

Income Instability During a Period of Improving Labor and Social Conditions: Latin America in the 2000s

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Paper Abstract: Latin America experienced a long period of sustained growth since 2003 derived, basically, from the implementation of adequate macroeconomic policies and favorable external conditions. This improved economic environment, together with a denser group of labor and social policies, positively impacted on social and labor conditions. The aim of this paper is to analyze the intensity of income fluctuations in Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru during the 2000s. It will decompose total mobility between that derived from upward or downward changes. Different sources of real household income movements will also be analyzed as they could originate in variations in earnings, in transitions experienced by its members between labor statuses and jobs, and in non-labor income alterations.