

## **Abstract**

This thesis deals with the analysis of wage discrimination in top European soccer leagues. Number of papers written about this problem in the past examined either each European league separately or did not examine particular leagues at all. Our thesis investigates discrimination between White, Black, Hispanic and Mediterranean players. We created two unique datasets, including one with game statistics from season 2018/2019 and one with average game statistics from seasons 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019. In addition to analysis of discrimination, we were able to investigate with two different datasets, whether player's wages are determined by statistics from the last season or by average statistics from the last three seasons. The data are examined by applying the Ordinary Least Squares method. The results of our regressions show that there does seem to exist some discrepancy in wage gap between some racial groups represented in our datasets. Our results also show that wages are better determined by the average statistics from the last three seasons.