

Dinámica en la demanda por programas sociales en el Perú

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Abstract

This paper studies the determinants of social program participation in Peru, using data of two well-known programs: Vaso de Leche (“glass of milk”) and Social Insurance for the poor. The emphasis is on the dynamics of such decisions as participation in a given period is likely to depend on whether a household was previously participating. Thus, we are able to link entry and exit probabilities with two key determinants from a policy perspective: household income and social expenditure. It is found that while household income (relative to the Poverty Line) is relevant in explaining variations in the entry and exit rates, changes in social expenditure have little impact (if any) in the household’s participation. This finding enables us to propose policy recommendations aimed at improving the design and management of the aforementioned programs.