DETERMINANTES SOCIOECONÓMICOS DE LA DELINCUENCIA: UNA PRIMERA APROXIMACIÓN AL PROBLEMA A NIVEL PROVINCIAL

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ABSTRACT

The study aims to determine the socioeconomic causes of crime. From the analysis of the 2006 Continuing Survey of INEI (ENCO) we find heterogeneity in the number and type of crimes at the regional level which is reproduced at the provincial level. This result could be explained by the economic and social heterogeneity among regions and provinces. We also checked that there is a significant number of unreported crimes making that official statistics are underestimated. Finally, by estimating a model of generalized method of moments (GMM), according to available data, we find that socioeconomic variables have an important weight in the incidence of crime, but its significance and the sign would be differentiated by type of crime.

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