heterogeneity over time (within groups):
 - Reweighting estimator (Callaway Sant'Anna 2021; in progress).

Results: Mental Health after Victimization



Source: IDI (2022), own calculations.

Robbery

Threat

Econometric Model and Estimation (III)

Heterogeneity by offender:

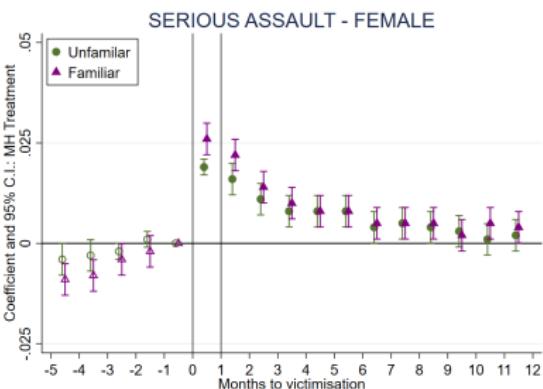
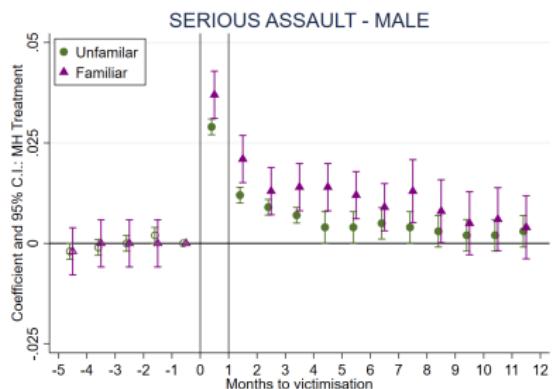
- ▶ Start by pooling all cases (results just shown).
- ▶ Our next question: Does the victim-offender relationship (VOR) matter?

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- ▶ Focus on 2 cases: VOR = Familiar vs. unfamiliar offender.

Results: Mental Health and Knowing the Offender (I)

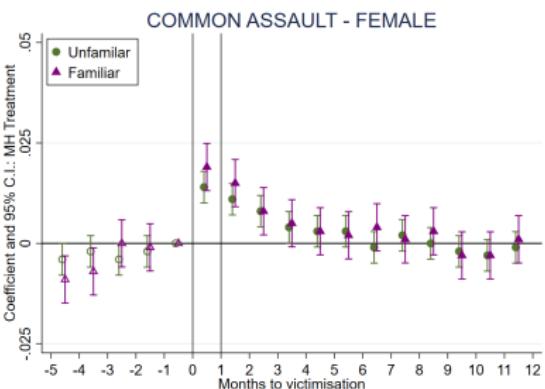
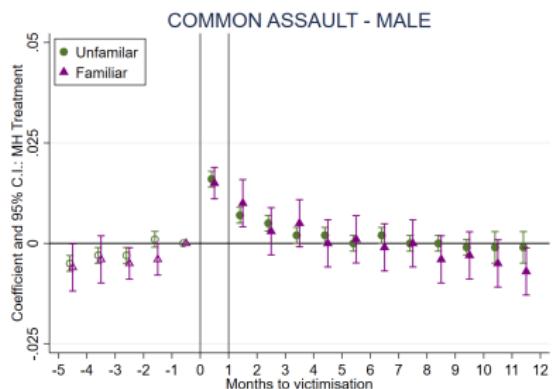
Serious Assault:



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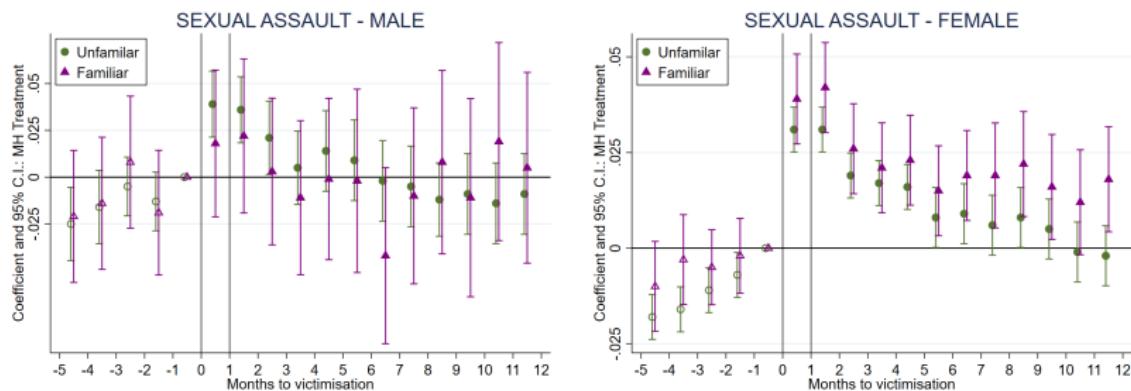
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Sexual Assault:



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Mental Health and Victimization

Taking stock:

- ▶ Short-run increase in MH treatment in response to violent crime victimization. *In the short-run*: Likely means deterioration in mental health. *In the longer run*: Treatment versus prevalence.
- ▶ Supports existing findings in the literature (e.g. Bindler and Ketel 2022; Bhuller et al. 2024).
- ▶ Monthly data highlights dynamics within the first year after victimization.
- ▶ Not much heterogeneity in terms of familiar vs. unfamiliar offender (if anything, only for serious assault in the short-run).

Next step: Impacts on labor market outcomes (where MH might be one mediator)?

CRIME VICTIMIZATION AND LABOR MARKET OUTCOMES

Econometric Model and Estimation (IV)

Baseline as before – but with labor market relevant outcomes.

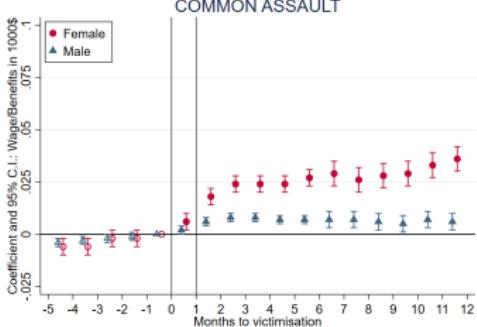
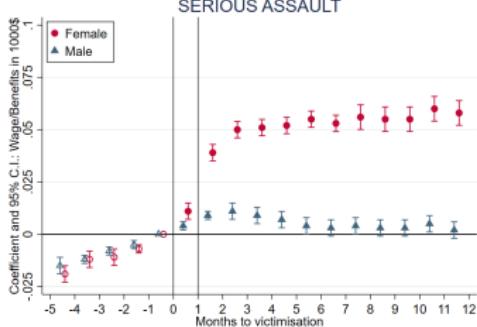
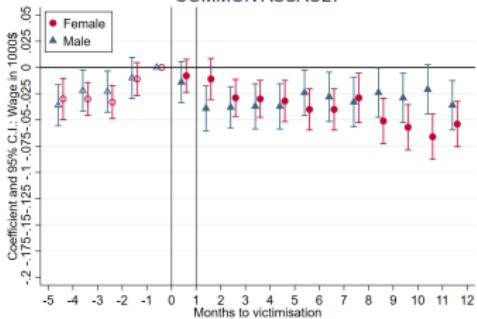
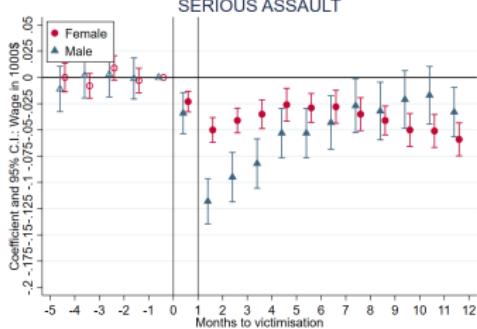
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where Y denotes **monthly wages** (in \$1000) or **benefits** (in \$1000).

Plus again: Heterogeneity by victim-offender relationship.

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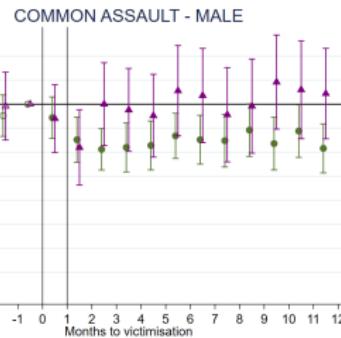
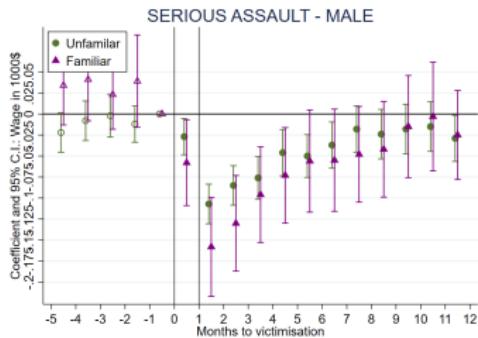
Results: Labor Market Outcomes after Victimization



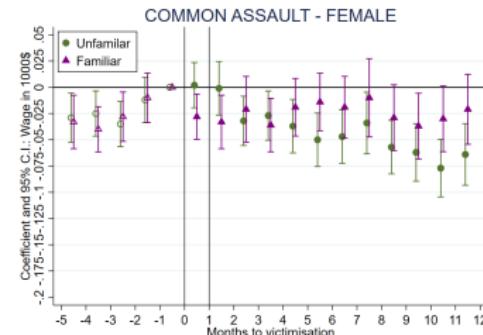
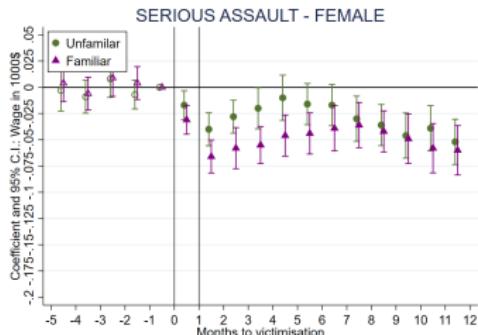
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Results: Wages and Knowing the Offender

Males Sexual Assault



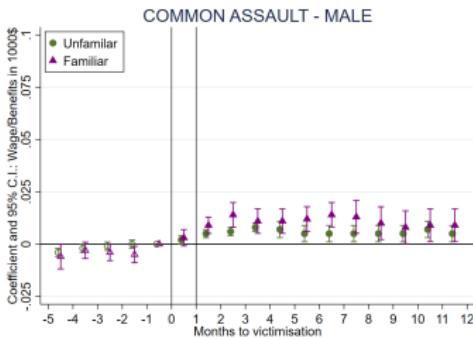
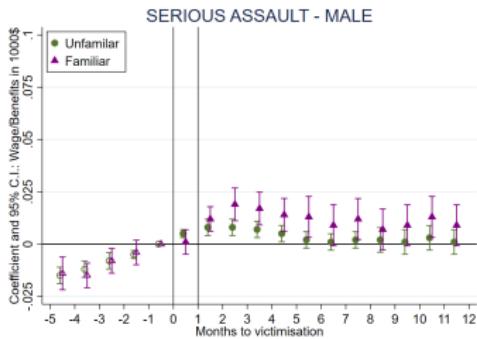
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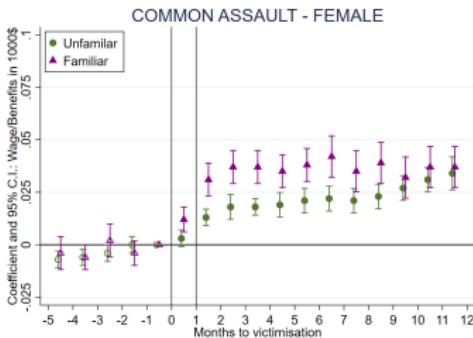
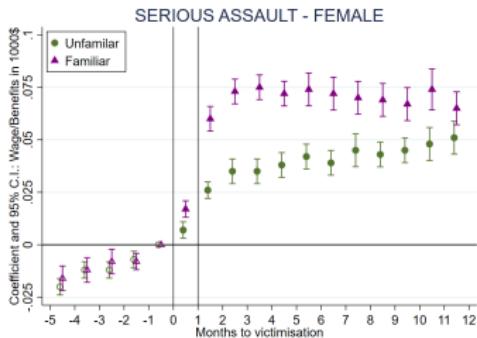
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Results: Benefits and Knowing the Offender

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Labor Market Outcomes and Victimization

Taking stock:

- ▶ Decreases in wage income and increases in benefit income linked to violent crime victimization. Supports existing findings in the literature (e.g. Bindler and Ketel 2022; Bhuller et al. 2024).
- ▶ Impacts higher for more severe assaults.
- ▶ Wage effects larger for males, but reversing sooner than for females (persistent over 12 months). Benefit impacts much larger for females and persistent over 12 months.
- ▶ Heterogeneity in terms of familiar vs. unfamiliar offender mostly for females receiving benefits.
(Driven by domestic violence cases and household dissolution – given not much heterogeneity in MH?)

