

sample resources

Sociology

Social Mobility

- 1) Social Mobility: concept used in the sociological investigation of inequality. Refers to the movement of individuals between different levels of the social hierarchy.
- 2) The amount of social mobility indicates the amount of openness and fluidity of a society.
- 3) Usually defined in terms of occupation or social class.

Short Range:

Long Range:

Horizontal:

Vertical:

Intergenerational: compares present position of individuals with those of parents.

Intragenerational: compares position attained by the same individual at different moment in the course of their life.

Absolute Mobility

Relative Mobility

'Increased rates of absolute mobility due to changing occupational structure coexisted with fairly constant rates of relative mobility'.