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Coordination of Territorial Structures– CETE

Standardization of Statistical Area Names

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Brazil - Diversified physical space



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	Land area	8,515,767,049 km²	
	Sea area	3,600,000 km ²	
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	Municipalities (2013)	5,570	
	Population - 2010 Population Census	190,755,799	P

Spatial information system, conceived to support IBGE researches, from results production to its dissemination.

It is formed by a graphical base of maps and georeferenced polygonal data containing the territorial structures of the political-administrative division, EAs and physical environment elements, integrated to a set of alphanumeric registers, maintained by a decentralized way.

The Enumeration Areas (EA) are the smallest territorial units for data collection and statistical analysis in IBGE Geospatial Data. Similar to the census tracks in UK and census blocks in USA.



Disclosure Areas

Areas legally instituted at states and cities, related to DPA -Political-Administrative Division, in force at the trigger date of census surveying, which meet the disclosure requirement of census data. DPA portrays state borders and limits for cities, districts and subdistricts.

According to the 1988 Constitution, DPA management is responsibility of states and cities; intracity territorial structure management is under cities' competence as well.

- Federation Units UFs (Federal District and states)
- Cities
- Districts
- Subdistricts, Administrative Regions (RAs) and zones
- Urban area
- Isolated Urban Area AUI
- Rural area.



Ascertainment areas

Geographical areas defined on maps and logged on the Territorial Base to serve as unit of space to ascertain statistic data in different territory environments, aiming to meet the growing demand for disclosure on these subjects.

Disclosure of ascertainment areas depends, however, on partnerships established between IBGE and the agencies in charge of ascertainment areas (when they exist) such as, for example, Fundação Nacional do Índio (FUNAI), in charge of Indian Lands (TIs).

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Ascertainment areas:

- Urban City or Village
- Non Urban City or Village
- Neighborhood
- Subnormal Clusters
- Rural Clusters
- Settlement Project (PA) Agro-villas
- Conservation Units (UCs)
- Indian Lands (TIs)
- Indian Villages
- Quilombola Lands (TQs)
- Quilombola Communities



Mangaratiba municipality



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Correct and precise coding of census sectors to recover disclosure and ascertainment areas and consequently integrate statistic and geospatial information



Source: "Linking People and Socio-Economic Information to a Location: Integrating Statistical and Geospatial Information", Amor Laarib, 2014

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Each EA has a number with allows its identification in relation to other census sectors in a unique way: geocode.

Geocode aims to allow reference of lots of information by collection territorial unit, being used as a recovery key of several registries in Territorial Base. This number is formed by 15 digits.

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Source: IBGE, Census 2010

That way, it is shown that territorial units that compose Brazilian DPA will always be associated to a unique code that allows integration of territorial base to the most diverse statistics date base.

BET - Territorial Structure Database



On the scope of Census, BET is the registry responsible for territorial information (codes, names and territorial sub ordinance) of disclosure and ascertainment units registered which are disseminated at IBGE's publications and products.

Its conception makes the recovery of DPA's historic evolution viable, as well as recovery of territorial snapshots for dates of interest :

- •territorial levels,
- •level hierarchy,
- •dates,
- •legislation on creation,
- •installing, extinction,
- •alteration of toponymy and other attributes.

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The current levels are:

- 1- Brazil (level 0000);
- 2- Levels referring to regional division:
- Geographic Region (level 0001)
- Geographic Mesoregion (level 0008) and Microregion (level 0009)

3- Levels referring to territorial division, registered according to legislation:

- Federative Unit (level 0002)
- City (level 0005)
- District (level 0006)
- Subdistrict (level 0007);
- 4- Levels referring to Census ascertainment areas:
- Neighborhoods (level 0102), Indian Lanfs (0105) and Environmental Conservation Units (0106) - territorial structures legally established
- Rural Clusters (level 0103), Isolated Urban Area (level 0107) and Subnormal Clusters (level 0101) registered according to concepts adopted during construction of Territorial Base

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IBGE's Address File Structure





2010 Census dissemination of statistical data





The statistical infrastructure represented by these registers opens several possibilities for the Brazilian agricultural and statistical surveys

Dissemination by streets, blocks and user defined areas

Update in Continuous Surveys





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These geocodes make identifying territorial units whose names are not yet standardized easier.

This way, possible divergences in geographic names used by statistics department and geography department are voided allowing unequivocal reference to spatial units.

The use of geocodes meets the principle of uniqueness, however, it does not meet the need for standardizing geographic names since this activity requires analysis of linguistic, cultural, historic and ethnic aspects, among others.

Prospects for the Agricultural Census

Example to refine records regarding indigenous lands and villages and their names:

The conceptual structure and database systems did not change in terms of the methodology, and progress was made in the acquisition of better inputs.

Access to RapidEye (2011 and 2013) satellite imagery with spatial resolution of 5 meters covering all of Brazil, as well as portions of the territory that have better resolution images. This means a better possibility of identifying villages as well as the mapping of roads and access roads, that is, an improvement in rural and urban maps in areas where spatial reference was often precarious. In addition, with the best inputs of satellite images, the EAs can be better adjusted to the official polygons.

Prospects for the Agricultural Census





Example of representation of the indigenous village in the municipal map of 2010 (left) and the EAs recomposed with images in the current mesh.

Source: "GEOSPACIAL INFORMATION ON BRAZILIAN INDIGENOUS LANDS AND VILLAGES FOR THE 2020 DEMOGRAPHIC CENSUS", IAOS 2016



In the 2010 Census, each rural householding interviewed was identified with a geographical coordinates point (latitude and longitude), making it possible that the data were directly linked to a smaller structure than the census sector.

With this more precise information about the location of the villages, it was possible to refine the information, the geographic names and to delimit sectors where they did not exist.

Prospects for the Agricultural Census



Information on localities, geographic names, color or race was used to identify new indigenous villages by the Territorial Base.



Indigenous village located by the points (in red) of the 2010 Census, where it will be possible to create a new census sector and improve the adjustment of the indigenous land sector (red line). Source: IAOS 2016

Final Considerations - Prospects 2020 Census



The integration of statistical and geoscientific data, in terms of the territorial breakdowns for dissemination and verification, can take place through two logics: the spatialization of statistical data and the identification of specific territories and geographical names.

The first is to choose a variable and observe its spatial behavior, grouping similar areas statistically.

The second part of the qualitative identification of certain specificities spatial delimitation with the possibility of retrieval of statistical information.

Regarding the spatial data, the spatial distribution of existing microdata on the differents populations allowed an improvement in the delimitation of the census tracts of various territories and geographic names.

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