

The Indigenous Population of Brazil

1991 Population Census

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The definition of Indigenous population in the 1991 and 2000 Population Censuses of Brazil is based on self identification and classification in accordance with the 169 International Labour Office - Convention/89. Important anthropological work has been conducted on the relevance of the self identification and the situational context for the definition of ethnic groups see F.Barth 1969 and J.Pacheco de Oliveira 1999. On the social classification of race of the Brazilian censuses see T.C. Araujo Costa 1985.

IBGE, the Brazilian national statistical office, on the basis of the FUNAI Register of Indigenous Territories has enumerated the indigenous population living in census statistical areas identified as Indigenous Territories as well as in other areas.

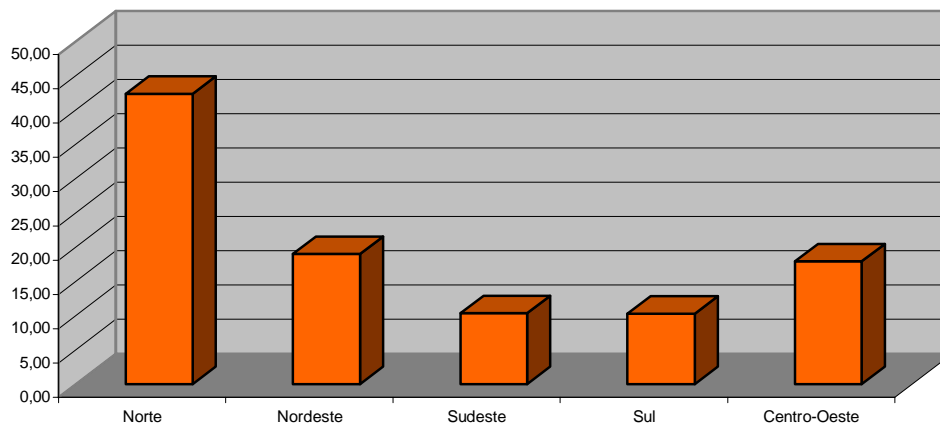
This poster presents a comparative description of the indigenous population of Brazil both living in and outside those Territories. The data and indicators are from the 1991 Census and a table with preliminary results of the 2000 Census on the total population living in Indigenous Territories is presented (the data on population by race or ethnic group will be available in 2002).

Demography

Indigenous Population Distribution

The 1991 Population Census registered 294.000 persons as indigenous, 0.2% of the Brazilian population, of those 52% lived in indigenous territories. Its distribution by region and states is highly concentrated, approximately 125.000 living in the Northern Region (42%) and 68.000 (23%) in the State of Amazonas.