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Findings

Short summary of findings:

- ▶ **Short-run ↑ in MH treatment** in first year after victimization.
- ▶ Results highlight dynamics *within first year* after victimization.
- ▶ **↓ in wage income and ↑ in benefit income** in response to victimization with heterogenous patterns by gender.
- ▶ **Not much heterogeneity by victim-offender relationship** (exception: benefits/females).

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Work in Progress

This is work in progress, more on our to-do-list:

- ▶ Details on mental health outcomes: Look at MH treatment separated by source (outpatient, drugs, inpatient, ...)
- ▶ Robustness tests: Longer pre-treatment period, stronger restriction on “no previous victimization” period, heterogenous treatment effects (Callaway SantAnna 2021), ...
- ▶ Measurement: Survey data to understand unreported victimization and untreated MH issues.

Thank you!

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APPENDIX

Number of Victimization per Individual

Number of victimizations (per victim)	Freq.	%
1	173,319	74.22
2	34,509	14.78
3	12,360	5.29
4	5,757	2.47
5	3,069	1.31
6	1,725	0.74
7	1,107	0.47
8 or more	1,659	0.71
Total	233,505	100.00

Source: IDI (2022) and own calculations. Note: To comply with the confidentiality requirements by Statistics NZ, all counts and observation numbers presented are randomly rounded to base 3; percentages are based on rounded counts and counts below 50 are suppressed (S).

Seriousness Score by Offense

	Average seriousness score	
	Female	Male
Serious Assault	165.57	320.49
Resulting in Injury	214.58	445.73
Not Resulting in Injury	96.96	125.68
Common Assault	14.78	16.91
Sex offences	2269.64	2288.36
Aggravated	3034.75	2951.35
Non-Aggravated	442.34	856.50
Threat	1069.61	890.24
Abduction and Kidnapping	1350.00	1386.79
Blackmail and Extortion	759.83	803.40
Robbery	875.11	883.33
Aggravated	901.91	909.90
Non-Aggravated	570.71	576.65

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Victim-Offender Relationship by Offense

	Serious Assault (%)		Common Assault (%)		Sexual Offense (%)		Threat (%)		Robbery (%)	
	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂
Observations	119,925	66,402	49,416	72,618	20,145	1,821	2,085	3,600	4,656	11,481
Family Member	24.14	7.08	12.40	6.30	4.66	2.31	11.94	S	1.16	0.34
Partner	18.57	2.08	5.99	2.60	2.01	S	10.79	S	0.52	S
(Grand)Parent	0.93	0.83	1.05	0.69	1.01	S	S	S	S	S
(Grand)Child	2.23	1.95	2.73	1.22	S	S	S	S	S	S
Sibling	1.26	0.90	1.21	0.80	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other FM	1.16	1.32	1.43	0.97	1.38	S	S	S	S	S
No FM	14.13	10.06	14.15	13.33	12.73	10.71	16.69	6.58	5.15	5.30
Ex-Partner	9.23	1.26	2.65	1.12	2.58	S	11.37	S	S	S
Friend, Flatmate	0.70	0.85	1.05	1.19	0.95	S	S	S	S	S
Other	4.20	7.95	10.45	11.02	9.20	9.72	S	5.58	4.38	4.86
Unknown	61.73	82.85	73.45	80.38	82.61	86.99	71.37	93.17	93.69	94.36
Stranger	4.70	23.04	7.18	14.24	7.39	6.26	8.20	7.67	35.37	29.55
No Off. Identified	55.14	55.48	63.00	61.84	72.60	77.76	60.72	83.92	53.80	59.99
Not Stated	1.89	4.33	3.27	4.30	2.62	2.97	2.45	1.58	4.51	4.81

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Example: Serious assault. Female vs. male victims – 38% vs. 17% of cases with offender known (by the victim).

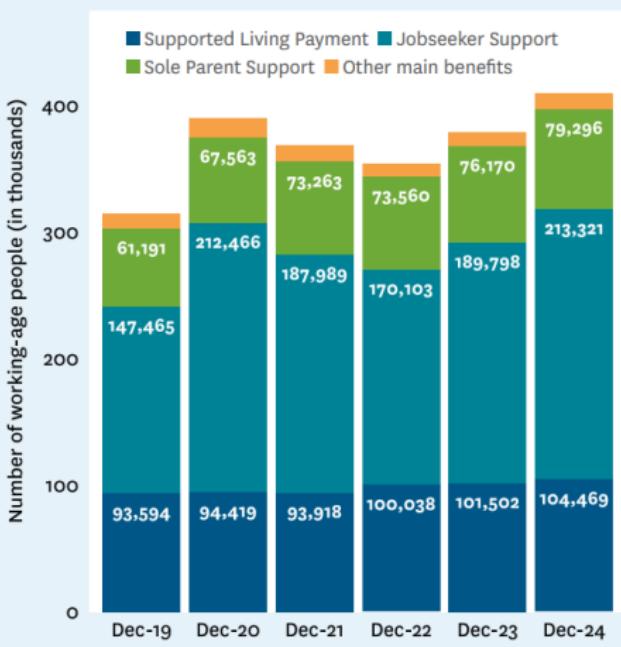
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Mental Health Treatment: Six Admin Data Sources

- 1. Program for the Integration of MH Data (PRIMHD) from MoH:**
Referral level information on secondary inpatient, residential, outpatient and community services provided by DHBs and NGOs.
- 2. Pharmaceutical data from Ministry of Health (MoH):**
Pharmaceuticals subsidized dispensing data related to mental health/addiction meds (based on chemical codes).
- 3. Publicly funded hospital discharge data from MoH:** Events related to mental health.
- 4. National Needs Assessment and Service Coordination Information (SOCRATES) by MoH:** Individuals who are eligible for Disability Support Services (DSS) for mental health reasons.
- 5. Benefit dynamics data from Ministry of Social Development (MSD):**
Individuals who receive the MSD incapacity benefit for mental health reasons.
- 6. Injury claims data from Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC):** Claims made related to self-harm event

Social Benefits: Details

Figure 1b: Number of people receiving a main benefit by benefit type at the end of the last six December quarters.

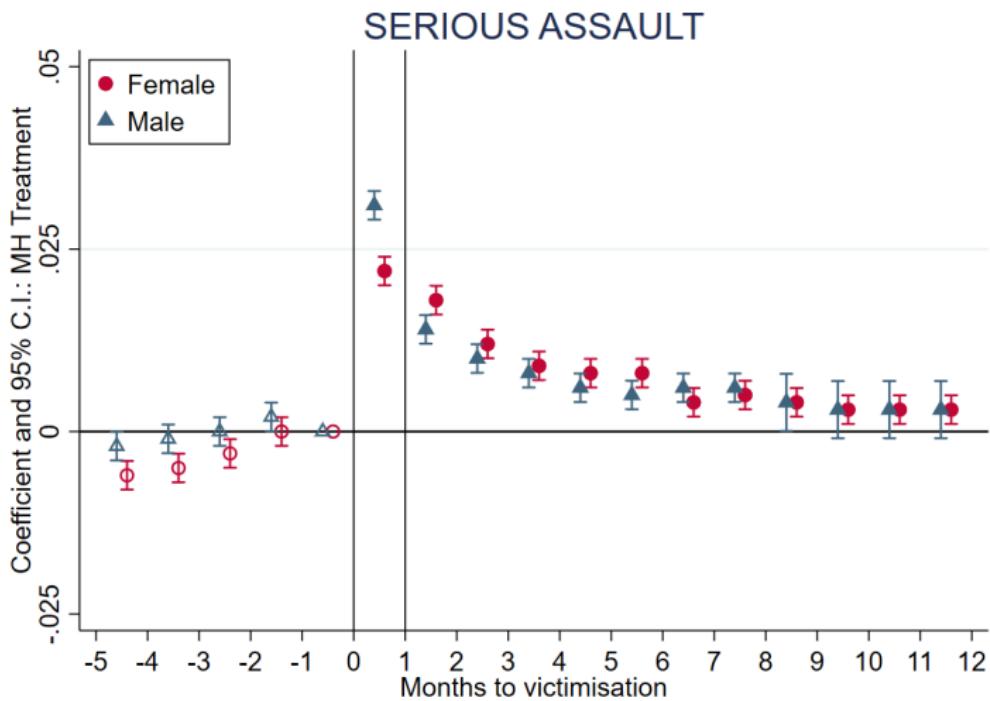


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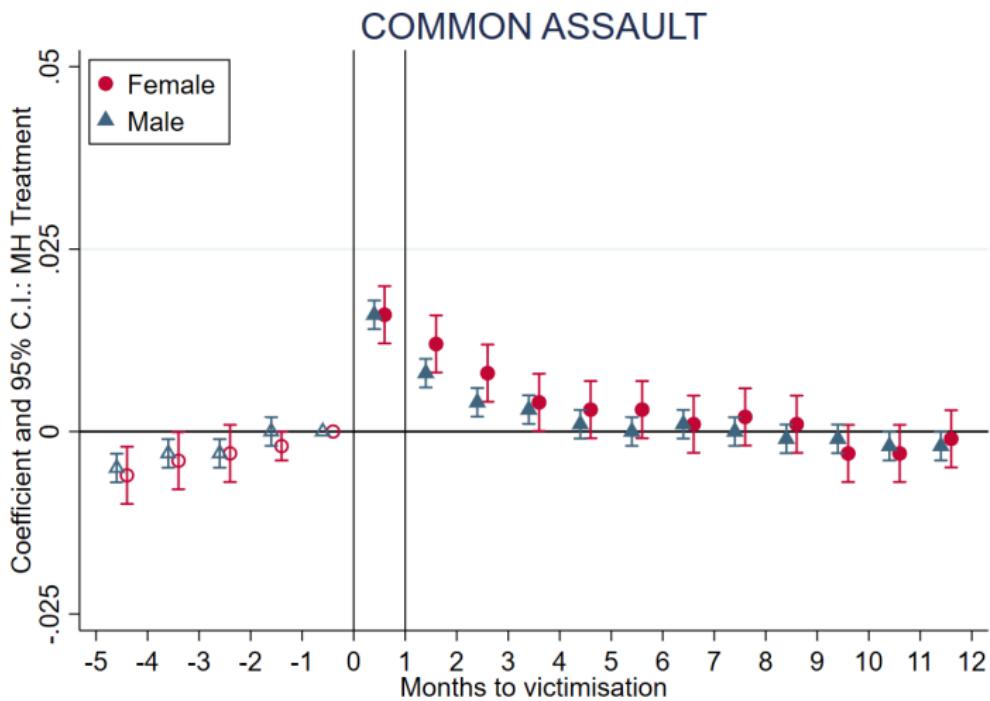
- Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment
- Emergency Benefit
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- Jobseeker Support Student Hardship

Source: Ministry of Social Development, Benefit Fact Sheets - Snapshots (December 2024).

