
The paper presents a new set of statistics on income inequality in Colombia between 1938 and 1988. Until now, information has only been available for six years: 1938, 1951, 1964, 1971, 1978, and 1988 (Londoño, 1995). However, this paper expands upon these statistics by estimating annual data for income distribution by sectors —urban and rural— and categories of income earners. Estimation procedures are described in-depth in the text, and the main results are included in the statistical appendix.

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