Indigenous population by region - 1991

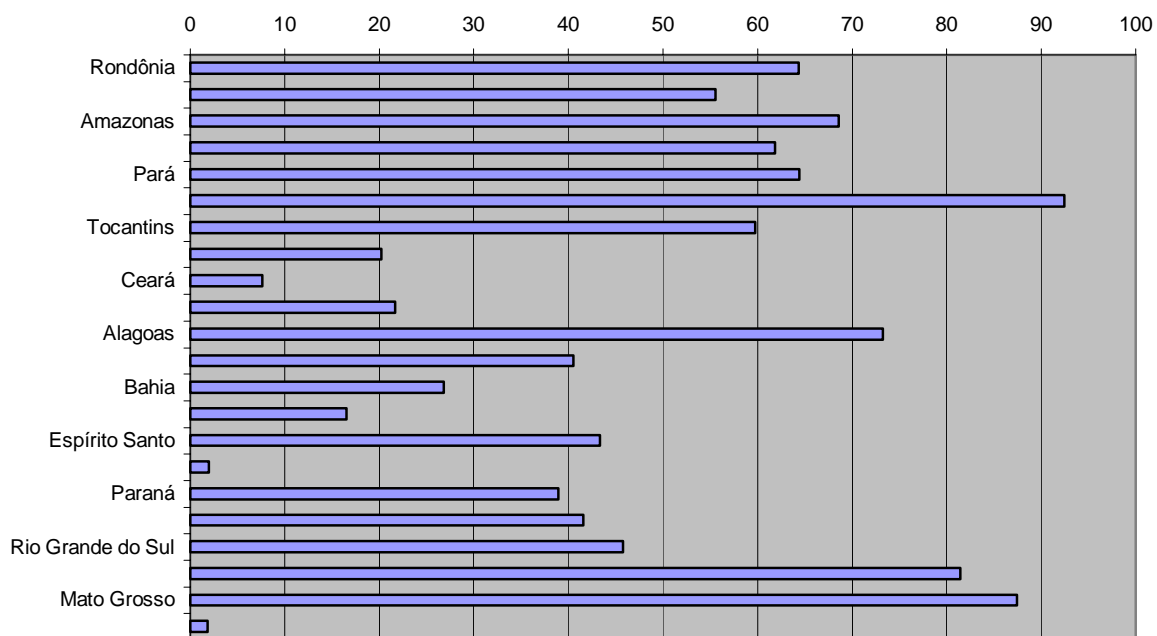


Source: IBGE, 1991 Population Census

Total indigenous population and indigenous population living in Ind. Territories by region and sex

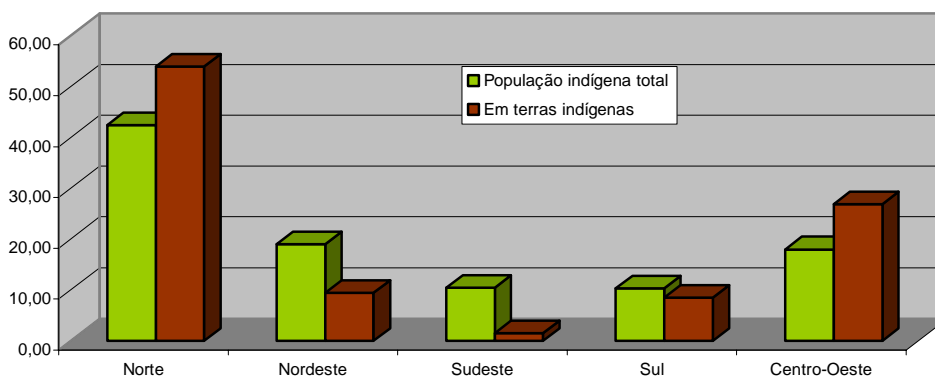
Grandes Regiões	População indígena			Em terras indígenas		
	Total	Homens	Mulheres	Total	Homens	Mulheres
Brasil	294145	150121	144024	153445	80238	73207
Norte	124614	65463	59151	82724	43996	38728
Nordeste	55852	28052	27800	14412	7388	7024
Sudeste	30594	14493	16101	2205	1199	1006
Sul	30336	1138	15198	12934	6440	6494
Centro-Oeste	52749	26975	25774	41170	21215	19955

Percentage of Indigenous Population living in Territories in the total Indigenous Population by states-1991



Source: IBGE 1991 Population Census

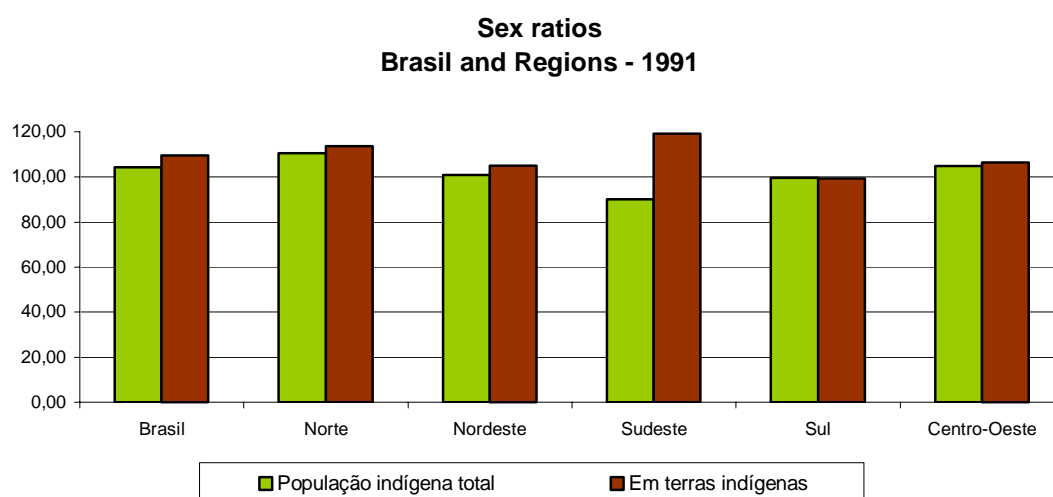
Total Indigenous population and indigenous population in Territories by region - 1991



Source: IBGE, 1991 Population Census.