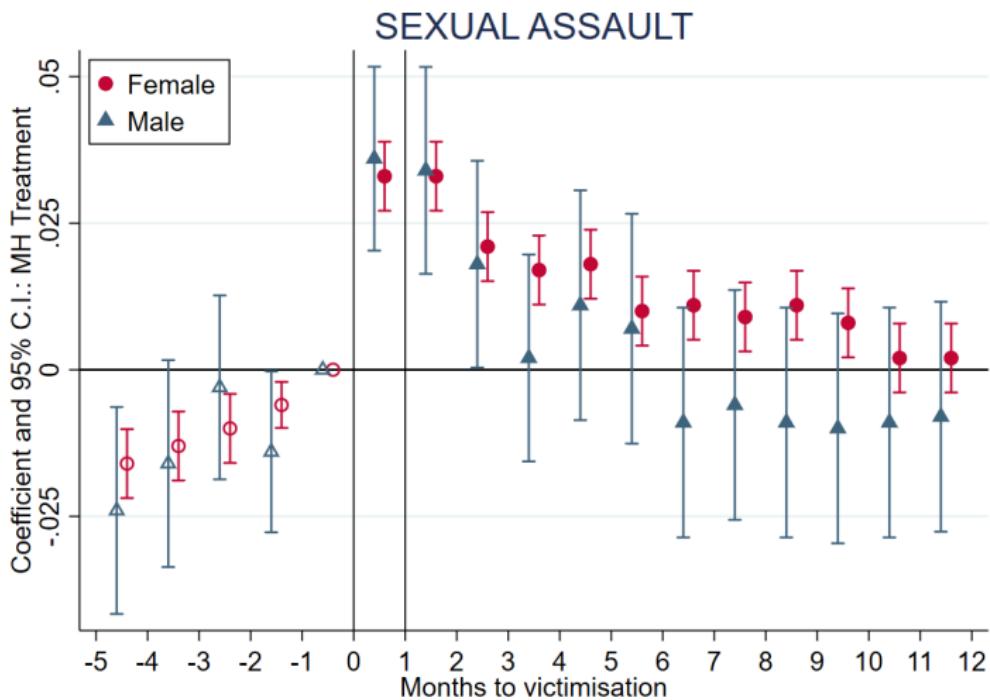
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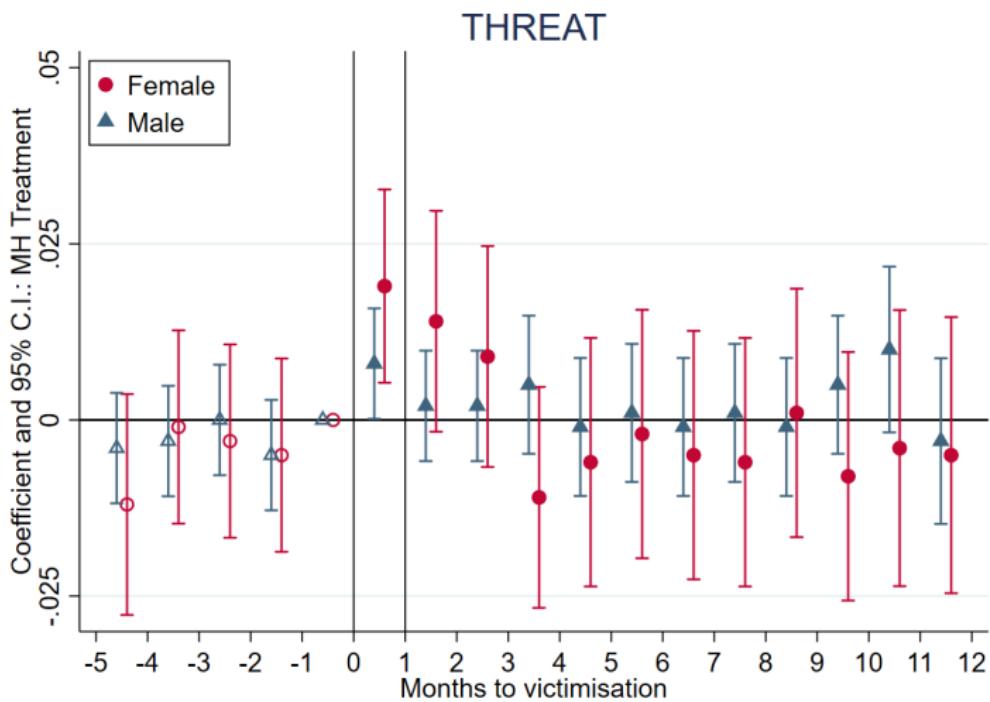
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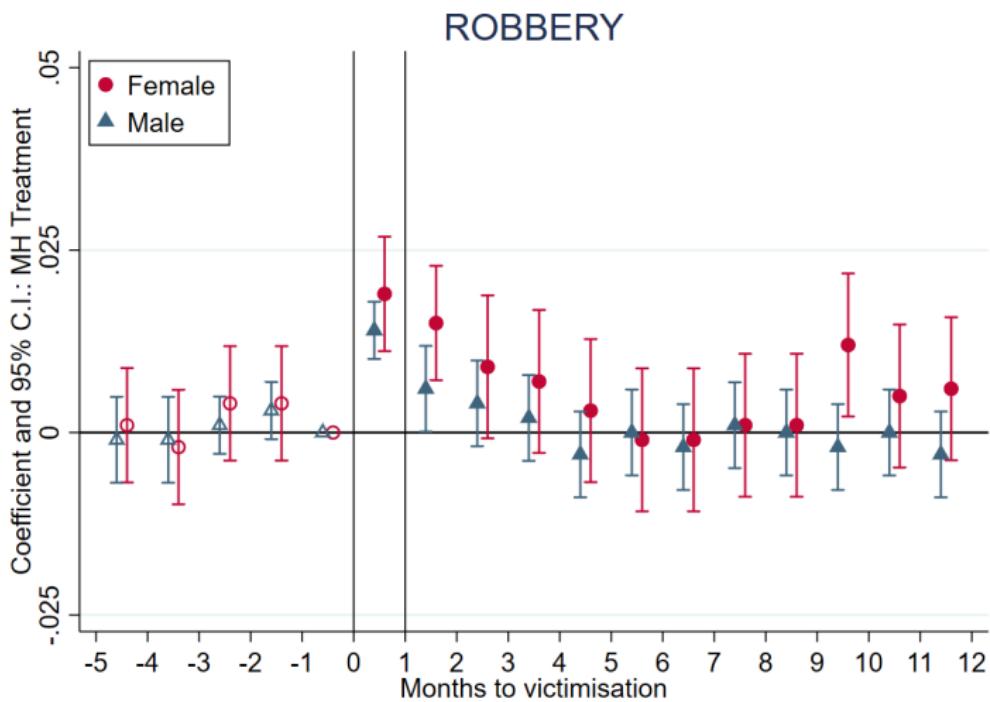
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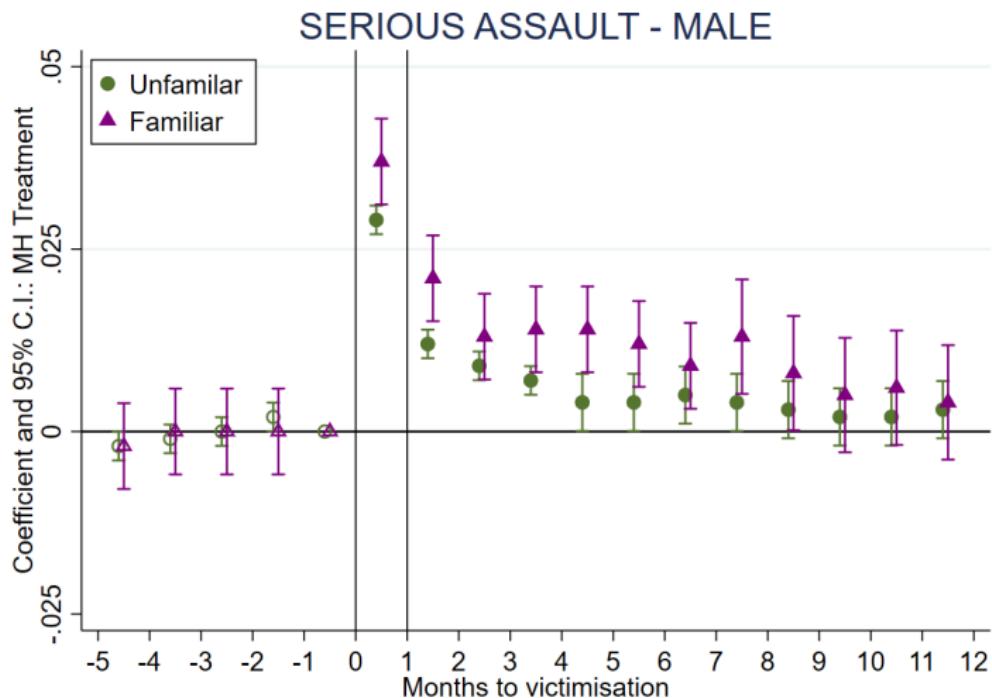
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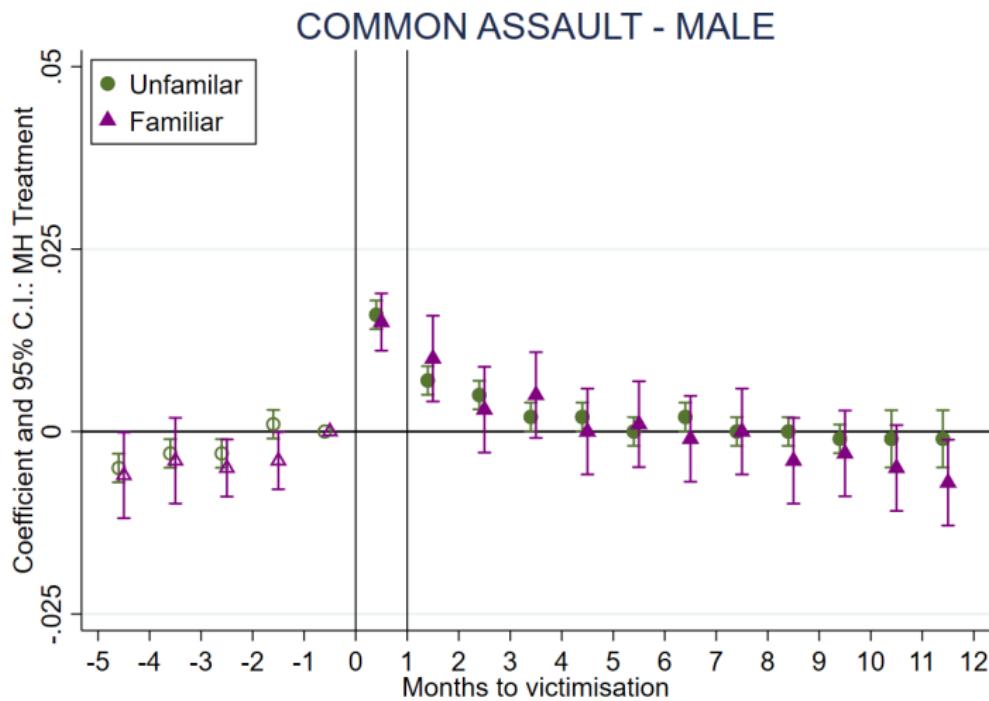
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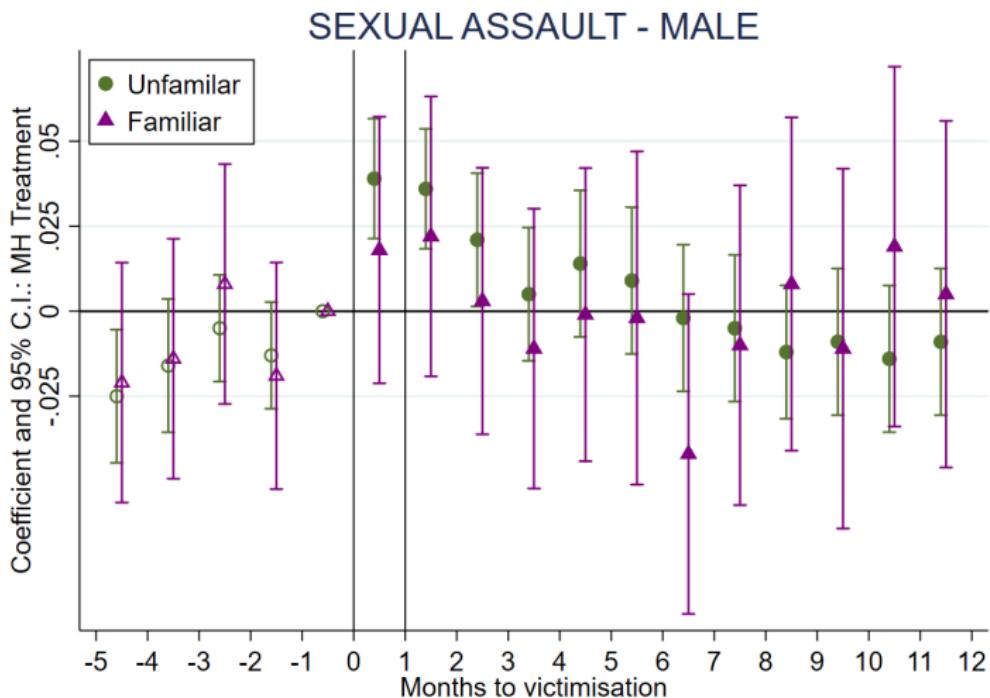
