

Residential Instability and Childhood Wellbeing

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Abstract

Research has suggested that quality of housing is a social determinant of health and that residential stability is a factor for older adults's health (CITE). This report will look more specifically at the relationship between residential stability and child well-being. As housing is not guaranteed in the United States it is important to understand the relationship between where children are living and their wellbeing at home and in school. In this study we found that...

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Methods

The current study was not preregistered. Data and code are available on Github *click here* Data retrieved from the 2024 Survey of Income and Program Participation
<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sipp/data/datasets/2024-data/2024.html>

Participants

The total sample in the current study consists of 31221

Material

Procedure

Data analysis

We used R (Version 4.5.0; R Core Team, 2025) and the R-packages *bit* (Version 4.6.0; Chirico & Oehlschlägel, 2025a, 2025b), *bit64* (Version 4.6.0.1; Chirico & Oehlschlägel, 2025b), *data.table* (Version 1.17.8; Barrett et al., 2025), *dplyr* (Version 1.1.4; Wickham, François, Henry, Müller, & Vaughan, 2023), *ggplot2* (Version 3.5.2; Wickham, 2016), *groundhog* (Version 3.2.3; Simonsohn & Gruson, 2025), *labelled* (Version 2.15.0; Larmarange, 2025), *papaja* (Version 0.1.4; Aust & Barth, 2025), *psych* (Version 2.5.6; William Revelle, 2025), and *tinylabels* (Version 0.2.5; Barth, 2025) for all our analyses.

Results

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## # A tibble: 4 x 3
##   Item      Mean     SD
##   <chr>    <dbl>  <dbl>
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Table 1

*Descriptivse for Childhood**Wellbeing Scale Items*

Item	Mean	SD
CWB Item 1	1.71	0.45
CWB Item 2	1.08	0.27
CWB Item 3	1.08	0.28
CWB Item 4	1.52	0.50

Note. True or false questionskeyed 1 as postive and 2 as
negative

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## 1 CWB Item 1 1.71 0.454
## 2 CWB Item 2 1.08 0.272
## 3 CWB Item 3 1.08 0.279
## 4 CWB Item 4 1.52 0.500
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Discussion

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