

Household surveys as a source of data for event history analysis: the study of family-related life events in Argentina using the encuesta permanente de hogares

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RESUMEN

The authors introduce a method that allows the use of data from rotating panel surveys, a design used in many household or labour force surveys, to realize statistical analyses similar to event history analysis. The method is illustrated with two examples, one on the dynamics of poverty " the effect of demographic and socioeconomic factors on the hazard of becoming poor in Argentina " and the other on family dynamics " the conversion of consensual unions into marriages. Both examples use data from the Argentinean Encuesta Permanente de Hogares, a national survey that is not designed to collect prospective or biographical data. The method allows for the use of time-varying independent variables and thus allows one to estimate the effect of an event on the hazard of another event, as in conventional event history analysis; several examples are provided.

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