Chapter 3: Domestic migration and family change in Latin America

Abstract

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Introduction

Since the classic work of Goldberg () on the “Two-generations” urbanites the study of the relationship between domestic migration and family formation flourished substantially. However, this enthusiasm only lasted until the late 1980s; time after which interest in the relationship between these two dynamics declined (). Research on Latin American domestic migration did not escape this trend. By the 1990s the focus has been shifted towards international flows further deepen the lack of interest on internal migration and family. Despite specific exceptions, there is a great opportunity for learning more about the role of domestic migration on the changes in fertility in the region.

Revisiting the question about the role of domestic migration on family-related demographic outcomes including fertility is appealing for fours reasons: (1) cohorts experiencing the fertility transition finished or are close enough to finish their reproductive period (2) efforts to reinterpret and qualified demographic transition across sub-regions are at place (3) a systemic approach to the family as a social institution enable us to include outcomes beyond fertility, thus providing a better understandg (4) complement studies on the role of international migration in family dynamics

Internal migration in Latin America

Two stages

Responsible for urban growth