Appendix

Appendix Table 1 Linear and logistic regression models with an interaction term

	Linear model of hourly income	Logistic model of informal employment
Find jobs through hometown ties	-0.087**	0.456**
	(0.032)	(0.150)
Age	0.075***	-0.049
	(0.008)	(0.036)
Age^2	-0.001***	0.001
	(0.000)	(0.000)
Men (Ref: women)	0.143***	-0.403*
	(0.035)	(0.166)
Find jobs through hometown ties*Men	0.030	0.287
	(0.041)	(0.193)
Married (Ref: not married)	0.010	-0.219
	(0.028)	(0.127)
Non-agricultural *hukou* (Ref: agricultural *hukou*)	0.098***	0.202
	(0.025)	(0.113)
Educational level (Ref: Middle school)		
Primary school or lower	-0.166***	0.234
	(0.039)	(0.188)
High school	0.126***	-0.494***
	(0.023)	(0.103)
College or above	0.350***	-1.421***
	(0.031)	(0.137)
Work experience	0.069***	-0.059
	(0.008)	(0.038)
Occupation (Ref: service)		
Specialist	0.262***	-0.328**
	(0.029)	(0.124)
Clerk	0.225***	-0.459***
	(0.028)	(0.120)
Business	-0.022	0.220
	(0.059)	(0.290)
Other	0.136***	0.158
	(0.027)	(0.125)
N	2,661	2,661

Note: Standard errors in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Appendix Table 2 Results of propensity score matching model of logged hourly income

Matching method	Independent variable: find jobs through home-town ties	
	Coefficient[a]	t value
Nearest neighbour matching	-0.137	-6.126
Radius matching (radius <0.1)	-0.164	-7.590
Kernel matching	-0.136	-3.303
Stratification matching	-0.123	-4.339

Note: [a.] Bootstrapped standard errors in parentheses.