Changing Income and Consumption Patterns of Asian Population : Comparative Analysis of Household Survey Data in China, India, Korea, and Nepal

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• Changes in consumption patterns affect resource use and climate change mitigation

 Variations in household consumption patterns are influenced by income level and demographic characteristics

- Why four Asian countries
 - Control for the other factors (e.g. culture, geography, race) than income level and stage of demographic transition
 - Similar culture, but differ by income and urbanization level and demographic transition

Comparison of GDP/cap data source: World Bank Factbook (2010)



 Aim to understand and model future changes in household consumption patterns with economic growth and demographic changes

Data sources: four National Household Surveys

- Nepal Living Standard Survey(NLSS)- 2003/2004
 -- 4,008 households surveyed in two stages
- India National Sample Survey(NSS)- 2011/2012
 -- 101,651 households surveyed in four stages
- China Family Panel Studies (CFPS)- 2010
 --14,960 households surveyed in three stages
- Korea Household Income and Expenditure Survey- 2012
 --10,401 households surveyed in three stages

Primary Variables of Interest

Energy	Food	Transportation	Other services	Other goods	
ELECTRICITY	RICE	TRANSP FUELS	MEDIC CARE	CLOTHING	
NATURAL GAS	TOTAL CROPS	TRANSP EQUIP	EDUCATION	HH FACILITIES	
PETROLEUM PRODDUCTS	BEEF	TRANSP SERVICES	EQUIP. RENTAL	MEDICINE	
COAL	FISH	TOTAL TRANSP	ENTERTAINME NT SERVICE	ELE APPLIANCES	
COAL PRODUCTS	ANIMAL PRODUCTS	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	LAUNDRY	TOTAL OTHER GOODS	
BIOMASS	NON-ANIMAL PRODUCTS		TOTAL OTHER SERVICES		
TOTAL ENERGY	TOTAL FOOD				
Income		Transfer			
SALARY INCOME		TRANS INC FROM PR			
ASSET INCOME		TRANS INC FROM G			
NONMONETARY INCO	ME				

Influence on expenditure patterns of income and demographic variables

- Income effect
- Impact of demographic variables

--urban/rural classification, household size, education, age.

Expenditure of rural/urban households by income deciles



Korea Rural Expenditures

Expenditure of rural/urban households by income deciles



Expenditure by types of goods and services among rural/urban households by income quantiles(US \$)



Household Income by quantiles (US \$)

Expenditure proportion of households by urban/rural income quantiles (%)



Income quantile groups of the four Asian Countries

Proportion of consumption by urban & rural classification

Food consumption proportion



Proportion of consumption by urban & rural classification

other services consumption proportion



Proportion of consumption by household size

Energy consumption proportion



Proportion of consumption by household size

Energy consumption proportion



Proportion of consumption by household size

other services consumption proportion



Proportion of consumption by education

Food consumption proportion



Food consumption proportion ✓ education level,

✓ income level

Proportion of consumption by education



Other Services

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Proportion of consumption by age





Proportion of consumption by age





Proportion of consumption by age

Other goods consumption proportion Country 0.30-Nepal India China other goods consumption ratio Korea 0.20-✓ China: largest share Age group of 30~59 \checkmark 0.10 0.00 0-29 30-59 60+

age group

Generalized Linear Model Analysis

Parameter	Food		Energy		Transportation		Other goods		Other services	
	В	Sig.	В	Sig.	В	Sig.	В	Sig.	В	Sig.
(Intercept)	0.763	0.000	0.044	0.000	-0.006	0.637	0.166	0.000	0.098	0.000
[Country=China]	-0.393	0.000	-0.040	0.000	0.005	0.204	0.196	0.000	0.120	0.000
[Country=India]	-0.236	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.043	0.000	0.122	0.000	0.034	0.000
[Country=Korea]	-0.426	0.000	-0.008	0.008	0.021	0.000	0.356	0.000	0.070	0.000
[Country=Nepal]										
[Urbanrural=rural]	0.052	0.000	-0.008	0.000	0.005	0.090	-0.087	0.000	0.008	0.205
[Urbanrural=urban]										
[edugroup=E1]	0.087	0.000	0.012	0.000	-0.023	0.000	-0.044	0.001	-0.014	0.147
[edugroup=E2]	0.078	0.000	0.013	0.000	-0.019	0.000	-0.038	0.002	-0.002	0.823
[edugroup=E3]	0.041	0.000	0.005	0.046	-0.007	0.063	0.001	0.930	-0.001	0.883
[edugroup=E4]										
[hhsize=1]	0.013	0.069	0.006	0.003	-0.012	0.000	0.003	0.746	-0.030	0.000
[hhsize=3]	0.010	0.170	0.007	0.000	-0.002	0.513	-0.010	0.314	-0.006	0.372
[hhsize=4]										
[age3gp=1.00]	-0.042	0.000	-0.010	0.000	-0.001	0.866	-0.022	0.055	0.022	0.011
[age3gp=2.00]	-0.017	0.009	-0.011	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.006	0.506	0.032	0.000
[age3gp=3.00]										
lginc	-0.028	0.000	0.002	0.066	0.008	0.000	0.008	0.051	0.001	0.830
Maximum likelihood estimate.	0.010		0.001		0.002		0.018		0.010	

Generalized Linear Model Analysis

- Compared with Nepal, Korea, China and India households tend to spend less on food, but more on transportation and other services.
- Compared with rural households, urban households have lower food consumption proportion, but have higher expenditure proportion on energy and other goods.
- Compared with less educated householders, higher educated households consume less on food and energy. Education level influence people's choice on satisfactory needs and higher-level consumption categories.
- Compared with smaller households, larger households have higher food consumption proportion.
- Compared to younger householders, older households have more food and energy consumption share, but lower other service consumption proportion.

Conclusions

Income levels and demographic factor equally affect consumption patterns

--With income growth, households spend less on food and energy, but more on other service, transportation, and other goods

--Urbanization, education expansion, shrinking household size make significant difference, not much from aging

Future work

- The association between household characteristics (e.g. by income, age, education, urbanization, household size) and consumption pattern —> improvements of future emissions projections and impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability research on climate change.

Thank you!

Welcome to your comments and suggestions!

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