We analyze the evolution of earnings mobility in the US between 2002 and 2016. We use transition matrices, parametric and semi-nonparametric copula models to assess the impact of the financial crisis of 2007-2009 on individual positional persistence in the rank distribution. We find no evidence of changes in mobility in any part of the distribution after the crisis. Results from parametric and semi-nonparametric methods are broadly consistent, but the latter has the advantage of allowing us to estimate the degree of earnings mobility for any individual at any point of the residual earnings distribution. Further, the predictions obtained with the semi-nonparametric model are more precise than those obtained with the fully parametric one.

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