

RESIDENTIAL SEGREGATION: EXPLORING PATTERNS, DETERMINANTS AND IMPLICAITONS IN ZARIA URBAN AREA

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Abstract

Residential segregation is a significant social phenomenon that influences access to resources, social interactions, and socio-economic disparities within urban areas. Residential segregation refers to the spatial separation of different racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic groups within a particular area or city. It has significant implications for social inequality, access to resources, and quality of life. This research focused on the patterns, determinants and implications of residential segregation in Zaria urban area. The study provided insights into the complexities of residential segregation in this specific context. Data for this research was sourced through both primary and secondary sources. Questionnaire was the tool for primary data collection. Purposive sampling technique was adopted in selecting the units within urban Zaria. Respondents for the study were selected via systematic sampling technique at every 6th respondent interval. Major findings revealed that urban Zaria is segregated based on socio cultural factors. The study showed that religion and ethnicity are the major determinants of residential segregation in urban Zaria. The findings of this research contribute to the understanding of residential segregation in Zaria urban area, provide valuable knowledge for policy makers and urban planners. It will also promote social cohesion, equitable distribution and fostering inclusive communities.

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