

Harvard Study of Post-Spill Labor Market

In statistical analysis based on 2010 data, I find that the net employment effect of the spill, spill response, and moratorium is a fairly precise zero for most parts of the Gulf Coast during 2010.

I find that the most oil-intensive parishes in Louisiana witnessed a 1.2% increase in employment (95% confidence interval, 0.4 to 2.0%), and the Alabama coastal counties experienced a 1.3% increase in employment as well. In contrast, the Non-Panhandle Florida counties on the Gulf Coast experienced a 2.7% decrease in employment (95% confidence interval, -1.9 to -3.5%).

