

Abstract

Using a panel dataset of older people and their households in Brazil and South Africa, this paper provides estimates of changes in poverty among older people in Brazil and South Africa. It examines poverty status transitions of older people and their households over time. It measures the extent to which panel households managed to escape from poverty, whilst others fell into poverty, and others still remained persistently poor or persistently non-poor over time. The analysis in the paper also throws light on changes in the depth and intensity of poverty among older households. A comparative approach provides an additional dimension to the estimates.

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