

Intergenerational Mobility in Italy

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Abstract

This paper analyzes the intergenerational mobility in a large sample of Italian households in the period 1998-2008. We measure mobility by Markov matrices and related mobility indexes suggested by Bartholomew (1973) and Shorrocks (1978). Mobility both in the educational attainment and occupational status decreased over time. Notably the probability of a child with a father with a upper secondary school of obtaining an university degree strongly declined, while the probability of a child of becoming a blue-collar increased independent of the occupation of father. Increased persistence in member of professions class signals an increase in the barriers to entry for professions. Finally, the occupational classes related to entrepreneurial jobs show a decrease in their size.

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