

Exploring the Experience and Nature of Deprivation in a Disadvantaged Urban Community:

A socially perceived necessities approach

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Introduction

- 1997 NAPS
- Deprivation
- Assessments to date...
- Data and method restrictions
- This paper...more comprehensive
- First application in Ireland
- Insight...where most likely to be experienced

Measuring Deprivation

- Deprivation: people living without items regarded as basic necessities due to their inability to afford them
- *Tastes versus Deprivation*
- Mack and Lansley Question structure
 - 3 options:
 - have; don't have don't want; don't have cannot afford
- Different from Ireland – LIIS; EU-SILC

The Necessities

- Deprivation measured using a set of socially perceived necessities
- Using data from PSE Survey in Britain
- Items than more than 50% of British population considered to be "basic necessities of modern life"
- Process to select items
- None to date in Ireland...PSE adopted
- 27 items ... **Table 1**

The Area & Survey

- Survey of socio-economic variables
- One disadvantaged urban ED
- Selected via...criteria...Census data
 - (i) sustained record of disadvantage, 1991 →
 - (ii) high unemployment
 - (iii) high % low skilled
 - (iv) low % professionals
 - (v) 2,000 electors or more

The Area & Survey

- Finglas South C
 - “the area chosen represents a disadvantaged area, one reflective of many others across Dublin city, rather than an area at the extremes of disadvantage”
- Systematic sample of households
- Self-administered questionnaire
- **Table 3:** Response Rate = 68.45%
- **Table 4:** Profile of respondents

Some Results

- **Table 5** last column = deprivation
- high-deprivation items: one-off large size commitments or recurring commitments
- lowest rates: interaction with family and friends
- Note the *tastes v deprivation* distinction
- The other columns!

The Distribution/Risk

- weighted index of deprivation: SPNI
- (no deprivation) 0 → 1 (maximum deprivation)
- Mean of 0.1471
- Three categories in **Table 6:**
 - not deprived = 0
 - mildly deprived = above 0 and less than average
 - severely deprived = at or above average

The Nature of Deprivation

- What are the underlying trends?
 - what items go together?
 - can we establish groups?
- Principal Components Analysis
- 23 items (4 excluded)
- 5 components ... **Tables 8 & 9**
- Deprivation occurring across all of these

Conclusions & Implications

- An insight
- Application of the socially perceived necessities approach
- Assessment against what society regards as “the basics”
- Perhaps a pilot?