

Multigroup Segregation Patterns and Determinants: the Case of Immigrants in an Italian City

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Sintesi della relazione \ Abstract

We describe segregation curves and indices measuring a-spatial residential segregation of immigrants in a single city framework. We define a common structure of information lying behind these instruments that can be summarized by a local concentration statistic. Using data on the municipality of Verona (Italy) we apply our measures to verify the behavior of immigrants and by comparing 2000 and 2005 immigrant population distributions over the city, we obtain a meaningful division of urban space. We also test on Verona census micro-data (2001) an econometric model (for different immigrant groups) that describes, through a linear relation, the mean variability of the local concentration statistic as a function of attributes specific to household, housing and urban area, within a spatial stratification framework. We find evidence on family - rather than single attribute - stereotyping, as well as the key role played by ownership polarization in an immigration attractive urban environment such as this.