Demographic Indicators

- The sex ratios estimated for both the total indigenous and the indigenous population living in Territories indicate a higher ratio for the population in the territories that is consistent with the pattern of male predominance in rural areas.



Source: IBGE, Population Census de 1991

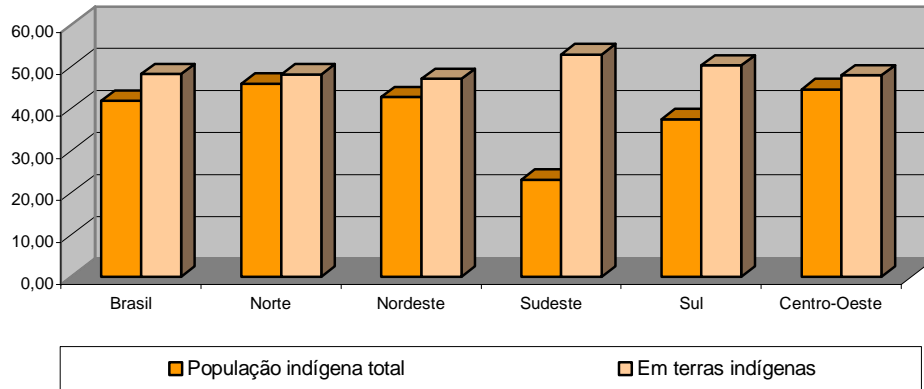
Age groups and Age Dependency Ratios

The analysis of the age data show a dependency ratio of 109,08 % for the indigenous population in the Ind. Territories and for the total indigenous population this indicator was 87,21 .

Total Indigenous population and indigenous population in territories by age groups and regions

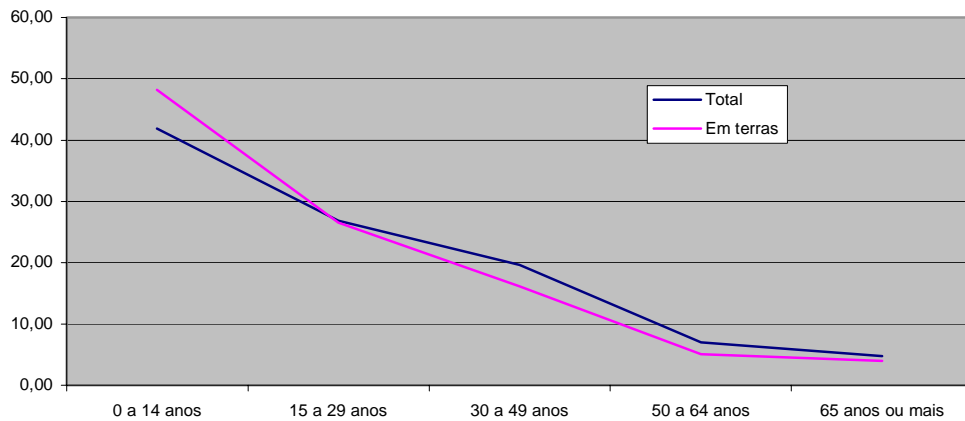
Grupos De Idade	População indígena											
	Brasil		Norte		Nordeste		Sudeste		Sul		Centro-Oeste	
	Total	Em terras	Total	Em terras	Total	Em terras	Total	Em terras	Total	Em terras	Total	Em terras
Total	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00	100,00
0 a 14 anos	41,85	48,23	45,93	48,14	42,76	47,05	23,07	52,88	37,52	50,30	44,63	47,94
15 a 64 anos	53,42	47,83	50,91	48,95	51,93	49,04	70,38	44,35	55,32	43,93	49,98	46,55
15 a 29 anos	26,84	26,50	27,04	26,09	25,77	27,38	26,69	26,12	27,00	26,98	27,50	26,86
30 a 49 anos	19,58	16,22	18,41	17,85	18,37	15,58	31,68	14,29	20,05	12,87	16,31	14,32
50 a 64 anos	7,00	5,12	5,45	5,01	7,80	6,09	12,02	3,95	8,28	4,07	6,17	5,37
65 anos ou mais	4,74	3,94	3,17	2,90	5,31	3,91	6,55	2,77	7,16	5,77	5,39	5,51

