Abstract

This article discusses the coherence and efficiency of new social integration mechanisms deployed by Chile's current Housing and Urban Policy for low-income sectors, that is: promotion of house purchases through the Programa Fondo Solidario de Vivienda, social housing plans, social integration projects, subsidies and the bill on land use and social integration currently being discussed by the parliament. From a brief analysis of urban residential segregation at the national level before these mechanisms were implemented, it becomes evident that little is known about segregation and the solutions proposed for this problem are in many ways incoherent due to this deficiency. At the same time, the functional deficiencies regarding opportune monitoring mechanisms of processes and improvements in course (today nonexistent) also turn current proposals inefficient. Finally we specify aspects of urban segregation that need further research, and alternative urban integration mechanisms with their particular operational strategies.

Keywords

Residential urban segregation, urban integration, housing and urban chilean policy, integration indicators, segregation indicators.