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## Socioeconomic inequalities in health: Measurement, computation, and statistical inference

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### **Abstract**

This paper clarifies the relationship between two widely used indices of health inequality and explains why these are superior to others indices used in the literature. It also develops asymptotic estimators for their variances and clarifies the role that demographic standardization plays in the analysis of socioeconomic inequalities in health. Empirical illustrations are presented for Dutch health survey data.

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