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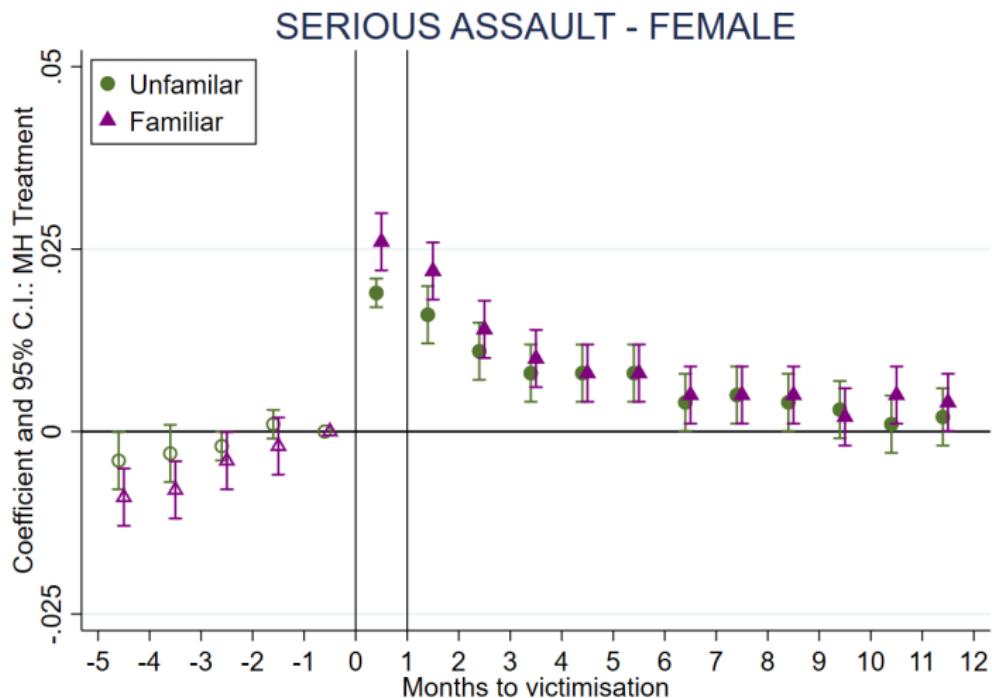
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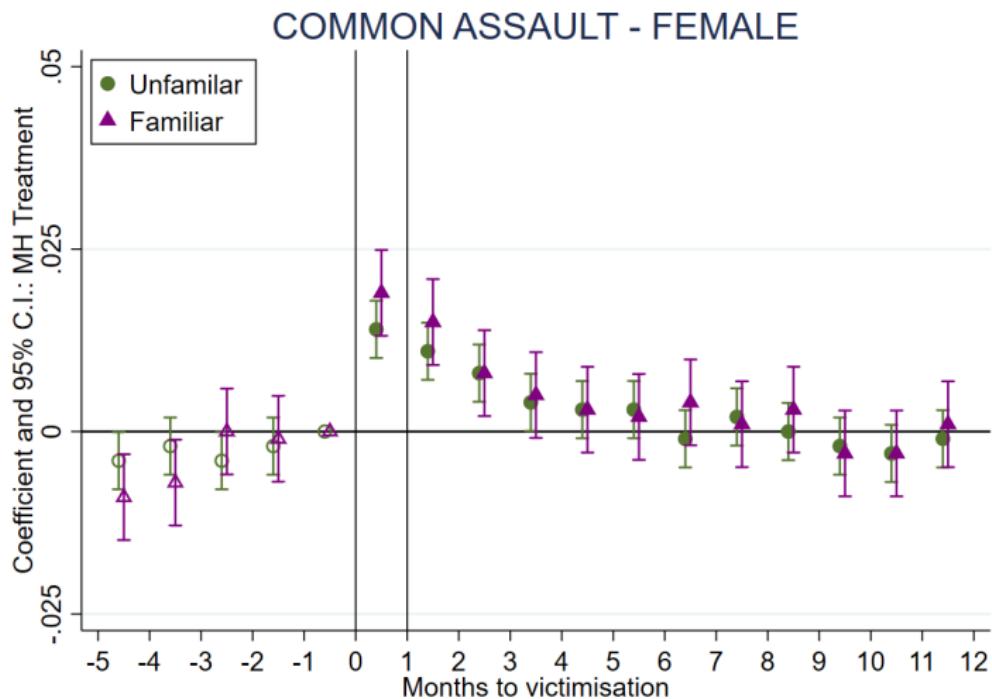
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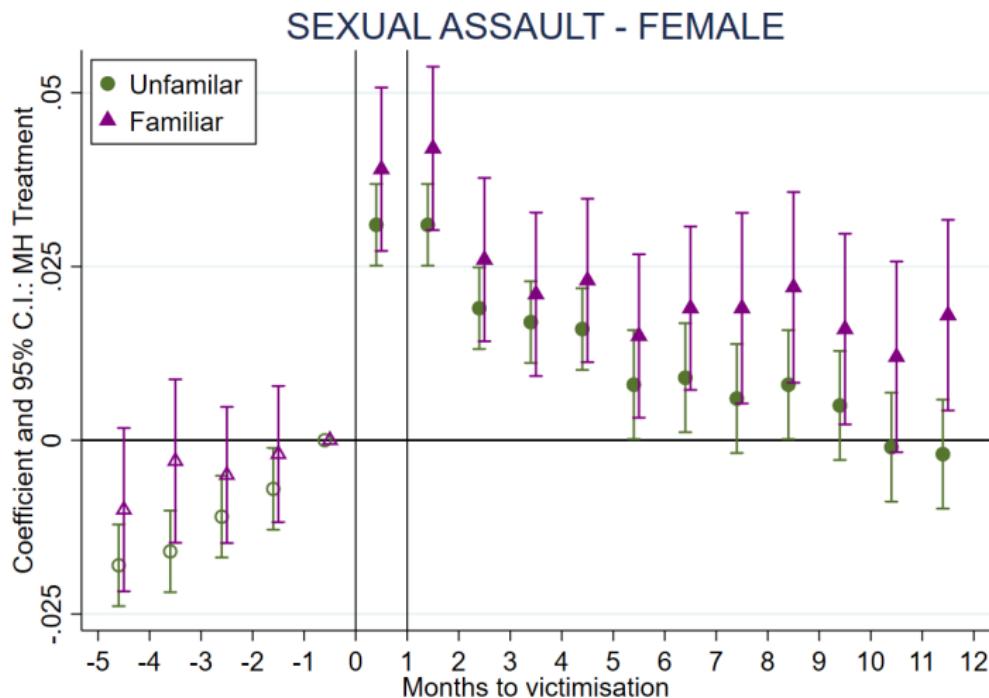
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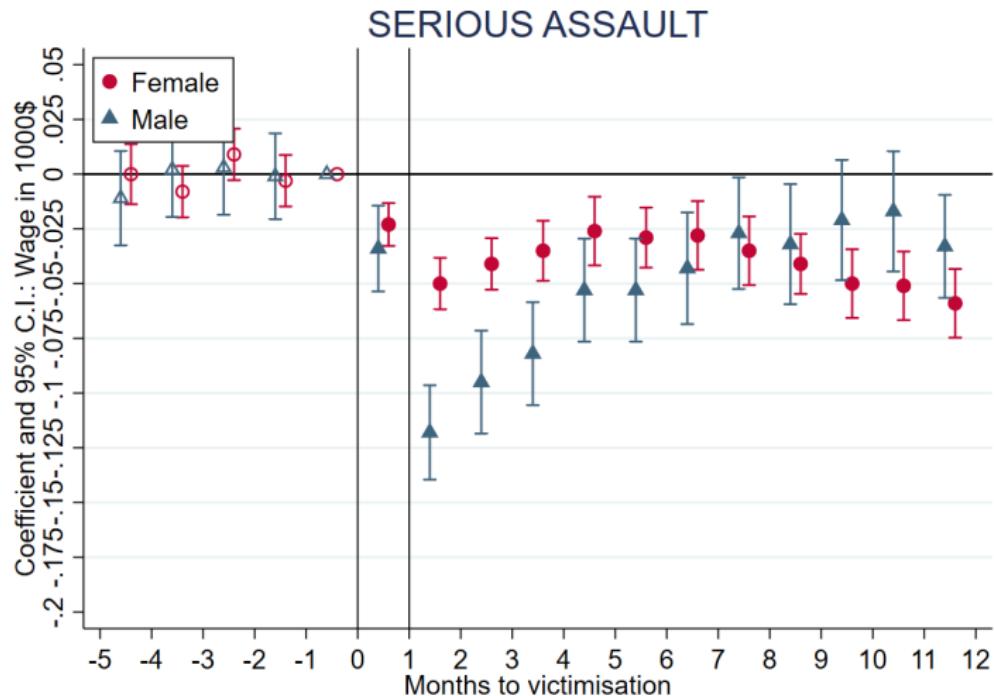
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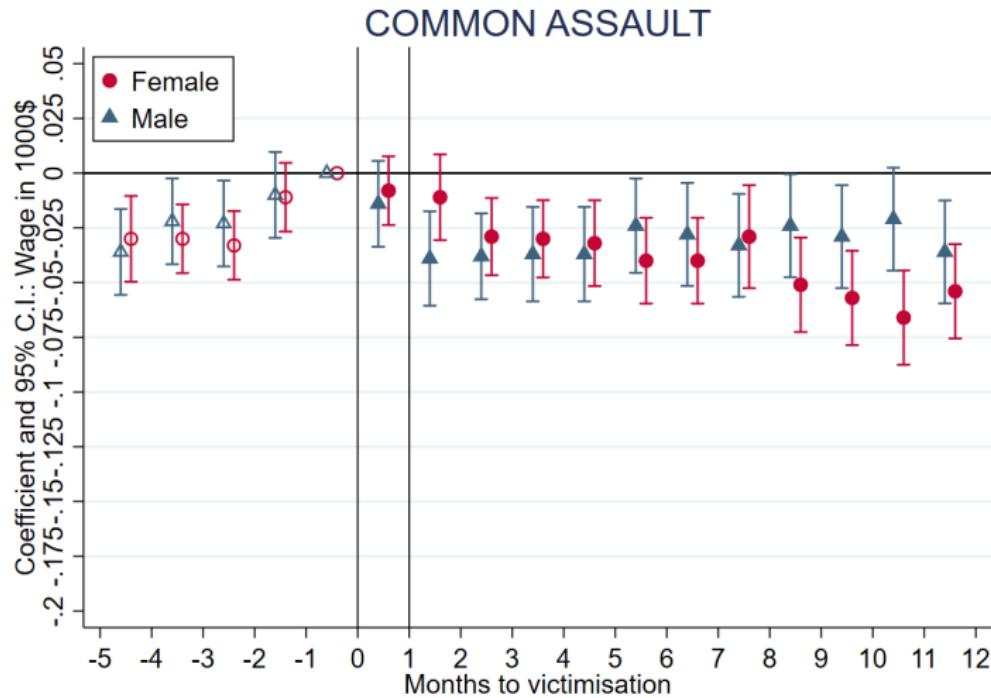
