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Differences in Elderly Well-Being by Rural-Urban Areas in Indonesia

The purpose of this study was to examine the relationships among age, marital status, living arrangement, social class, familial arrangement, perceived health, economic condition and well-being in urban and rural elderly in Indonesia and to compare the well-being of the elderly of the two groups. A causal model of well-being was proposed for this study to analyze the empirical data. Data were collected using a survey-interview method: 157 elderly in the urban area and 145 in the rural area. The study found that the mean scores of well-being do not demonstrate significant difference between the urban- rural elderly. The model of well-being was tested using path analysis to test the causal relationships among the variables.