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- Collect and preserve data and documentation
- Harmonize data
- Disseminate data to researchers free of charge

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- 150+ countries
- 1000+ census and survey data files
- 2 billion+ person records
- 300,000+ data users
- 2 million+ data requests
- 1 TB data/day



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- Microdata samples at individual level
- Anonymized
- Harmonized
- Web-based dissemination system
- Standardized data and metadata
- Free of cost!



Dissemination of Microdata Samples

IPUMS International

- Persons organized into households
- High density samples (~10%)
- Broad availability of census variables
- More recently: Labor Force Surveys

Microdata allow custom analysis for an academic audience

- Complex analysis and model estimation
- Customized disaggregation
- Analysis of small population groups
- Calculate indicators

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3. Online easy access

- Users download customized data extracts
- Availability of online documentation (questionnaires, instructions, etc.)
- Other tools: online tabulator, shapefiles, etc.



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Kenya 1999

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2 1 0	Married, formally			
2 1 1	Civil		2 = Married, civil	
2 1 2	Religious		3 = Married, religious	
2 1 3	Civil and religious		1 = Married, civil & relig	
2 1 4	Monogamous			2 = Monogamous
2 1 5	Polygamous			3 = Polygamous
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Research applications

Union Formation Implications of Race and Gender Gaps in Educational Attainment: The Case of Latin America

Albert Esteve, Luis López-Ruiz

Population Research and Policy Review, Vol. 29, No. 5 (October 2010), pp. 609-637



Research applications

World Development

Volume 125, January 2020, 104685

Characterizing the indigenous forest peoples of Latin America: Results from census data

[Brian C. Thiede](#)  , [Clark Gray](#) 




Research applications

Research in Social Stratification and
Mobility

Volume 86, August 2023, 100826

The changing terrain of racial inequality in Trinidad and Tobago

[Monique D.A. Kelly](#)¹  

Research applications

Ethnic and Racial Studies, 2015
Vol. 38, No. 12, 2090–2107

Parental transmission of ethnic identification in mixed couples in Latin America: the Mapuche case

Eduardo Valenzuela and M. Belén Unzueta

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Language spoken or
mother tongue (by country)



Race and ethnicity in censuses from IPUMS

Nominal harmonization

- Align groups with the same name

Complex intersecting concepts

- Color, ancestral location/origin, culture

Comparisons are difficult

- Categorizations/measurement changes
 - Across countries
 - Over time
- Identity formation evolves over time



Census data from IPUMS

Sample characteristics

- High density samples—often 10%
- Household samples
- Full population coverage (ages, geography, etc.)

Good for

- Study of small populations
- Disaggregation recommended for SDGs



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RACE: Race or color

Availability:
10 countries &
23 census samples

Brazil 1960, 1980, 1991, 2000, 2010
Colombia 2005
Costa Rica 2000, 2011
Cuba 2002, 2012
Ecuador 2001, 2010
El Salvador 2007
Jamaica 1982, 1991, 2001
Puerto Rico 2000, 2005, 2010
Saint Lucia 1980, 1991
Uruguay 2006, 2011



RACE: Race or color

- Either self-report (most) or identified by enumerator
- Criteria for classification:
 - Ancestry, culture/customs, or language.
 - Skin color or physical characteristics.
- Response categories: White/Black generally available, differences for other categories

RACE: Race or color

Cuba Census 2002

Question 6. What is your skin color? (Mark only one)

1 White

2 Black

3 Mestizo or mulato

- Instructions provide definitions to classify based on three skin characteristics: white, black, and mulato or mestizo
- Answers recorded based on observation



RACE: Race or color

Brazil Census 2010

6.06. Your color or race is:

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Yellow
- 4 Brown
- 5 Indigenous

- Answer provided by respondent after options are read
- Enumerators are instructed “not to influence the response of the interviewee”