Indigenous populations under 15 years by Regions - 1991



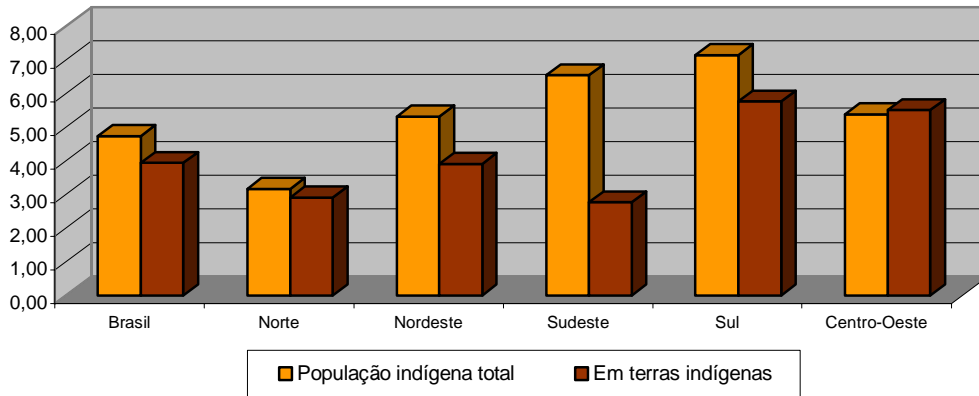
Source: IBGE, 1991 Population Census

Total Indigenous population and Indigenous population in territories by age groups - 1991



Source: IBGE, 1991 Population Census

Total Indigenous populations and indigenous population in territories over 65 years of age by Regions - 1991

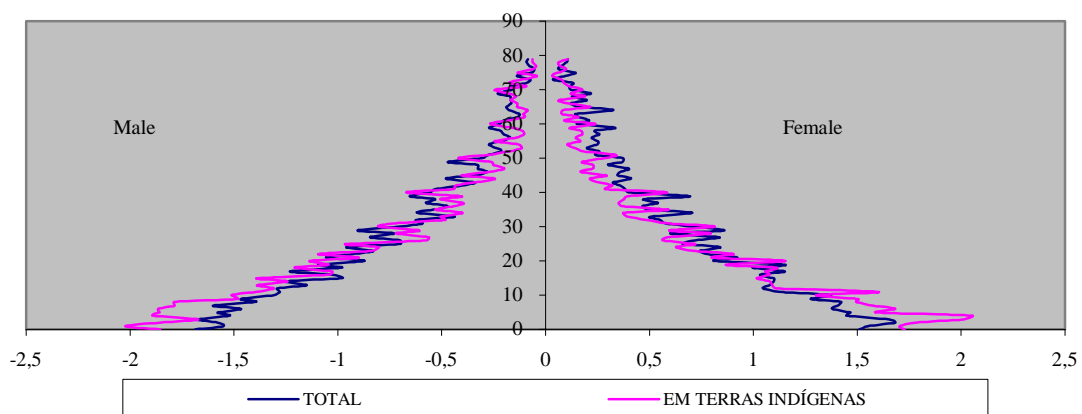


Source: IBGE, 1991 Population Census

Population Pyramids

The pyramids for both groups present a very broad base that narrows sharply indicating high fertility and mortality rates with low median ages and high dependency ratios. These features are more pronounced for the indigenous populations living in Territories.

