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Housing affordability and household health. Evidence from 28 EU countries

Abstract

In this paper, we explore the health consequences of housing affordability on household members. We use the information about health in EU-Silc microdata from 2008 to 2020 for the European countries and identify the different impacts that lack of 'ex-post' housing affordability would have had at the country and regional levels. Based on previous studies, the paper tests whether different situations of lack of housing affordability (measured by the affordability ratio and housing stress) would have contributed to health conditions at a personal level, focusing on the different persons in the household and paying attention to children's health. Thus, the personal files of EU-Silc are used for this purpose in a panel analysis for 2008-2020. An approach to the Covid19 effect can be added to the analysis using detailed ECV (Spanish EU-Silc) for 2021 retrieved from INE.