

Expert meeting on measuring poverty and inequality

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Topic E: Inclusion of social transfers in kind, housing wealth and imputed rent in the measurement of poverty

Challenges in rent imputation across countries

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Abstract

Housing should always be included in the construction of the welfare aggregate for welfare analysis. However, the assigning a value to the flow of service from the dwellings is problematic for a survey. The imputation of rent creates other issues when dealing with comparison of welfare aggregates and welfare analysis across countries and years. The presentation discusses about the current methodologies and challenges when thinking for a unified framework of rent imputation.