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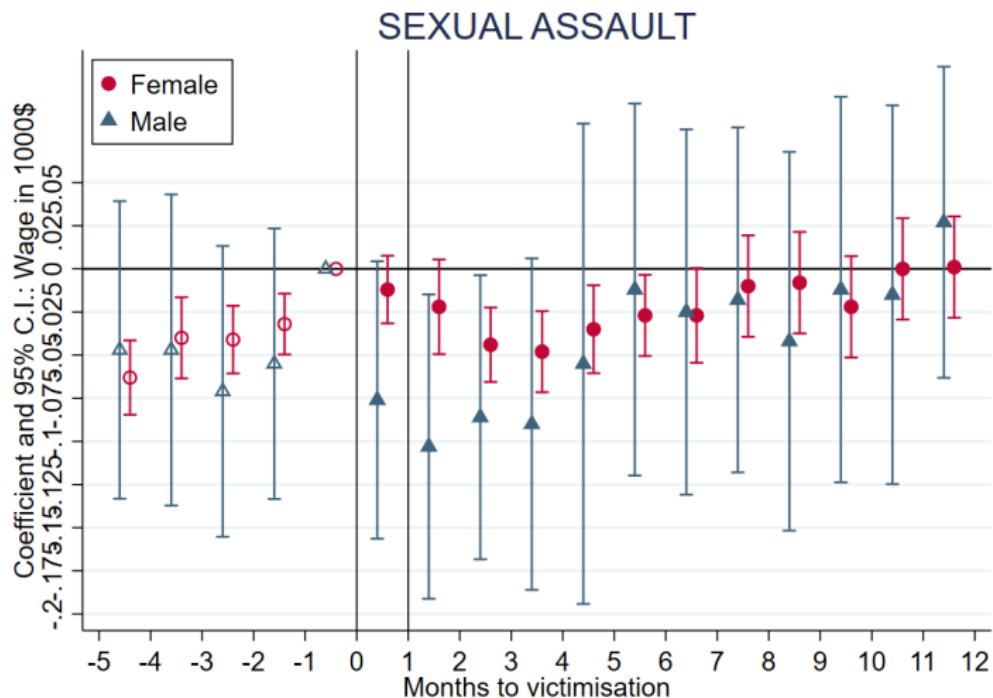
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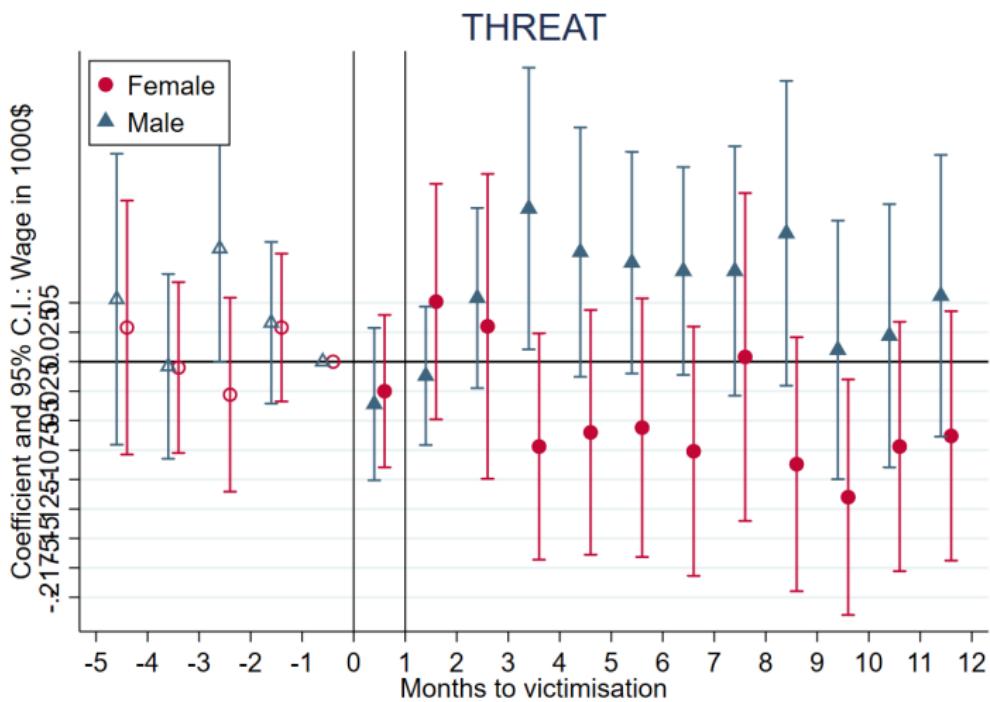
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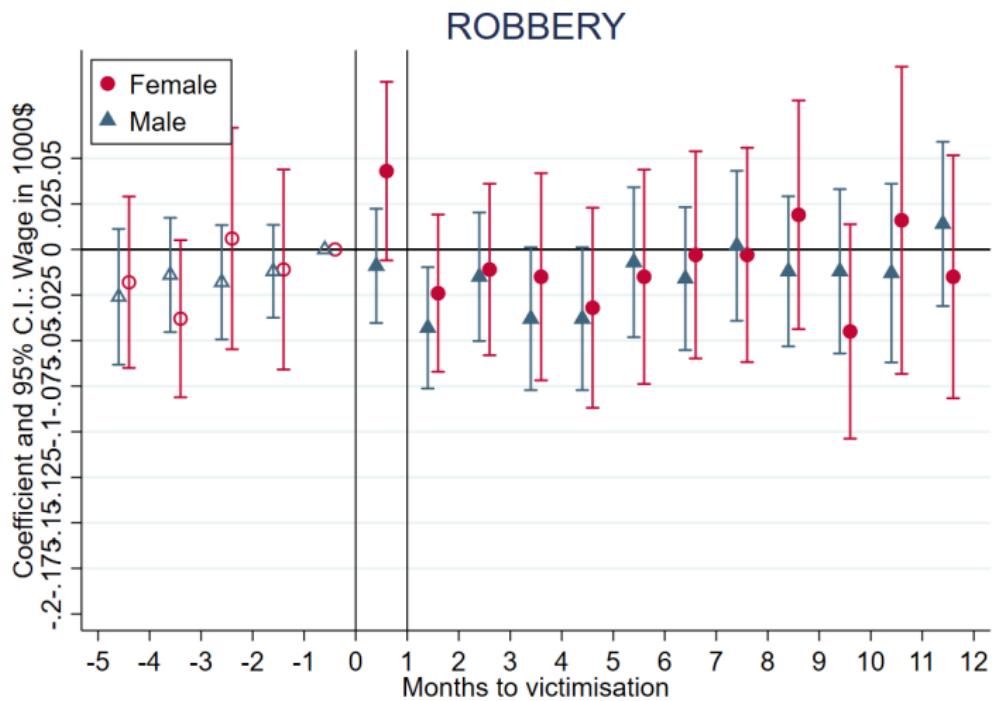
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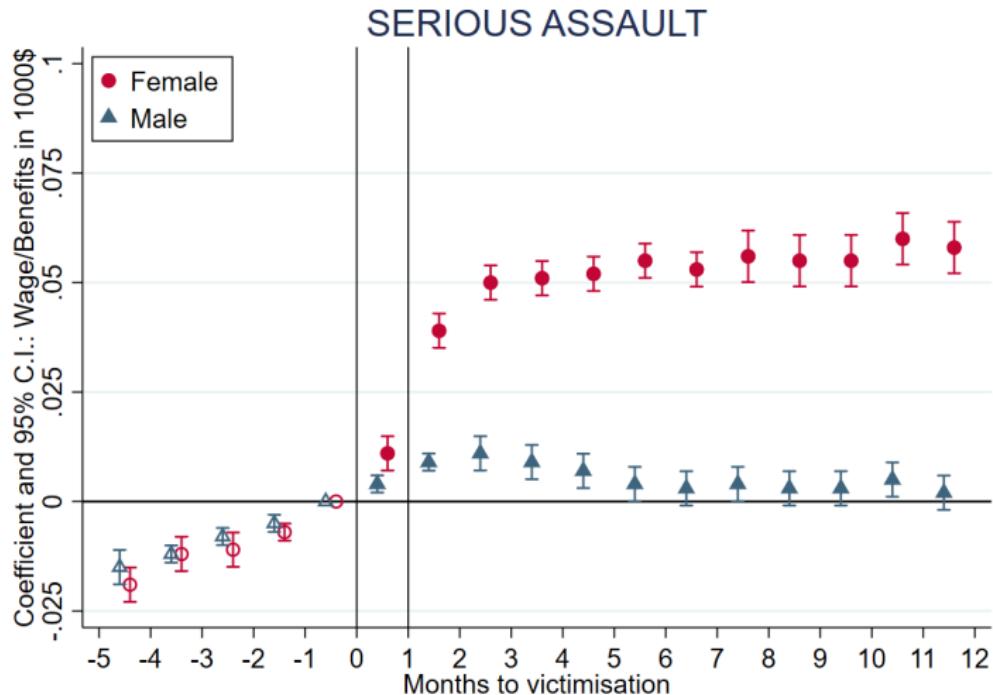
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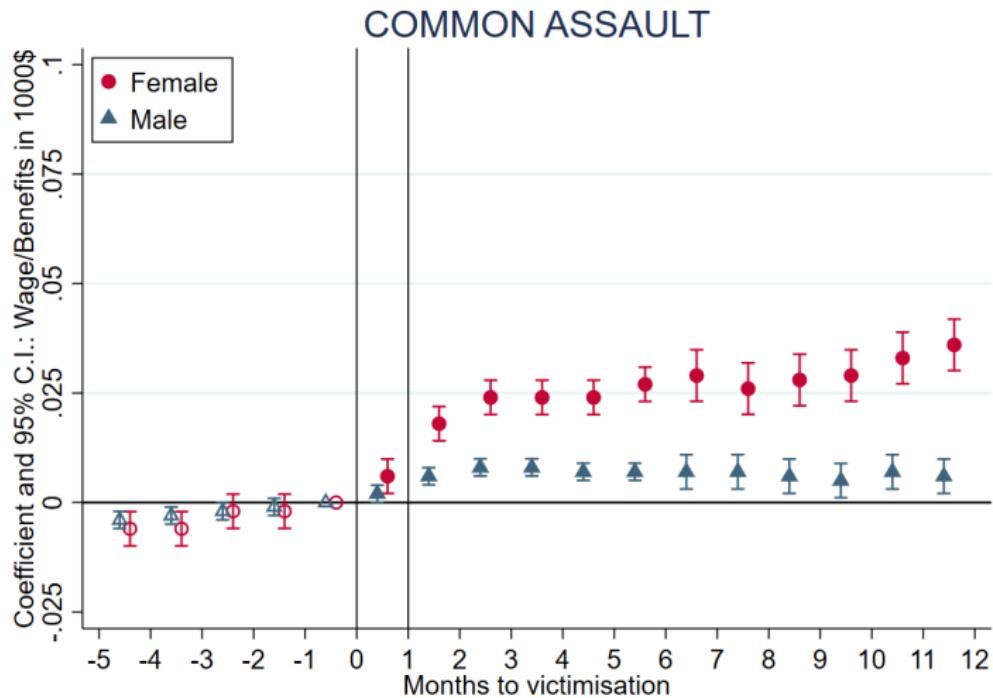
