Abstract:
In the article, the author examines the transformation of the health status of three separate age categories, using the data collected during the last three editions of Polish Panel Survey POLPAN which took place in 1998, 2003 and 2008. A subjective assessment of respondents is the indicator of their health status. The respondents answered the question: How, in general, do you assess your health status compared to the state of health of most people in your age? A ten-year-perspective and three surveys allow to analyse health assessment of the respondents, who in 1998 were among the youngest cohorts covered by the study (generation of 21-25-year-olds). Additionally, it is possible to compare the distribution of these variables for three successive generations surveyed by POLPAN. In the course of analysis the author also tries to answer the question whether one can speak of generational conditioning of health assessment. Or, rather, social factors that influence the location of the individual in the social structure affect the assessment? Using regression models and logistic regression, the author compares the strength of the relationship between the assessment of health status of respondents and their generational membership, and evaluation of health status and such variables as sex, education, employment situation, financial problems present in the household of the respondents.