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The changing fortunes of middle-income households in Italy

Abstract

The paper investigates the role played by the middle class in Italy over the last decades, in comparison with other European countries, using various proxies of economic wellbeing (i.e. individual labour income, equivalised disposable income, wealth), and exploiting various cross-sectional and longitudinal sources (i.e. AD-SILC, EU-SILC, SHIW). Adopting an economic definition of the middle class, based on individual positions with respect to median positions in the income scale, the authors first assess how the relative weight of the middle class – in terms of population share and share of total income – has evolved over time, and then use longitudinal data to explore mobility in and out of the middle class.

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