

Review of: "Public health efficiency and well-being in Italian provinces"

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Very good article that touches on very interesting aspects of how urban sustainability is linked to gross domestic product growth concerns. This study highlights the dimensions of well-being, which are linked to local characteristics and, consequently, the well-being index shows a high degree of variability within some Italian regions and between neighbouring provinces.

The authors focus on the efficiency of public health care and welfare through empirical models showing that the efficiency of public health care maintains a significantly positive effect on welfare. The authors confirm the theoretical hypothesis and add to the existing literature investigating the reasons for the persistent socio-economic backwardness of Southern Italy. However, these findings should attract the attention of local authorities, to promote the efficiency of local public health which, in turn, will increase the well-being of individuals and communities. This study is a breakthrough in studies on well-being and its determinants at the local level.

There are articles that reinforce the results of these findings such as:

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- Cantarero-García, G. (2022). Landscape and Water Networks: Impact on Health for the Smart City-Case Study: El Pardo and the Manzanares River Basin. In *Urban Sustainability and Energy Management of Cities for Improved Health and Well-Being* (pp. 112-134). IGI Global.
- Rary, E., Anderson, S. M., Philbrick, B. D., Suresh, T., & Burton, J. (2020, July 2). Smart sanitation-biosensors as a public health tool in sanitation infrastructure. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. MDPI AG. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17145146>