RACE: Race or color

10	White	46	Indian
20	Black	47	Pakistani
21	Black African	48	Bangladeshi
22	Black Caribbean	49	Other Asian
23	Afro-Ecuadorian	50	Mixed race
24	Other Black	51	Brown (Brazil)
30	Indigenous	52	Mestizo (Indigenous and White)
31	American Indian	53	Mulatto (Black and White)
32	Latin American Indian	54	Coloured (South Africa)
40	Asian	56	Two or more races
41	Chinese	60	Other
42	Japanese	61	Montubio (Ecuador)
43	Korean	99	Unknown
44	Vietnamese		
45	Filipino		



INDIG: Member of indigenous group

Availability: 14 countries & 31 census samples

Bolivia 2001, 2012

Brazil 1960, 1991, 2000, 2010

Chile 2002, 2017

Colombia 2005

Costa Rica 2000, 2011

Ecuador 2001, 2010

El Salvador 2007

Guatemala 1964, 1973, 1981, 1994, 2002

Mexico 2000, 2010, 2015

Nicaragua 2005

Panama 1990, 2000, 2010

Paraguay 2002

Surinam 2004, 2012

Uruguay 2006, 2011



INDIG: Member of indigenous group

- Self-reported status
- Information is derived from:
 - Indigenous group membership (yes/no)
 - List of specific indigenous groups in the country
 - Race or color (response category)

INDIG: Member of indigenous group

Bolivia Census 2001

49. Do you consider yourself a member of any of the following original or indigenous groups?

- 1 Quechua 5 Mojeño
- 2 Aymara 6 Other native
- 3 Guarani 7 None
- 4 Chiquitano

- Answer provided by respondent after options are read
- In case the response refers to another original or indigenous tribe not listed, then “other native” should be chosen



INDIG: Member of indigenous group

Brazil Census 1991

9. Color

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Yellow
- 4 Mixed (*parda*)
- 5 Indigenous

- Answer provided by respondent, with no interpretation by the enumerator
- Mixed (*parda*) is marked for responses different than other categories listed, such as mixed white/indigenous or black/indigenous



LANGIND: Speaks indigenous language

Availability: 9 countries
& 20 census samples

Bolivia 1976, 2001, 2012

Colombia 2005

Costa Rica 2000, 2011

Ecuador 2001, 2010

Guatemala 1964, 1994, 2002

Mexico 1970, 1990, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015

Nicaragua 2005

Paraguay 2002

Venezuela 2001



LANGIND: Speaks indigenous language

- Availability: 9 countries & 20 census samples
- Includes languages explicitly categorized as indigenous
- Refers to the ability to speak the language, not necessarily the mother tongue or language used at home
- Some countries specify the language spoken, while others just ask about any indigenous language



Ethnicity or language (by country)

Availability: 18
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ETHNIC_

Ethnicity, by country

Bolivia 2001, 2012

Chile 2002, 2017

Colombia 1993, 2005

Ecuador 2001, 2010

Guatemala 2002

Honduras 2001

Nicaragua 2005

Panama 1990, 2000, 2010

Surinam 2004, 2012

Trinidad and Tobago 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000



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LANG__

Language, by country

Bolivia 1976, 2001, 2012

Costa Rica 2000, 2011

Ecuador 2001, 2010

El Salvador 2007

Honduras 1988

Mexico 1970, 1990, 2000, 2010, 2015

Paraguay 1962, 1982, 2002

Puerto Rico 2000, 2005, 2010



Ethnicity or language (by country)

- Availability: 18 countries & 39 census samples
- Country-specific ethnicity/language variables
- Coding differs by country, harmonized across years
- Availability categories can differ across census samples
- Harmonization of responses based on literal labels



Ethnicity or language (by country)

- Examples of country-specific variables:
 - ETHNICEC: Ethnicity, Ecuador
 - LANGBO: Language spoken, Bolivia
 - MTONGBO: Mother tongue, Bolivia

(Suffix identifies the country)

Ethnicity or language (by country)

