

# Review of: "Developments in Regional Inequality in Greece"

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This paper presents a clear trend of inequality by decomposing total inequality into within-region and between-region inequality for Greece. Its findings have significant policy implications for reducing social inequality and fostering social cohesion. However, addressing two key aspects could make the analysis more compelling.

Firstly, contrary to the paper's interpretation of Graph 1, the graph actually indicates a reduction in inequality, evidenced by the lower height of the income distribution for 2022 compared to 2017. This lower peak height reflects a decrease in income concentration around the mode.

Secondly, analyzing panel data across all seven waves from 2017 to 2022 would strengthen the paper's conclusions. Such an approach would verify the robustness of findings across years and allow a closer examination of inequality trends before and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Relying solely on data from 2017 and 2022 limits the analysis, as it cannot confirm whether regional inequality persists consistently over the seven-year period. Furthermore, a deeper look is needed into why overall within-region inequality decreased despite an increase of 0.3 in Attica, Greece's most populous region. Using a regression-based inequality decomposition, such as the method suggested by Gary Fields, by considering the contribution of different factors simultaneously, could provide a more nuanced interpretation of these trends and address such questions in greater depth.