

Workability of the young old and scarring effects: evidence from SHARE

Abstract:

We analyse the pattern of work and other labour market states, such as unemployment, over the life course, by making use of a long retrospective panel of Europeans drawn from SHARE.

We document to what extent young individuals, who do not transit directly from education to employment in a relatively short period of time, suffer longer term effects on the probability of subsequent unemployment spells.

We also assess if the timing of retirement in old age is affected by having a discontinuous career, an issue which seems particularly relevant for European women.

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