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Regional Inequality and Industrial Structure in Japan: 1874–2008 presents a detailed examination of long-term trends in prefectural income inequality and its determinants. The first part of the analysis is based on newly compiled estimates going back to the beginnings of Japan’s modern economic development at the start of the Meiji period, while the second part employs detailed prefecture-level data from the R-JIP Database. The analysis shows that changes in industrial structure were a major driver of developments in regional inequality throughout the period, first leading to divergence and then convergence in prefectural per capita incomes. Other key factors shaping trends in regional inequality were domestic migration, government policies, and technology diffusion.

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