Age and Gender distribution of Total Indigenous and Indigenous Populations living in Territories - 1991

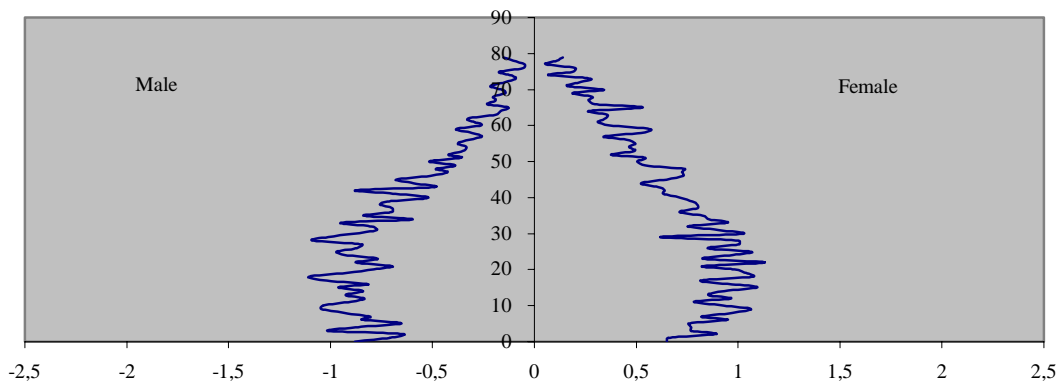


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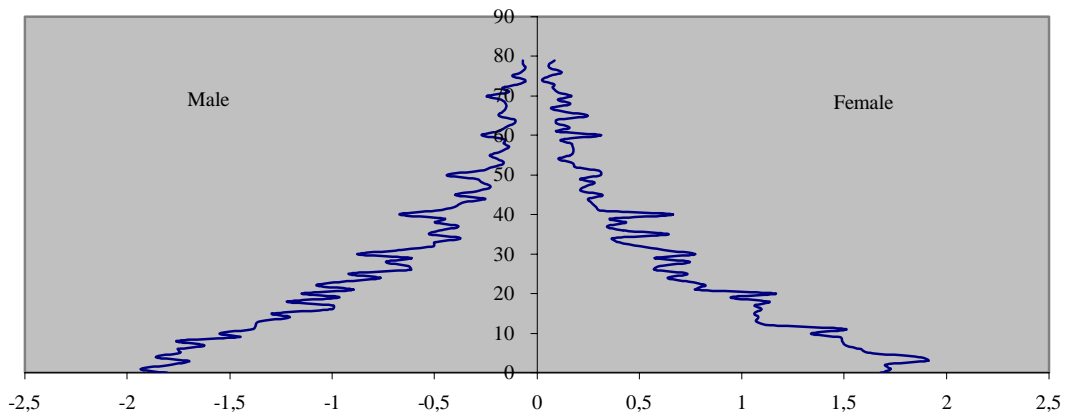
The pyramids for the indigenous population living in urban and rural areas are very different in shape this is suggestive of a change in the social and cultural values of the indigenous population in urban areas and of the influence of better social conditions in urban areas.

Urban and Rural Indigenous Population Pyramids

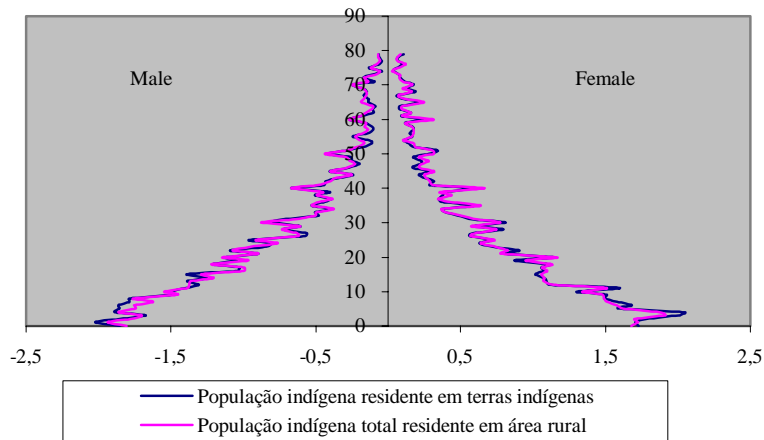
PERCENT OF TOTAL INDIGENOUS URBAN POPULATION
Brazil - 1991



