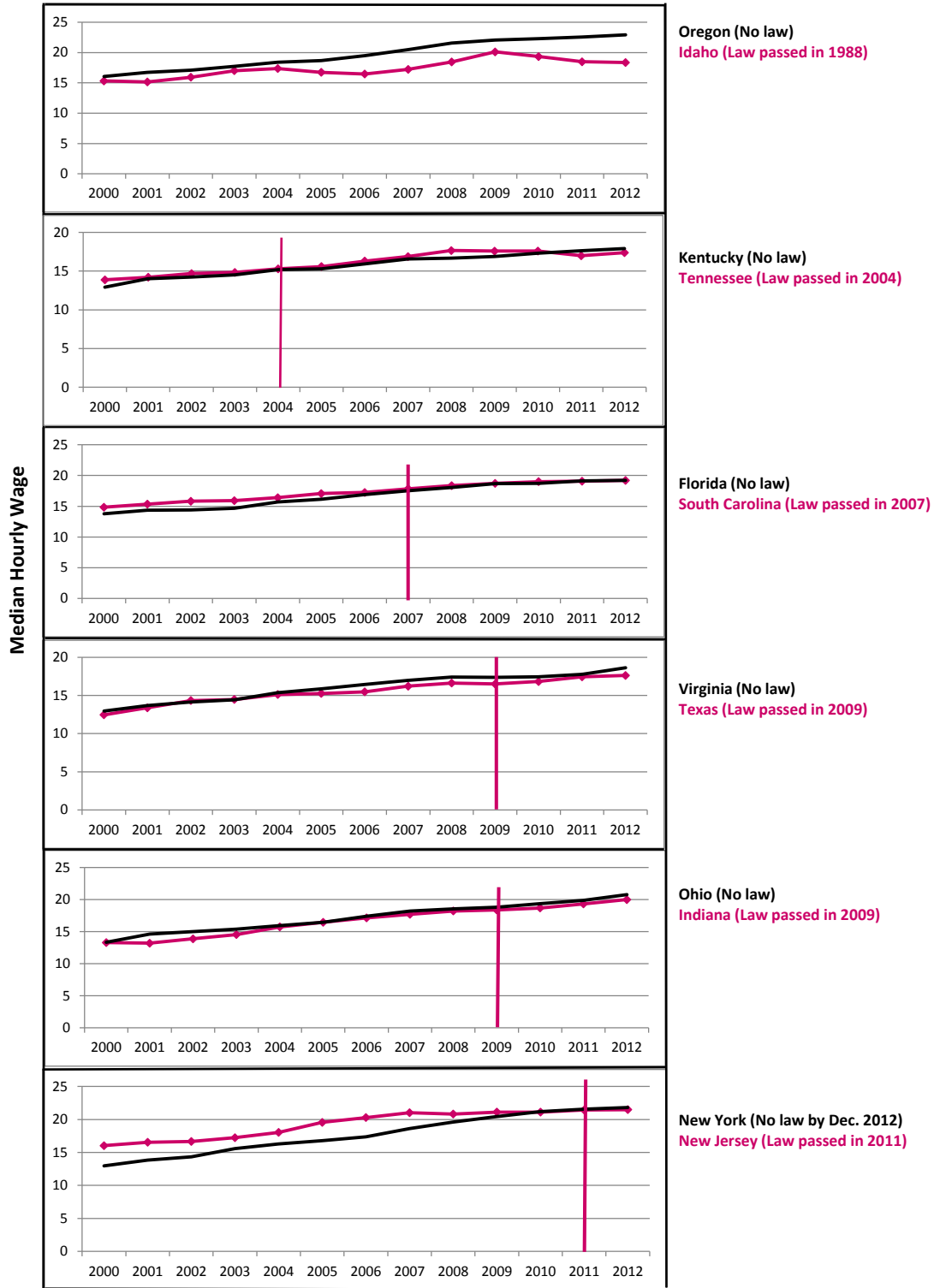


Surgical Technologist Legislation Does Not Increase Wages

**Comparison of Surgical Technologist Median Hourly Wages 2000-2012:
States with Minimum Standards for Surgical Technologists
vs.
States without Surgical Technologist Laws**



Data source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Control states chosen based on similar wages at time of law's passage. Surgical technologist laws have also passed in Massachusetts (December 2012) and New York (2013). As of October 2013, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has not published data for 2013.