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Income inequality by age group in Benin in 2011: An approach from National Transfer Accounts

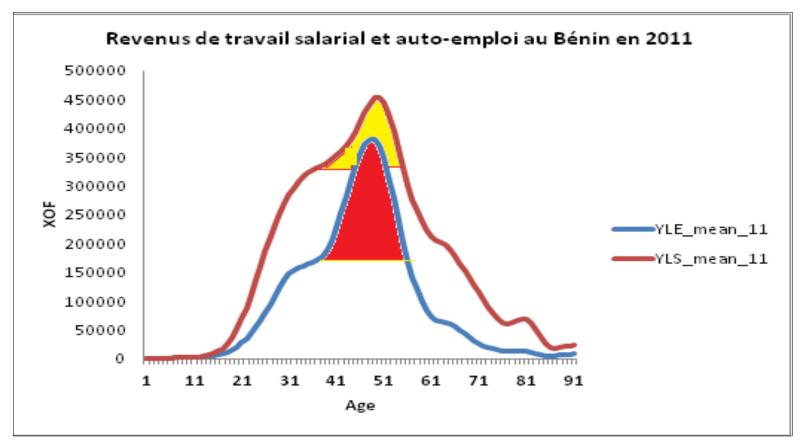
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1. Introduction

In BIAO, OGA and GUIDIME (2014), we found that labor income (YL) is dominated by YLS more than YLE:



Aim of the paper: show evidence of income inequality by age group using NTA approach

2. Methodology and data

Estimate age profiles of labour income in 2011

Estimate age profiles of consumption in 2011

➤ Calculate life cycle deficit in 2011

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DATA

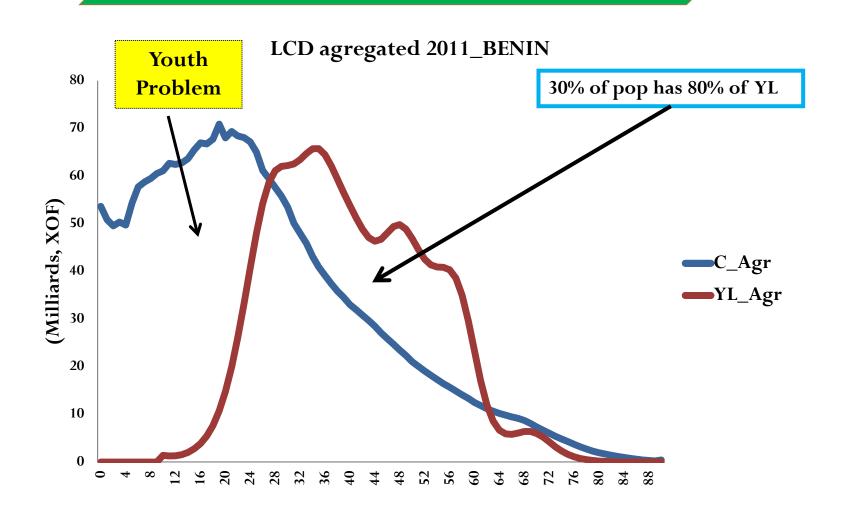
- ➤ Household Data survey (INSAE, 2011)
- ➤ (INSAE, 2009, 2012); Data from national accounts for 2011(INSAE, 2013; 2014)
- **▶** Socio-economic indicators of Benin

> Health sector statistics, 2010 and 2015

Data (continued)

