Evolution of material deprivation over time: The impact of the Great Recession in EU countries

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Abstract

The key objective of this paper is to analyse the evolution of material deprivation over time across the European Union and to estimate the impact of the Great Recession on this evolution. Both the cross-sectional and longitudinal EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) data are used. The paper analyses the changes in national trajectories of material deprivation (before and during/after the recession) – considering in turn incidence, severity and persistence aspects. To better capture the dynamics of deprivation, it looks at the national flows of people entering into/exiting from deprivation each year. Finally, it also explores the impact of different trigger events and individual/household characteristics on entry rates into material deprivation.

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