Introduction

Automation risk is an important consideration for young people, as they will experience many more years in the labour market than older workers. Moreover, a recent study by the Office for National Statistics found that young people are more likely to be in roles affected by job automation. Of those aged 20 to 24 years who are employed, the ONS estimated that 15.7% were in jobs at high risk of automation, compared to just 1.3% of workers aged 35 to 39.

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Defining automation risk

Estimating automation risk is extremely challenging, and in this study we capture one aspect of this risk. Specifically, we estimate the suitability of the tasks within an apprenticeship for machine learning…

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