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Title:Housing Subsidy and Self-perception of well-being: Does housing subsidy make a difference in residents' perceptions of their physical and mental health?

Perceptions of physical health and mental health were tested in public housing and section 8 housing to see if those in Section 8 housing were better off. The hypothesis was that Section 8 residents would report feeling better, due to less exposure to violence, drug activity, and concentrated poverty. This question has policy implications; if people are better off in Section 8 housing, perhaps more people should be given housing vouchers and less public housing should be built. Analysis of surveys did not reveal any differences between the two groups.