PERCENT OF TOTAL INDIGENOUS RURAL POPULATION
Brazil - 1991



INDIGENOUS POPULATION IN TERRITORIES AND TOTAL
INDIGENOUS POPULATION IN RURAL AREAS

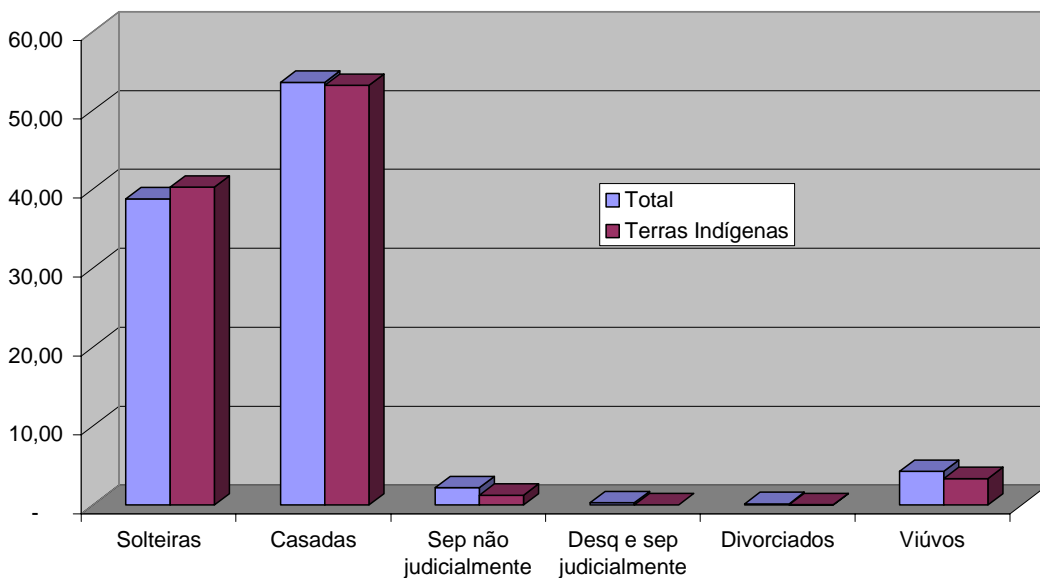


Estimation of fertility rates – quality Evaluation of the quality of the data

Several indicators were calculated to estimate the fertility rates of the female indigenous population in the Northern Region. One of the indicators was the percentage of women in child bearing years that did not answer at least one of the fertility questions of the 1991 Population Census. We found this percentage to be approximately 49 % .Therefore we cannot provide good quality estimates on the reproductive behaviour for such a small group of population.

Nuptiality

Marital Status of the Total Indigenous Population and Indigenous population living in Territories



Social Indicators

The census data on education, occupation and income of the indigenous population confirm the existence of a continued pattern of poverty and social exclusion. The profile of the indigenous population drawn by the social indicators in all regions and states shows this group in the most disadvantaged position in comparison with other groups in the Brazilian society.

Labour force status

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF TOTAL INDIGENOUS POPULATION AND OF INDIGENOUS POPULATION IN TERRITORIES BY REGION

1991

REGIÕES	CONDIÇÃO DE ATIVIDADE									
	TOTAL	ECONOMICAMENTE ATIVOS			ECONOMICAMENTE ATIVOS	TOTAL	ECONOMICAMENTE ATIVOS			ECONOMICAMENTE ATIVOS
		TOTAL	OCUPADOS	DESOCUPADOS			TOTAL	OCUPADOS	DESOCUPADOS	
	Total					Terras Indígenas				
TOTAL	206.463	89.870	84.604	5.266	116.593	99.423	37.463	35.078	2.385	61.960
Norte	83.120	31.951	29.621	2.330	51.169	53.590	19.109	17.606	1.503	34.481
Nordeste	39.619	17.584	16.483	1.101	22.035	9.777	4.276	4.002	274	5.501
Sudeste	25.814	14.526	13.616	910	11.288	1.335	520	410	110	815
Sul	22.219	11.948	11.671	277	10.271	8.049	4.365	4.266	99	3.684
Centro-Oeste	35.691	13.861	13.213	648	21.830	26.672	9.193	8.794	399	17.479

SOURCE – IBGE, 1991 POPULATION CENSUS

Educational Attainment

Total Indigenous population and indigenous population in territories by years of schooling by regions (5 years old and more)

