Inequality of income in Switzerland

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Summary

We outline recent developments in Switzerland regarding income and income inequality using data on an individual and community level. We find ... You can find more information and visualizations at our project website: http://inequalities.ch.

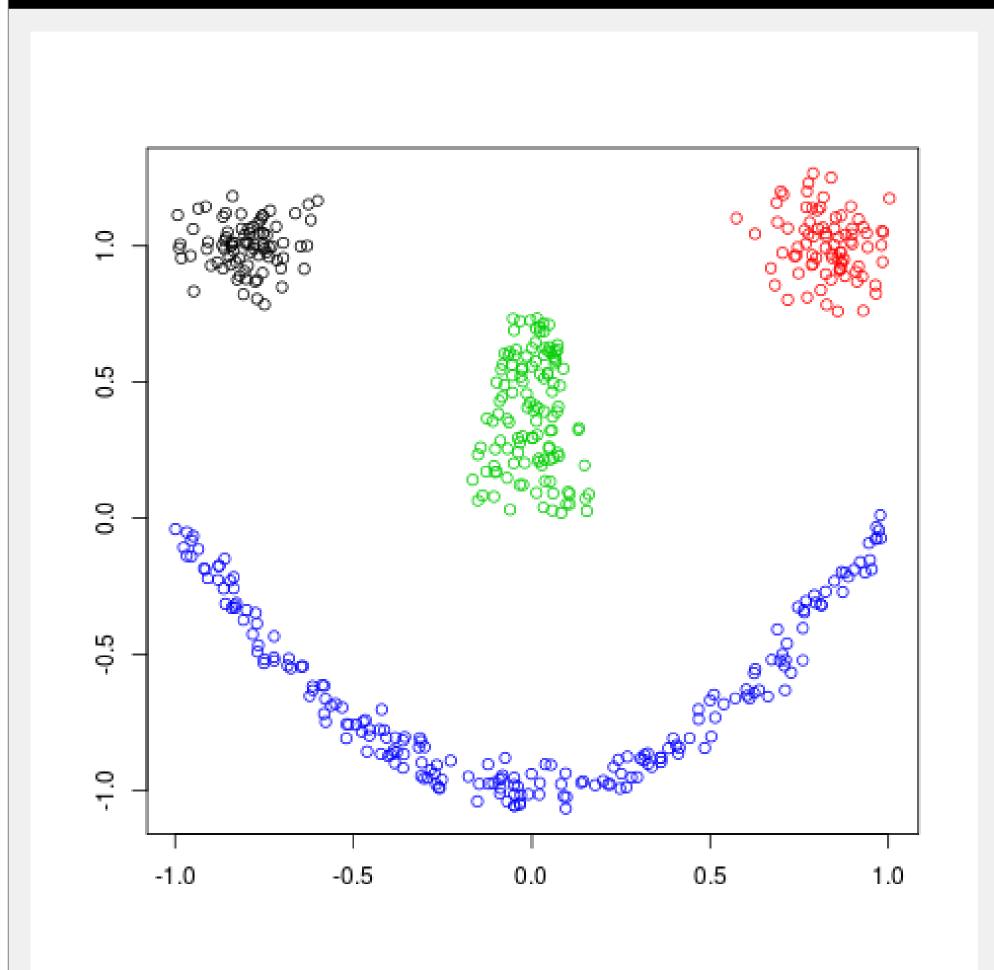
Data

We use two different data sets. On a community level our data are provided by the Swiss Federal Tax Administration. Individual data were collected with the help of the cantonal tax administrations of Aargau and Obwalden. Our variable of interest is inequality of income: a Gini coefficient we derive from taxable income which is the sum of all sorts of income (wages, dividends, rent, etc.) minus all possible deductions.

Discussion/Results

- On the community level we see support for H1, H2, H4 but not for H3. H5, H6 and H7 are only testable with individual data.
- On an individual level we find support for H5 and H6 but not H7.

Regression Analyses



	Model 1	Model 2
groupTrt	4.66*	-0.37
	(0.22)	(0.31)
N	20	20
R^2	0.98	0.07
adj. R^2	0.98	0.02
Resid. sd	0.70	0.70

Standard errors in parentheses

 st indicates significance at p < 0.05

