

Social Persistence and its drivers - An Analysis of Sibling Correlation in Switzerland

This study unravels the impact of family background on long-run income based on sibling correlation in Switzerland. Utilizing variance decomposition analysis and two-level linear mixed models, we demonstrate that family background accounts for 17% of the variation in long-run income.

Our comprehensive approach sheds light on the underlying factors influencing sibling correlations. Subsequently and simultaneously testing the effect of various family-specific factors on the similarity among siblings enriches the existing literature. Notably, parental income emerges as a statistically significant driver of sibling correlations, while other family-specific effects such as parental civil status or nationality have limited explanatory power.