Non-Housing Outcomes of Affordable Housing Investment

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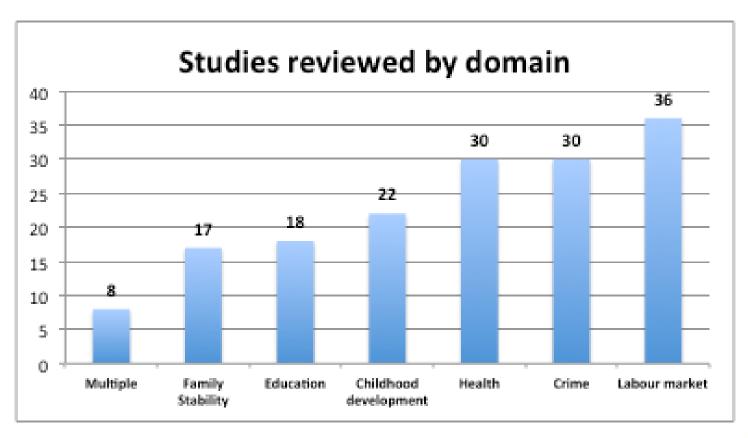
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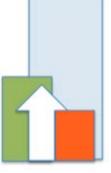


Great things affordable housing will do

- More \$ for food = better nutrition, health;
- Children concentrate better educational outcomes and future labour potential;
- Avoid dwellings in poor condition = health benefit;
- Improved affordability = less stress (mental health);
- Secure tenancy, reinforces family stability (avoid eviction);
- Better labour market participation = productivity and earned incomes.

Six domains explored





Strong US body of literature

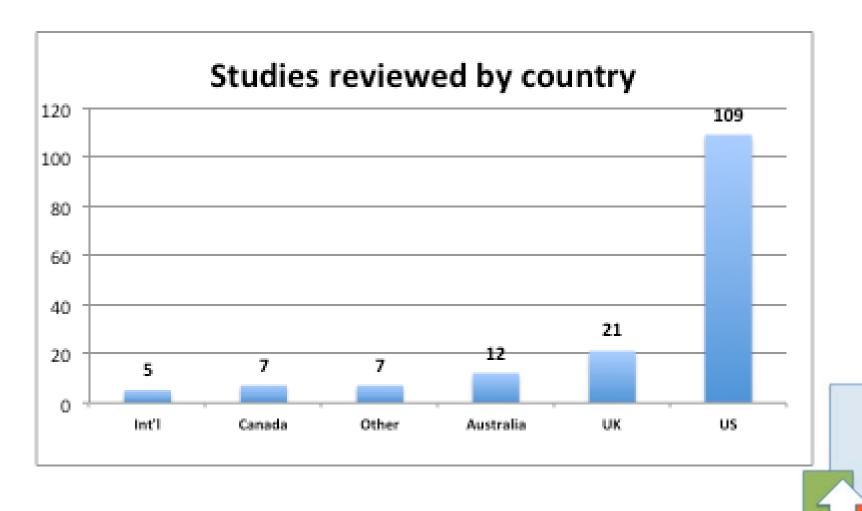


Figure 1: Causality Chain

Housing intervention:

- Directly provide home or rent assistance
- Facilitate move with rent assistance
- Renovation assistance



Immediate effect

- Reduced rent burden
- Improved dwelling condition
- Suitable size for HH
- Option to move to sound affordable home

Intermediate effect₁ e.g. result of extra income

Intermediate effect2

e.g. result of improved condition = less mold and health

Intermediate effect

e.g. less crowding may improve mental stress

Intervening or mediating factors:

- Neighbourhood characteristics
- Household socio-economic status
- Prior lived experience
- Individual consumer choices

Indirect Non-housing Outcome (NHO) e.g. Better health



Housing one of many influences

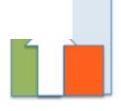
- Other concurrent influences both mediate or reinforce housing effects
 - Neighbourhood effects especially important, as well as household characteristics (Parents background, education etc.)
- In sum, the impacts of affordable housing are often hard to measure and to isolate from the impacts of other significant factors
- Also, the form of housing assistance may contribute to different outcomes
 - E.g. large older public housing vs. new small non-profit vs. housing allowance.

Table 1: Active data sets with potential coverage of NHO variables

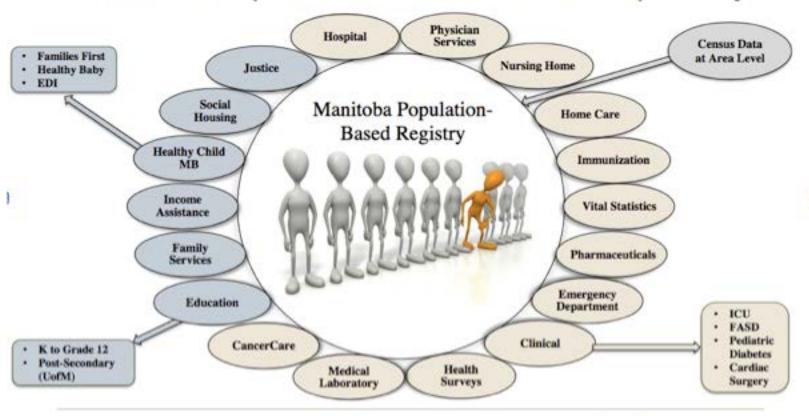
Stats Can Research Data Centres maintain over 130 data sets including cross sectional (96) administrative (15) and longitudinal (18) data, however many are now inactive

File name	NHO domain
LAD (Longitudinal Administrative Databank)	Income and employment
LISA (Longitudinal and International Study of Adults)	Employment, education, health, family stability
CCHS (Canadian Community Health Survey)	Health
APS (Aboriginal Peoples Survey)	Employment, income
SHS (Survey of Household Spending)	Income, tenure

With the exception of SHS and APS, these datasets do not include any housing (dwelling or household) variables. To be useable, it would first be necessary to create a baseline file of housing variables and link to that file.



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Thank you!

