

Assessment of drawing impacts of the questionnaire in Brazilian Census of 2010

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Abstracts

The Brazilian censuses questionnaires of 1980, 1991 and 2000 had one sheet per person, forcing the reference to each person specifically in each question. For the 2010 census, with the change of the questionnaire on paper by the electronic, filters and jumps were automated and the questions were asked by block, in other words, all household members responded the same question every time. This format has brought significant operational advantage by facilitating fieldwork in the data collection. On the other hand, may have brought a worsening quality of information, especially with regard to a tendency of generalize the answers for all household members. In this sense, the objective of this study is compare the results of the 1980, 1991, 2000 and 2010 censuses, and of two other Brazilian surveys, evaluating the cases with occurrence of the same answer among all household members. Preliminary analyzes have showed that for certain variables, especially for households with more residents, the census of 2010 tends to present a higher occurrence of cases with the same answer for all dwellers, which could not be explained solely by socioeconomic and behavioral changes in the last 10 or 20 years. This may indicate a tendency to generalize the responses as a consequence of changes in the form of collection the information.

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