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Income, Homeownership and Residential Assorting among Latinos in the US

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the 2000 Public Use Microdata 5% Sample to ascertain the relationship between income, residential assorting and homeownership for those of Latino origin (N = 46,024). Using logistic and ordinary least squares regression to ascertain the relationship between income and homeownership, I find that income has a disproportionate impact on the odds of owning a home and how ethnically similar the area Hispanics live for all five ethnic groups. In addition, income has a significant impact on the extent of ethnic clustering in the area Hispanics live. I conclude that income is a highly significant mediator of the relationship between ethnicity and both homeownership and residential assorting. The results illustrate that ethnic differences in income also impact ethnic differences in residential assorting, an extension to the emerging literature that racial differences in income impact racial differences in residential location.

KEYWORDS

Clustering, Dissimilarity, Homeownership, Income, Latinos, Segregation

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