ETHNICEC: Ethnicity, Ecuador

Code	Label	ecuad ecuad	
		2001	2010
01	Achuar	X	X
02	Awa	X	X
03	Cofan	X	X
04	Chachi	X	X
05	Huaorani	X	X
06	Shuar	X	X
07	Siona	X	X
08	Tsa'chila	X	X
09	Zapara	X	X
10	Shiwiar	X	X
11	Kichwa	X	X
12	Saraguro	X	X
13	Cañari	X	X
14	Paruha	X	X
15	Panzaleo	X	X
16	Chibuleo	X	X
17	Salasaca	X	X
18	Quitú	X	X
19	Cayambi	X	X
20	Caranqui	X	X
21	Natabuela	X	X
22	Otavalo	X	X
23	Quisapincha	X	X
24	Pilahuin	X	-
25	Pasa	X	-

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		2001	2010
26	Guaranga	X	X
27	Chimbo	X	-
28	Cacha	X	-
29	Colta	X	-
30	Licto	X	-
31	Epera	-	X
32	Secoya	-	X
33	Andoa	-	X
34	Pastos	-	X
35	Tomabela	-	X
36	Paltas	-	X
37	Manta	-	X
38	Huncavilca	-	X
39	Other indigenous group	X	X
97	Response suppressed	X	-
98	Unknown	X	X
99	NIU (not in universe)	X	X



Ethnicity or language (by country)

LANGBO: Language spoken, Bolivia

Code	Label	boliv 1976	boliv 2001	boliv 2012
01	Spanish	X	X	X
02	Aymara	X	X	X
03	Quechua	X	X	X
04	Guarani	-	X	X
05	Spanish, Aymara	X	X	X
06	Spanish, Quechua	X	X	X
07	Aymara, Quechua	X	X	X
08	Spanish, Aymara, Quechua	X	X	X
09	Spanish and other/multiple indigenous language	X	X	X
10	Other/multiple indigenous language	X	X	X
12	Does not speak or speaks only foreign language	X	X	X
99	Unknown	-	X	X



Ethnicity or language (by country)

ETHNICBO: Ethnicity, Bolivia

Code	Label	boliv 2001	boliv 2012
	National language		
01	Quechua	X	X
02	Aymara	X	X
03	Araona	-	X
04	Bésiro	-	X
05	Canichana	-	X
06	Cavineño	-	X
07	Cayubaba	-	X
08	Chácobo	-	X
09	Chimán	-	X
10	Ese Eja	-	X
11	Guarasuawe	-	X
12	Guarayu	-	X
13	Itonama	-	X
14	Leco	-	X
15	Machajuyai-Kallawaya	-	X
16	Mojeño-Ignaciano	-	X
17	Mojeño-Trinitario	-	X
18	Mosetén	-	X
19	Movima	-	X
20	Tacana	-	X
21	Uruchipaya	-	X
22	Weenhayek	-	X
23	Yuracaré	-	X
24	Zamuco	-	X

Code	Label	boliv 2001	boliv 2012
25	Spanish	X	X
26	Guarani	X	X
27	Other native language	X	X
30	Foreign language	X	-
31	German	-	X
32	Catalan	-	X
33	Chinese	-	X
34	Korean	-	X
35	French	-	X
36	Dutch	-	X
37	English	-	X
38	Italian	-	X
39	Japanese	-	X
40	Portugese	-	X
41	Russian	-	X
42	Swedish	-	X
43	Other foreign language	-	X
97	Does not speak	X	X
98	Unknown	-	X
99	NIU (not in universe)	X	-



Resources from CEPAL (in Spanish)

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC/CEPAL)

Website: Thematic publications on the theme of

[Statistical visibility of Indigenous and Afro Decendent populations in LA](#)

Specifically, 2010 Census round:

[Pueblos indígenas y afrodescendientes en los censos de población y vivienda de América Latina: avances y desafíos en el derecho a la información](#)

by Susana Schkolnik and Fabiana Del Popolo

And a presentation of recommendations for the 2020 Census round:

[La inclusión de los pueblos indígenas y afrodescendientes en los censos de población y vivienda: avances y desafíos para la ronda 2020](#)

by Fabiana Del Popolo



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Overview

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