

***How does attrition affect estimates of persistent poverty rates?***

***The case of EU-SILC***

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***Abstract***

Rates of attrition from the four-year EU-SILC samples used to calculate persistent poverty rates vary substantially across Member States, and there is also substantial cross-national diversity in the characteristics of individuals lost to follow-up. We provide evidence that application of longitudinal weights does not fully account for the effects of attrition, and that different assumptions about the poverty status of attritors lead to wide bounds for estimates of persistent poverty rates for most Member States.

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