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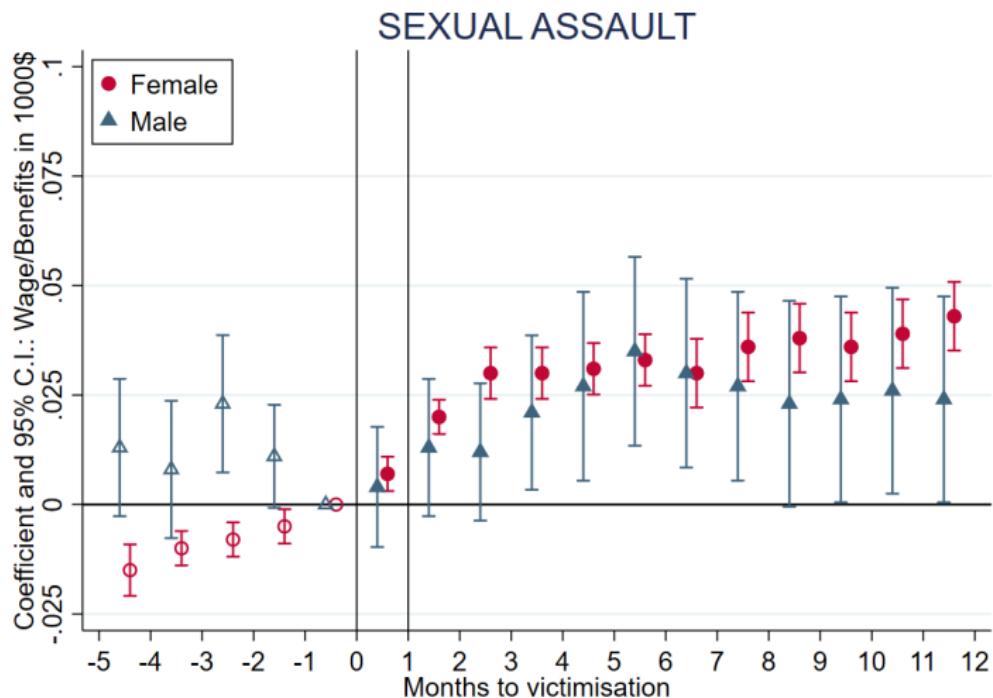
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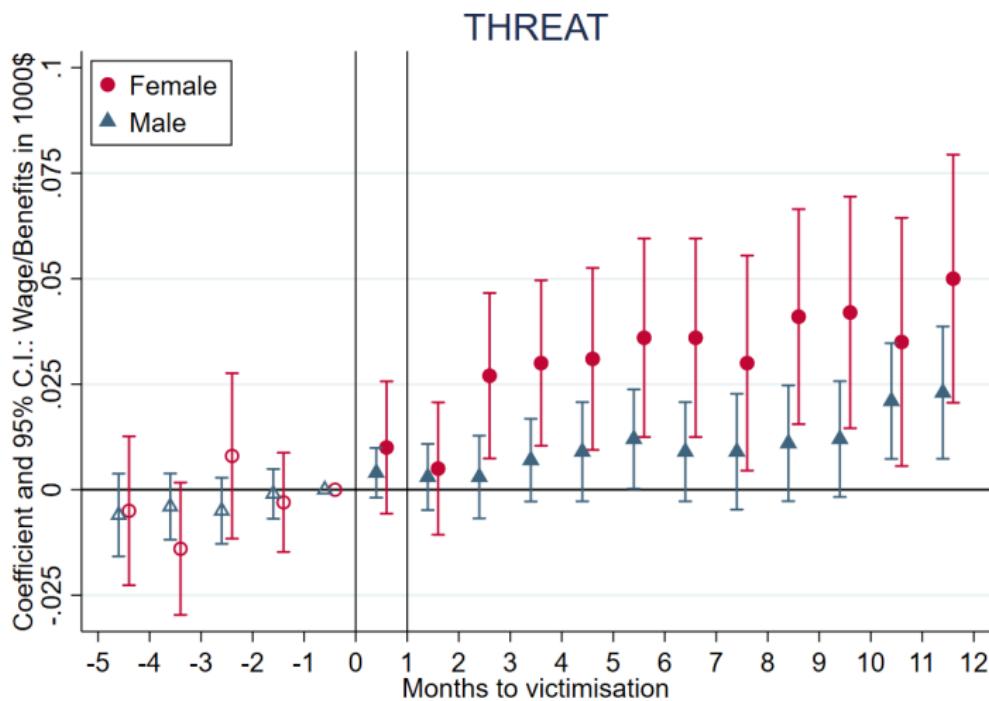
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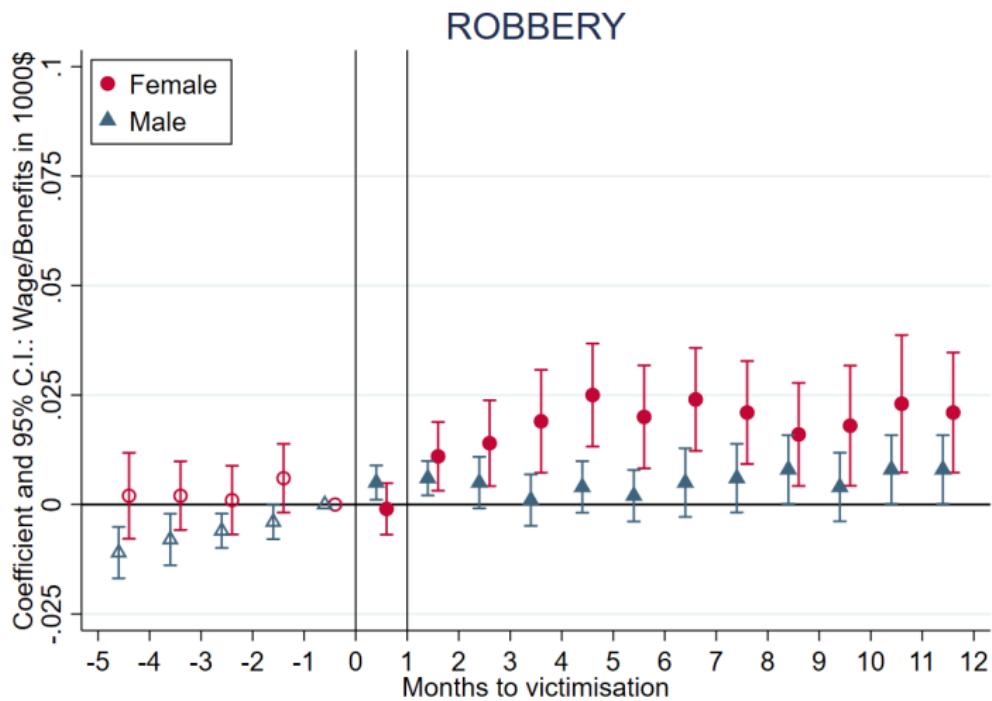
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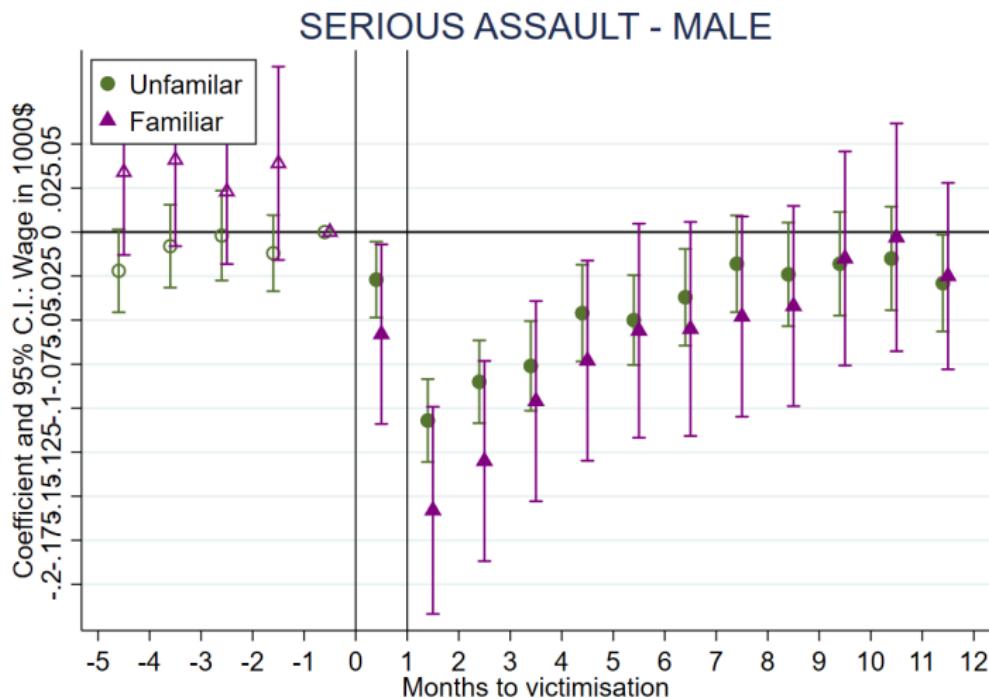
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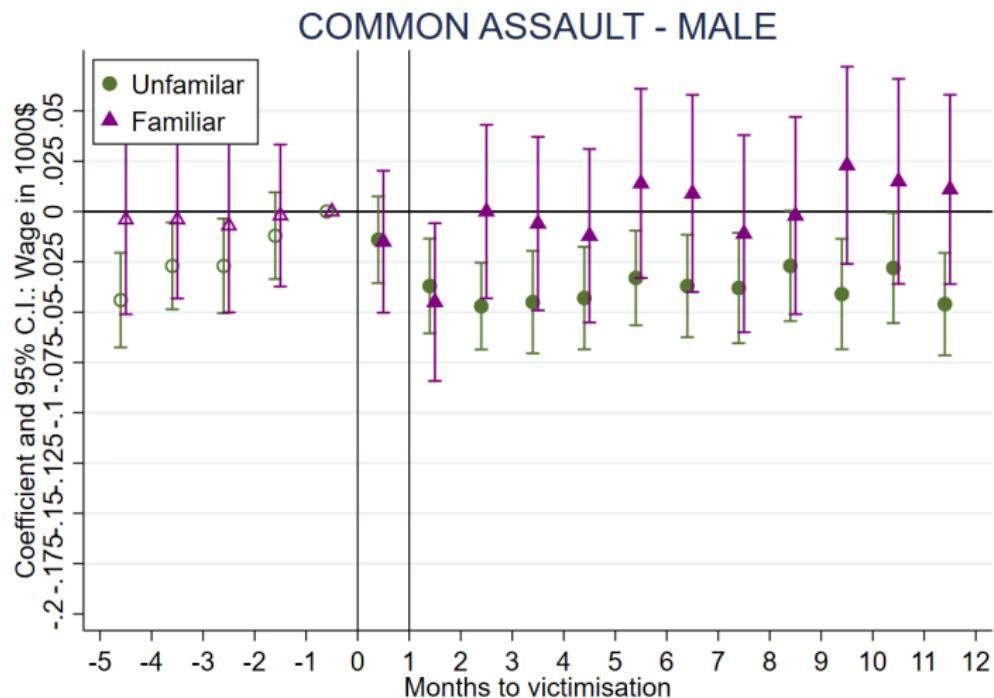
