

The Impact of Urbanization on Child Material Deprivation in Spain

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This paper analyses the impact of degree of urbanization on child material deprivation in Spain. Using the EU-SILC 2009 and 2014 special modules on material deprivation, we find that living in a city or town increases child material deprivation to a larger extent than household material deprivation and income. Differentiating by needs, the provision of children's basic needs does not respond to household material deprivation, income or degree of urbanization, whereas the provision of educational/leisure needs does. Our findings might be of help in designing more effective policies intended to alleviate the incidence of child material deprivation beyond income-related programmes.