Changing Times and Places: First Homeleaving Among Late Baby Boomers and Early Millennials During the Transition to Adulthood

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Abstract
This paper seeks to understand how and why intergenerational coresidence between young adults and their parents has changed in the last 35 years. While it is well-known that homeleaving among “Millennials” is delayed, few studies have conducted a cross-cohort analysis using longitudinal data to examine the dynamics of homeleaving over historical time, assessing the importance of not only individual demographic and socioeconomic traits, as well as family background, but also contextual variables associated with youths’ geographic location. Using the NLSY79 and the NLSY97, I study the timing and routes of first homeleaving for late Baby Boomers (1961-1964) and early Millennials (1980-1984).