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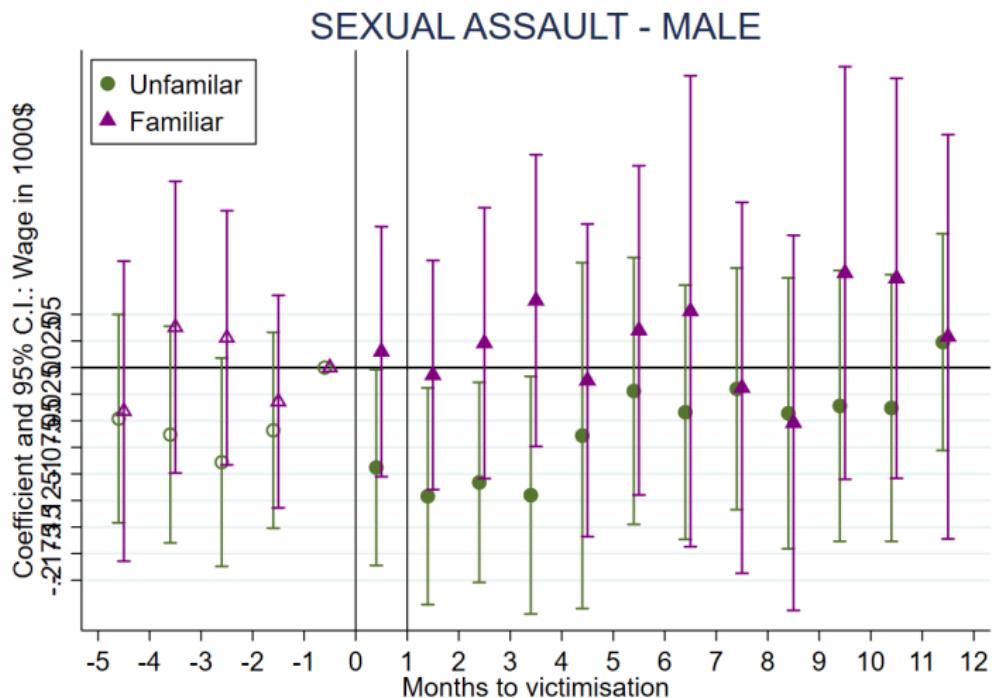
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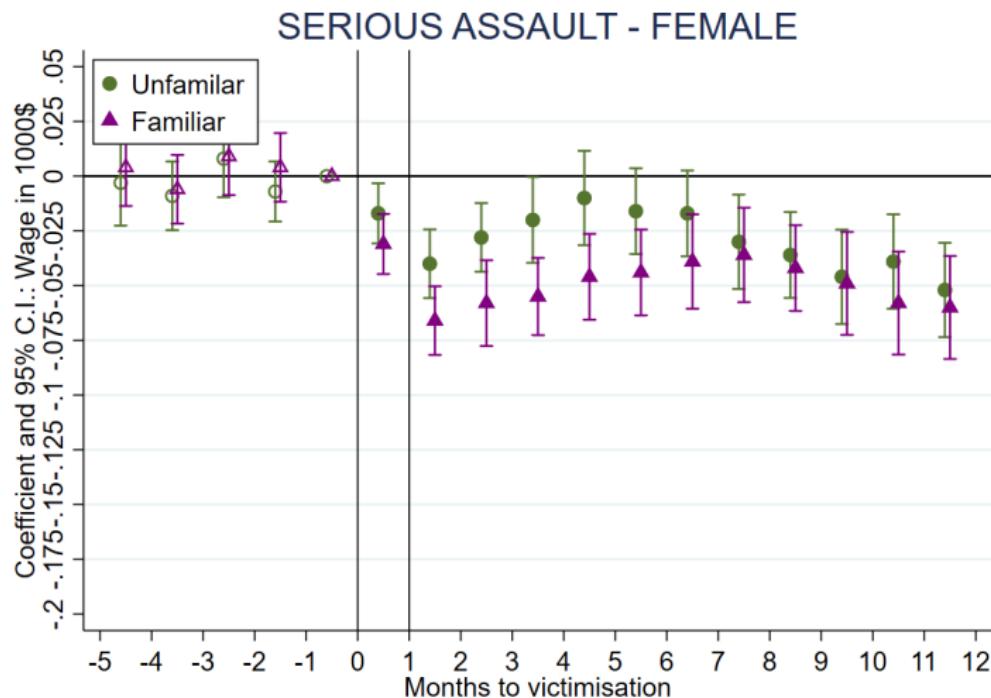
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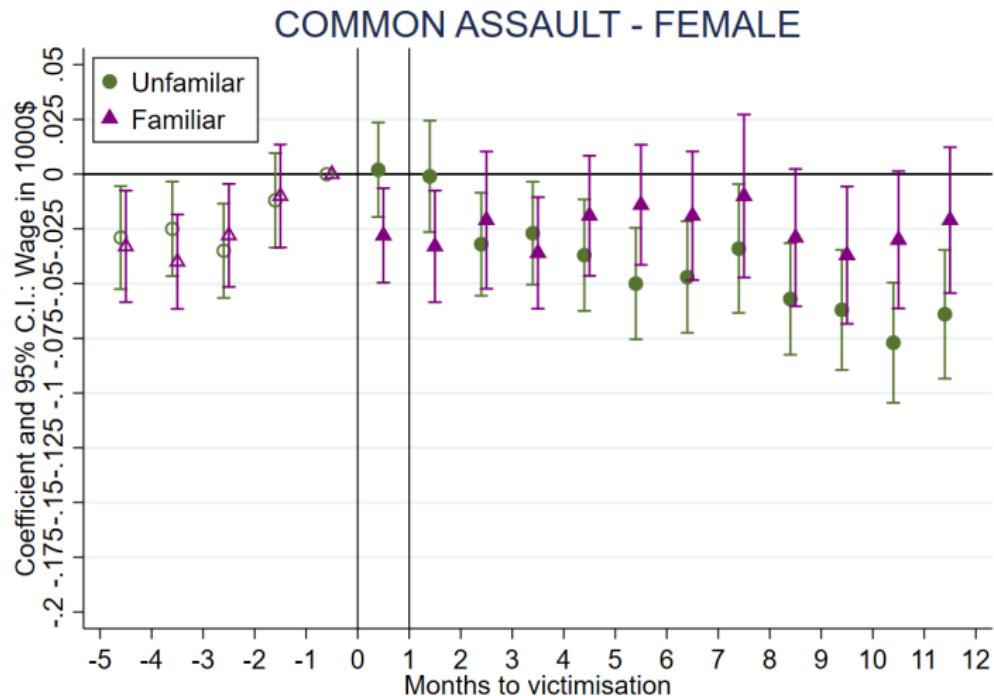
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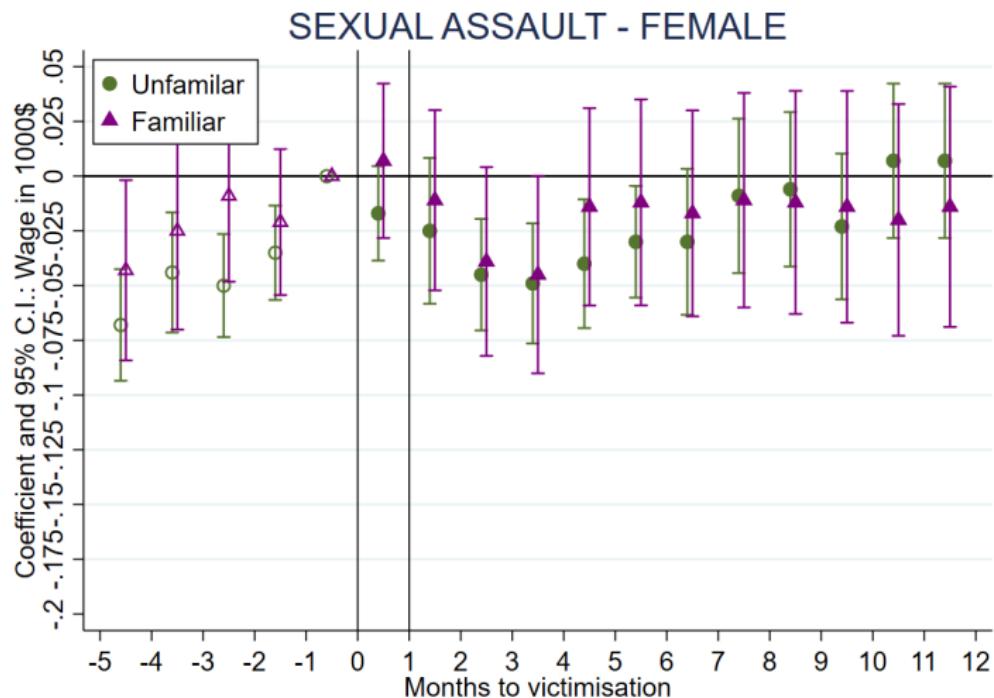
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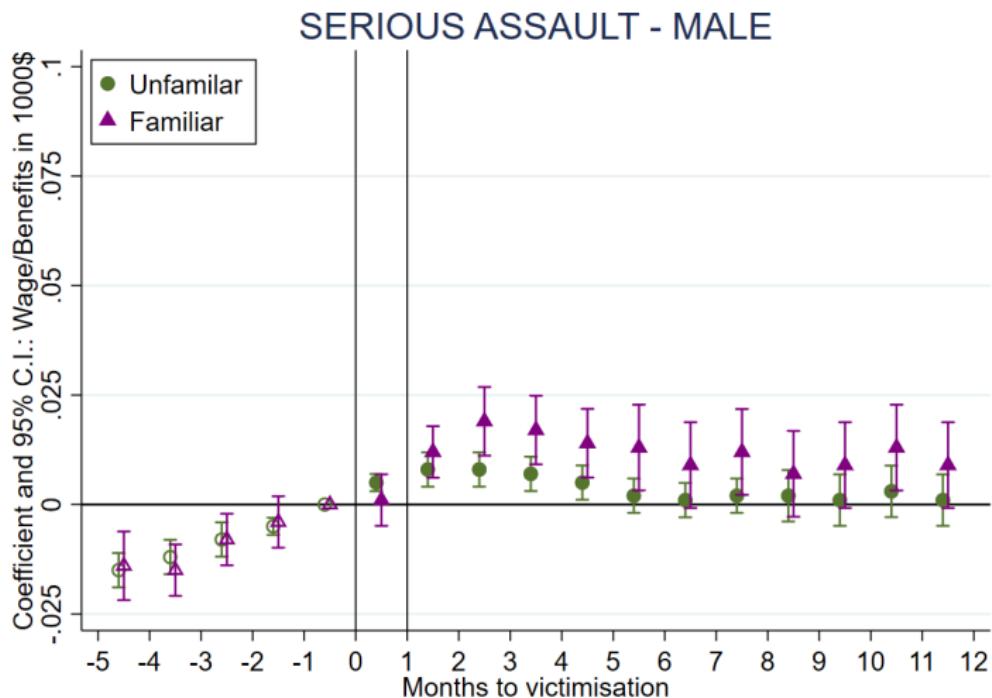
