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*[Study: Living in Poor Neighborhood Can Hurt Health](#)*

ATLANTA — Back in the 1990s, the federal government tried an unusual social experiment: It offered thousands of poor women in big-city public housing a chance to live in more affluent neighborhoods.

A decade later, the women who relocated had lower rates of [diabetes](#) and extreme obesity — differences that are being hailed as compelling evidence that where you live can determine your health.

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