

First Results of the Brazilian Pilot Time Use Survey 2009

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The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE)

IBGE is the federal institute which coordenates the **National Statistical System** and the **National Cartographic System.**

It is present in all 26 states and the Federal District.

It has more than 500 agencies spread in all of the territory.

These agencies work closely with the 5.565 municipalities in the country.



IBGE's local agencies.

Time use research in Brazil: antecedents



- Neuma Aguiar's research: Belo Horizonte (2002) and Campos (1986) - IBGE's consultant in the pilot survey
- Questions in the National Household Sample Survey (PNAD) since 1992 about time dedicated to domestic activities
- Patterns of Life Survey (1996/1997)
- Development of Research Abilities Course (2001)
- o 1st International Seminar About Time Use Surveys (2007)
- The Committee on Gender and Time Use Studies (since 2008): Secretariat on Policies for Women in Brazil (coordinator); IBGE; IPEA (Institute for Applied Economic Research); and International Labor Organization (ILO) and UNWOMEN as permanent guests

The 2009 pilot Time Use Survey

- The first big-dimension test of a time use survey in Brazil.
- The pilot was part of a bigger test of an Integrated System of Household Surveys that is being developed by IBGE with the goal of including all of the institute's household surveys.
- IBGE is planning to incorporate the topic of Time Use in the regular schedule of household surveys in the next decade.
- What was tested?
 - Sample design (size, distribution of days of the week, number of respondents per household, age limit)
 - Survey instruments (paper diary and handheld computer)
 - Field procedures
 - Classification of activities
 - Results and indicators

The 2009 pilot Time Use Survey



- Objective: testing the methodology for application in a future Time Use Survey
- Field period:
 - October to December 2009 (5 states);
 - October to September 2010 (Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan Region)
- <u>Reference population</u>: people aged 10 years or over of the selected regions
- o **Respondents per household**: 1 person
- **Days of the week**: all days were represented equally

The test sample – "PNAD Contínua"



Rio de Janeiro – Metropolitan Region

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The Time Use pilot survey sub sample

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The classification of activities



Based on the ICATUS 2005/United Nations Statistics Division

•	Work (includes work for own final use and consumption)	Work and
•	Volunteer work	Volunteer work

- Housework
- Care of family members
- Learning
- Socializing
- Attending/visiting cultural, entertainment and sports events/venues
 Cultural
- Hobbies, games and other pastime activities

Indoor and outdoor sports participation

activities, hobbies and sports

- Mass media
- Personal care and maintenance
 Personal care (except sleeping)

Sleeping

Adaptations to the Brazilian context : Examples

- Creation of a separate subgroup for civic activities such as "voting", which is classified as "community service" by ICATUS. In Brazil it is a compulsory activity
- Inclusion of typical activities such as "going to the beach" as an outdoor activity, or "carnival" as a socializing activity
- Elimination of some activities that are not practiced in Brazil, such as winter sports



Field procedures:

Before visiting the households, the interviewers knew which households were selected to answer the TUS and the day of the week assigned to each one.

First visit:

- The interviewer made the "PNAD Contínua" interview using a handheld computer
- The handheld computer selected one of the household members, aged 10 or over, to answer the TUS
- The selected member received a paper diary to fill in during a specific day of the week
- A second visit was scheduled with the respondent



Second visit:

- The interviewer made a revision of the paper diary and transmitted the information to the handheld computer
- Some questions about the respondent's perception about his/her own time were also made

Extract of a time use diary used in the test **SPIBGE**



Some features of the handheld computer





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75% of the activities were precodified with this method



1. How often do you feel you don't have enough time for the activities of your daily life?

Options: Never; almost never; sometimes; always

2. If you could, to which activity would you like to dedicate more time?

Options: Attention to yourself; activities with your family; domestic services; work; leisure; other (specify)

3. How often do you have spare time that you don't know what to do with?

Options: everyday; some days of the week; on weekends; never

4. What is the main reason you have spare time that you don't know what to do with?

Options: No friends or family live near me; Lack of community facilities or services; Transport difficulties; Don't have enough money; sickness; other reasons (specify)

Some challenges of the field operation

1. Particularities of each region visited

- **Pará** large territories in the forest area, difficulty of access (boat, horse or planes)
- São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Federal District refusal rates are higher due to the strong security measures in residential areas; special strategies to visit dangerous areas
- Indigenous areas specific strategies also, such as recall interview due to the particular dialects
- High illiteracy levels in some regions
- 2. New sampling design tested, larger number of agencies involved
- 3. The second visit

Field operation



Distribution of total sample of the Pilot Time Use Survey, by type of interview - Total * - 2009 (%)





completed

Total sample: 10.092 diaries

Valid diaries: 5.360:

Distribution of the sample of the Pilot Time Use Survey, considering only the ones with Household Survey completed, by type of interview - Total * - 2009 (%)



Source: IBGE, Continuous National Household Survey - 2009 Test/ Pilot Time Use Survey * Total corresponds to the 5 selected states: PA, PE, DF, SP e RS.



- Variables:
 - Sex
 - Age groups
 - Years of schooling
 - Composition of the household unit
 - Employment status
- Main indicators:
 - Average time dedicated to the main activities
 - Participation rates in the main activities
 - Average time dedicated by participants to the main activities















Participation rate, of people 10 years of age or older, in the main activity groups, by sex, Total* - 2009 (%)



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Next steps



- 1. Definition of how the Time Use Survey will be inserted in the Integrated System of Household Surveys
 - PNAD Contínua
 - Domestic Budget Survey
 - Independent survey

2. Definition of the periodicity

3. Survey instruments:

- Paper diary only?
- Recall interview with a handheld computer only?
- Desktop system to input diary data?

4. Incorporation of new concepts and revisions

- 19^a ICLS
- ICATUS



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