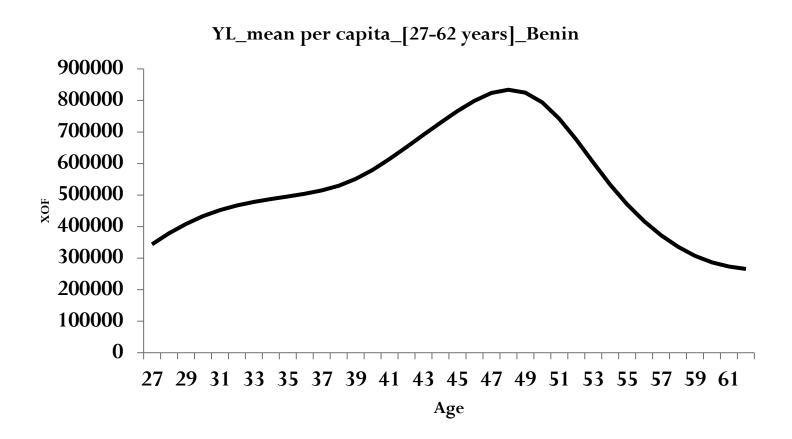
➤ Strategy for Growth and Poverty Alleviation Report, 2011-2015: Estimation of health structure cost by program

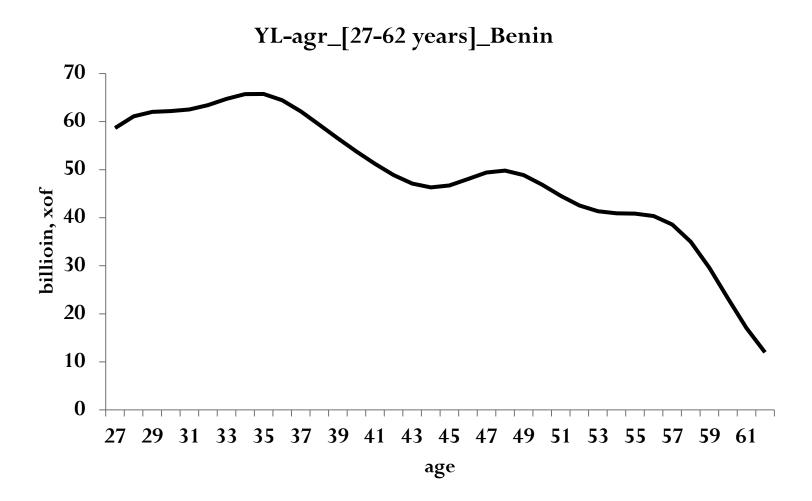
➤ World Population Prospects (2013, 2015)



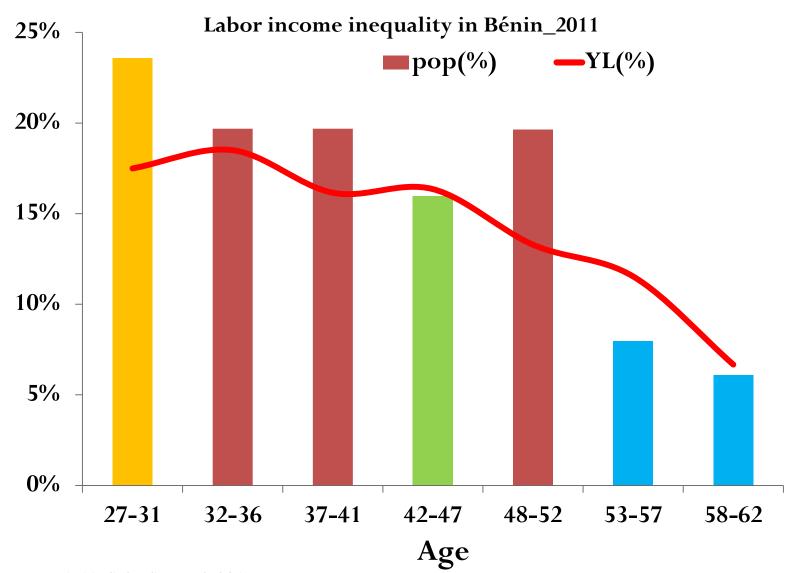
> Years of surplus generated: 35 years in 2011

The surplus is generated by the 27-62 year age group that accounts for 80% of labor income





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4. Next step?

- Regardless of labor income distribution, the NTA method shows us evidence of income inequality
- ➤ The economic review of income inequality tests the role of population age structure in explaining income inequality factors (Albrecht and Garret 2009)
- The age structure of the population is paramount in the NTA methodology. So, the next question is how to use the NTA methodology to explain the determinants of income inequality