LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTIAL MOBILITY IN CHILE'S THREE METROPOLITAN CITIES

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ABSTRACT

In 2007, the Chilean Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MINVU) incorporated the possibility of access to used housing as part of the Housing Solidarity Fund (FSV) destined to low-income households. The results obtained in 2007 and 2008 in the metropolitan areas of Santiago, Valparaíso and Concepción show similar residential mobility patterns for the beneficiaries of FSV funding. These include proximity to the original address, certain improvements in location centrality and the municipalities of origin and destination. These elements have slowly led to the consolidation of socially concentrated urban conglomerates that require further analysis before predicting the future effects of the FSV program on Chilean cities.

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