NOTE: Real earnings are measured in 2000 dollars. Synthetic cohorts are built from Census data for white male workers who have attained a four-year college degree or higher. Each life cycle profile is described by the mean earnings of four age groups: 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50-59 years. Earnings at each age for each cohort are normalized by earnings at age 20-29 for that cohort.