

Title: *Income Inequality Across the Regions of the Russian Federation, 1995-2003*

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The main topics of this paper are to investigate the tendencies on income distribution inequalities inter and across the subjects of Russian Federation (RF) during 1995-2003 years. Three aspects of this problem have been taken under consideration. The first one has been to analyze the range of GINI coefficients and their dynamics through the set of all regions (subjects), composed the Russian Federation. For this the values of GINI coefficient, published by ROSSTAT (GOSKOMSTAT) in yearbooks "Regions of Russia. Social and Economic Indicators" for all subjects at 1995 - 2005 years, have been used. The second one has been to compare the evolution of income structure. It means to compare the share of total income, obtained by five sources: (1) wages (salaries); (2) business (enterprise) activity; (3) social transfers; (4) property; (5) other income's sources. Finally the attention has been focused on the "spatial differentiation". For this total income distribution across the subjects of Russian Federation as well the distributions of its five, indicated above, parts have been calculated. GINI and FUND coefficients have been determined to design the spatial inequality in these income distributions across the regions. The evidence from analyzed data has been argued that: (A) there are clear tendency to rising of income distribution inequality within and inter the regions during the time; (B) the inter regional range of GINI is very high and pointing at wide variety of socio-economic situation through the subjects; (C) there are an enormous and growing up distinctions between cross regional distribution of total income and their five parts, especially for the total income from "property".