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AN OVERVIEW OF SELECTED RISK FACTORS FOR HEALTH IN OECD COUNTRIES

Abstract:

The aim of this paper is to highlight the fundamental determinants of health in OECD countries between 2007 and 2017. The average level of life expectancy at birth was 80.6 years in 2017 in OECD countries. The tobacco and alcohol consumption decreased between 2007 and 2017 in several OECD countries. In the second part of our paper we are dealing with the health risk assessment among young people in Slovakia. The evaluation of socioeconomic impacts on the state of health is carried out in the form of open questions and based on the evaluation of the questionnaire. To test the statistical significance, we use the Pearson's chi-square test of independency and the column proportions test. The results indicate that in the case of drinking alcohol, students who have part time job spend more money on an average on alcohol than students who do not work and the costs of alcohol per month are higher for men than women. We believe that the results can serve as a methodological platform for academics and policymakers for further setting of similar mapping of major health risks among the population.

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