Intergenerational time transfers in Mexico

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Roadmap

• Objective of National Time Transfer Accounts (NTTAs)
• What is included
• Data
• Profile of productive and non-productive activities by sex and age
• Time LCD curves vs. NTA LCD curves
• Conclusions
Objective of NTTAs

• Incorporating an estimation of productive activities outside of national income into NTAs, measured through time inputs.
What is included?

1) Cooking
2) Cleaning
3) Laundry
4) Household repair and maintenance
5) Household management
6) Shopping
7) Childcare
8) Care of the sick and the disabled
9) Pet care
What is not included in the case of Mexico

• Travel
• Lawn and gardening
• Eldercare (except when disabled)
• Volunteering
Data

• 2002 National Time Use Survey
• Subsample of Labor Income Survey
• 17,000 hhlds
• 72,600 individuals
• Asks about activities during the last 7 days for individuals 12 years old and older
Data quality

Total number of hours reported per week, by sex

Mean no. of hours:
Total 164.4
Male 162.0
Female 167.6*

Expected number of hours = 169
Distribution of employment and transfereable activities, by age and sex
## Expected time spent in main activities

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Assigning a value to transferable activities

• Values assigned according to the replacement method

• Median hourly pay, based on the National Labor Survey (Pedrero 2009)
  
  Examples:
  
  o Cooking – cook (9.46 pesos)
  o Cleaning – maid (10.71 pesos)
  o Caring for the sick and disabled – nurse (17.44 pesos)
Outflows and inflows, global
LCD curves, global

Source: Mejía (2011)
Outflows and inflows, male
Male LCD curves

Lifecyle deficit (male), Mexico 2002

NTTA Lifecycle deficit (male), Mexico 2002

LCD=373,767 pesos  
LCD=-184,017 pesos
Outflows and inflows, female

NTTA Lifecycle deficit (female), Mexico 2002

Mexican pesos

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Female LCD curves

Lifecyle deficit (female), Mexico 2002

NTTA Lifecycle deficit (female), Mexico 2002

LCD = -2'232,840 pesos

LCD = 306,339 pesos

Source: Mejía (2011)
Conclusions

- NTTAs can be estimated
- Once time is included in the NTA, the contribution of women to the economy is more visible
- In terms of time transfers, men are consumers, whereas women are providers
- Over their lifetime, women’s contribution to time transfers is almost equal to men’s contribution to market transfers
- Women make up for 14% of the deficit in their LCD curve with time transfers
Implications for the future

• Time transfers during child age are more important than transfers to old age. What will happen as population ages?
• Activities of the elderly are underreported and this may imply that women’s transfers are also underreported
• Policy implications beyond showing women’s contribution?
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