

UK income mobility. Updates Jarvis/Jenkins old work using more recent BHPS. Good idea. You have some useful critical things to say about the old paper. Your exposition of the methodology is very clear. Really good exposition of the data, although it wasn't always clear what was real and what was nominal. Good implementation of the empirical work and excellent exposition of the findings. The panel data analysis conducted here is quite innovative. The structure of the model, in which the persistence parameter for log-wages can be separated based upon individual characteristics is novel (p 11, eqn 5). The literature section is clearly written and the references are clearly explained. The preliminary analysis section is clear and well-written. There are interesting results presented. The differing mobility of Table 4, page 18 is interesting, suggesting much more movement at the highest and lowest quintiles. The results of the Markov matrix appear to contradict this a little with more movement evident in the middle of the income distribution. The change in inequality through the Shorrocks index with various measures of dispersion is given in Table 8, indicating mobility increases over time. I find the individual persistence effects more interesting. I do not quite understand how the intercept dummy can be positive for women (Tab 9) as the difference in wages between the sexes is marked. The student, however, has noticed this and remarks upon it. For the remaining waves it is apparent that women are less mobile than men. Overall this is a well-presented and extremely competent piece of work.