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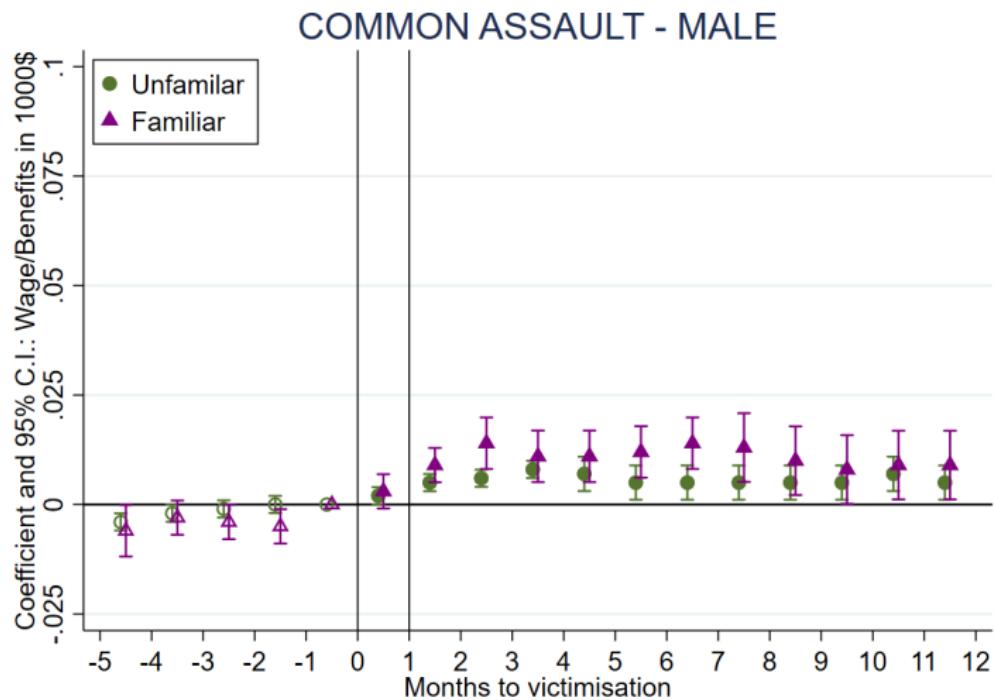
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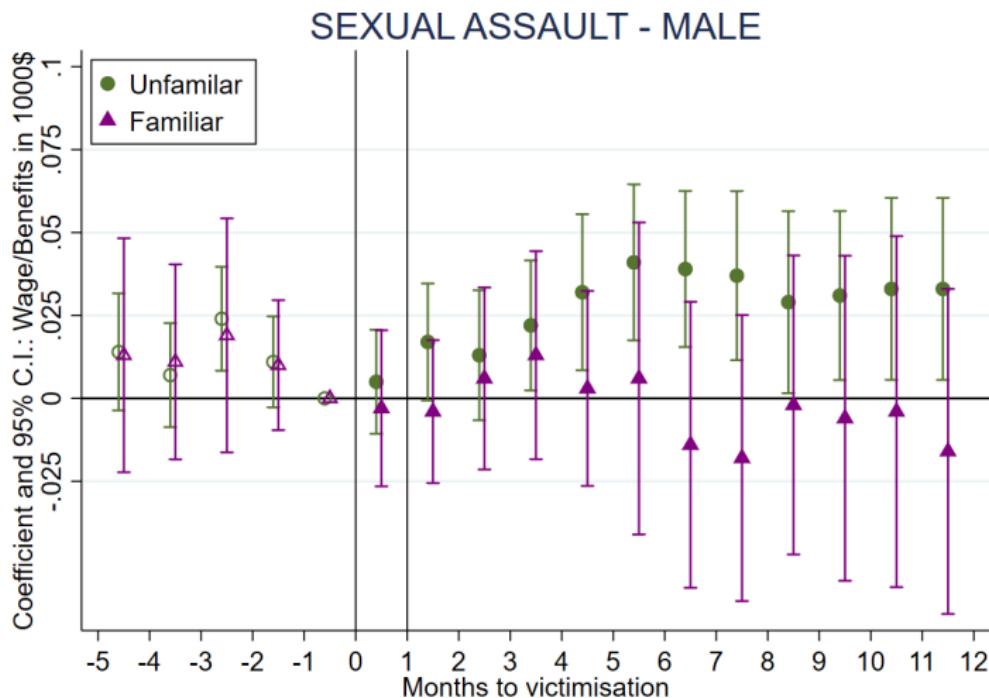
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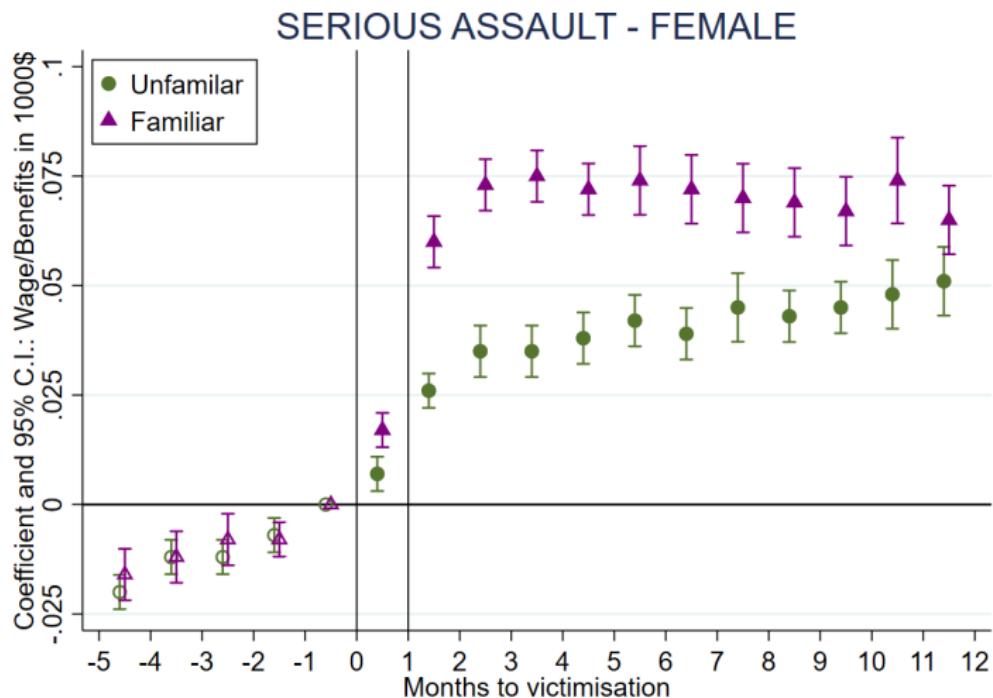
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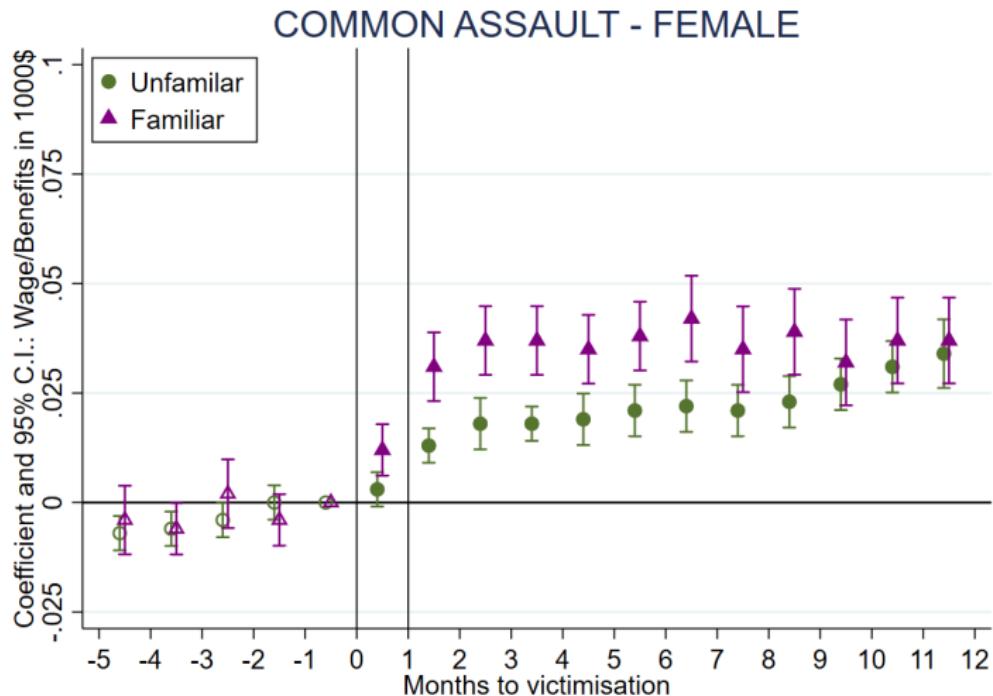
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