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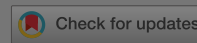
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# Predicting abandoned housing: does the operational definition of abandonment matter?

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## Abstract

“Abandonment” is a term that has no agreed-upon definition in the housing literature. As a result, different measures of housing abandonment have been used by researchers and practitioners. This article examines the operational definition of abandonment used in the literature and compares it to other definitions. The article also discusses the implications of the operational definition for housing prediction models. The article concludes that the operational definition of abandonment may be a better indicator of housing abandonment than other definitions.

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