Who cares for the environment? Recycling and Composting in Bogotá

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The care crisis

Climate change

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Bogotá produces 7,945 tons of trash daily ¹

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¹ Special Administrative Office of Public Services of Bogotá (2021).





2010

2012

Yearly waste production in Bogotá (2011-2021). 2,8 2,6 2,6 2,6 2,5 Millions of tons

Source: Special Administrative Office of Public Services of Bogotá (2021).

2016

Year

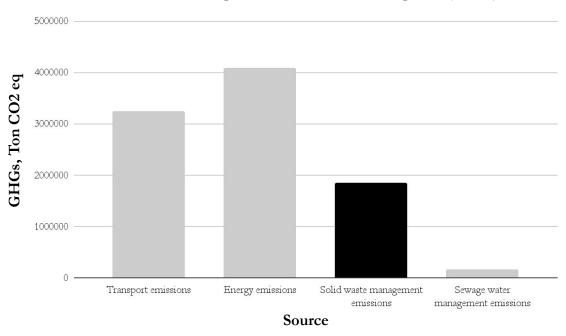
2018

2020

2022

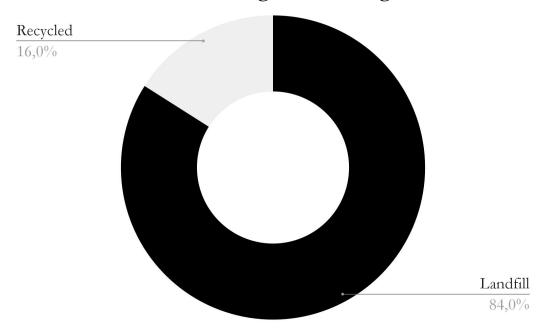
2014

Greenhouse gas emissions in Bogotá (2020).



Source: Bogotá's Environmental Affairs Office (2020).

Waste management in Bogotá



Source: Special Administrative Office of Public Services of Bogotá (2017).

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30,500 informal waste pickers ²

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The care crisis

1 – Research question | Justification

"The majority do not have personal protection elements to carry out their work, they are not affiliated with the social security system that protects them against the various contingencies that may arise, and sometimes they must work much more than 8 hours a day" ³

Care crisis

1 – Research question | Justification

(1) increasing demand for care ⁴ (2) a global economic model that systematically "free-rides" ⁵ care labor or underpays it ⁶;
 (3) enormous inequities in terms of who assumes this type of labor. ⁷

⁴Dowling (2020), ⁵ Fraser (2016), ⁶ Folbre & Smith (2017), ⁷ Federici (2012).





Waste



Separation in Households and street.





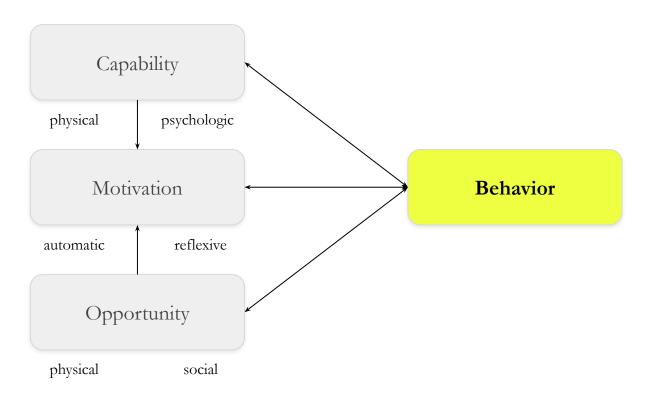
Recycle II

Collection
In the Streets



Source: Bogotá's Cultural Affairs Office (2021).

2 – Literature review | COM-B Model



Source: West & Michie (2020).

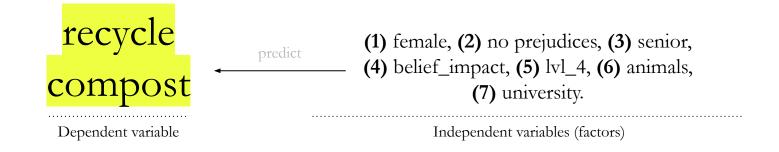
$$P(Y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(b_0 + b_1 X_{1i}...+b_n X_{ni})}}$$

$$(Y_1) \text{ Recycling}$$

$$(Y_2) \text{ Composting}$$

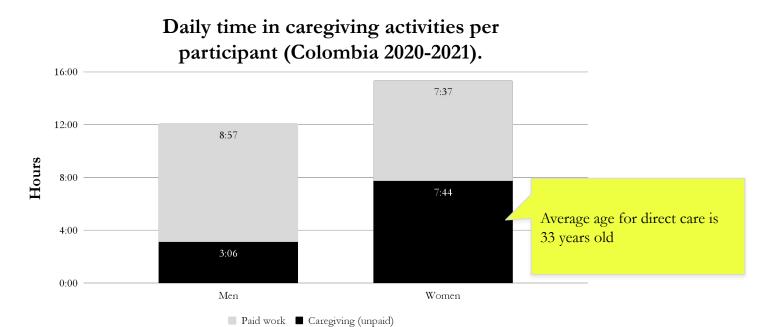
$$(X) \text{ Factors}$$

(Step 1) Following the literature review, selected the factors, (Step 2) cross tables and Chi2; (Step 3) Logistic regression.

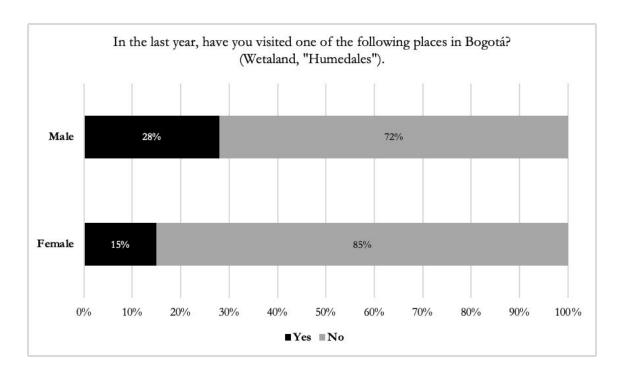


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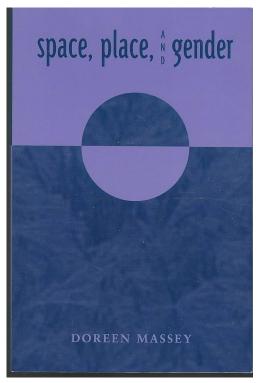
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Source: National Survey of Use of Time, DANE (2020).



Source: Executive Document Environmental Culture Survey (2021).





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people living with animals are 1.3 more likely to recycle

Independent variable

"companion species [for instance, dogs and humans] infect each other all the time...for good and for ill. Bodily ethical and political obligations are infectious, or they should be"

Donna Haraway (2016, p. 29)





Thanks!