Non-Response in Household Surveys: Selected Research on Adjustment Approaches and Implications

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Abstract

Unit and item non-response are growing issues of concern in high- and low-income countries alike. This talk will present data on non-response rates from some key socio-economic surveys from the U.S. as well as examples of item non-response in Living Standards Measurement Study surveys from Africa. The talk will also cover selected examples of methods to reduce non-response and then some examples of different correction methods for addressing non-response. Each of the correction methods will synthesize findings from research papers that illustrate how correction for non-response affects policy-relevant measures linked to poverty and inequality.

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