

Money, Unpaid Work and Leisure: The Challenges of Measuring Time and Income Poverty

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A full understanding of patterns of deprivation requires accurate measures of income, time devoted to unpaid work and leisure as well as an analysis of the substitutability between these. While several estimates of vulnerability to time and income poverty have been developed, they are based on very different definitions and assumptions. This paper provides a critical analysis of approaches developed by Vickery (1977), Bardasi and Wodon (2010), Zacharias et al. (2012) and Dorn et al. (2021), focusing on differences in the treatment of income, time poverty, unit of analysis and substitutability between time and money. This comparison provides pathways for a holistic three-dimensional measure.