SEGUNDO AS GRANDES REGIÕES – 1991

UNIDADES DA	POPULAÇÃO INDÍGENA											
	Total		Norte		Nordeste		Sudeste		Sul		Centro-Oeste	
	Total	Terra Indígena	Total	Terra Indígena	Total	Terra Indígena	Total	Terra Indígena	Total	Terra Indígena	Total	Terra Indígena
TOTAL	248.438	119.504	102.928	64.772	47.636	11.454	28.257	1.651	26.007	9.774	43.610	31.853
SEM_INSTR	144.479	80.630	70.166	47.304	30.581	7.905	7.290	964	11.708	5.456	24.734	19.001
ALF. ADULTO	890	357	300	192	196	73	163	12	150	24	81	56
1 A 3 ANOS	50.211	24.765	18.875	10.886	8.205	2.145	5.787	388	5.868	2.420	11.476	8.926
4 A 7 ANOS	37.030	12.135	11.118	5.598	5.318	1.000	8.586	276	6.032	1.645	5.976	3.616
8 A 10 ANOS	8.615	1.302	1.807	720	1.485	175	3.183	11	1.426	202	714	194
11 E MAIS	7.121	296	658	68	1.800	141	3.218	-	816	27	629	60
não determinado	92	19	4	4	51	15	30	-	7	-	-	-

FONTE - IBGE, Diretoria de Pesquisas, Departamento de População e Indicadores Sociais.

2000 Population Census-Preliminary results Total population living in Indigenous Territories*

População residente em terras indígenas por sexo,
segundo as Grandes Regiões

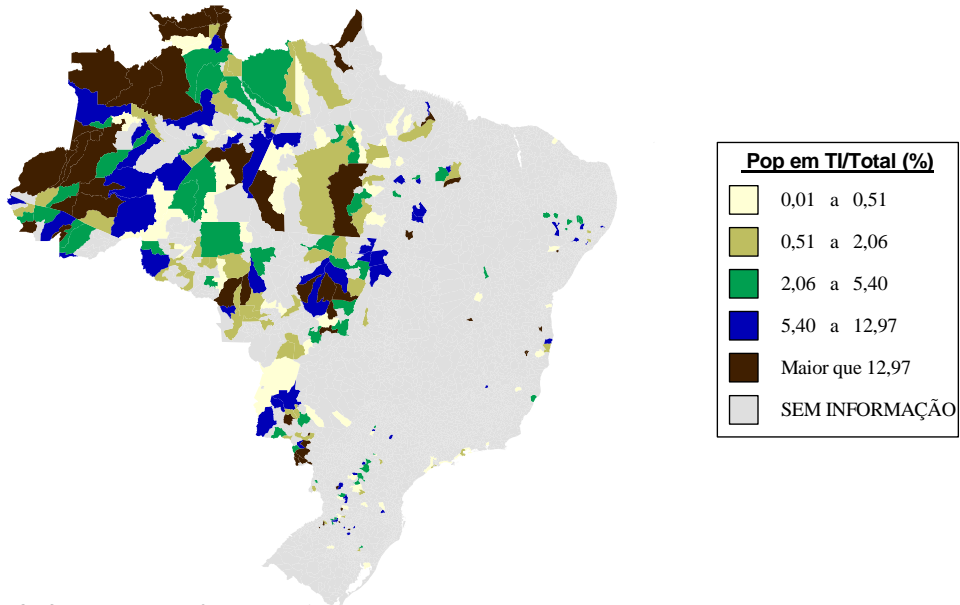
Grandes Regiões	População residente em terras indígenas					
	1991			2000		
	Total	Homens	Mulheres	Total	Homens	Mulheres
Brasil	251058	136721	114337	316835	164698	152137
Norte	158889	89424	69465	173267	90793	82474
Nordeste	21914	11330	10584	31053	16047	15006
Sudeste	8661	4368	4293	16521	8394	8127
Sul	16618	8327	8291	25406	12742	12664
Centro-Oeste	44976	23272	21704	70588	36722	33866

Source: IBGE, 2000 Population Census – Preliminary Results

Total population including the indigenous population and other racial groups as defined by self classification.

2000 Population Census – Preliminary results

PROPORÇÃO DA POPULAÇÃO RESIDENTE EM TERRAS INDÍGENAS EM RELAÇÃO AO TOTAL DA POPULAÇÃO MUNICIPAL CENSO DEMOGRÁFICO 2000



Fonte: IBGE, Sinopse Preliminar do Censo Demográfico 2000.

Percentage of population living in indigenous territories in relation to the total municipal population