# Continuous National Household Sample Survey (PNAD-Contínua)

## About

The Continuous National Household Sample Survey, PNAD-Contínua, is a survey conducted by IBGE in order to continuously produce information on the labor market, tied to demographic and educational characteristics. Periodically, the survey analyzes additional permanent topics, such as child labor and other forms of work, fertility and migration, and supplementary topics about the socio-economic development of the country.  
  
  
The survey provides monthly information to a restricted set of labor force indicators (quarterly for workforce indicators; annually for permanent and additional topics on workforce; and variable intervals to additional topics). The monthly data is representative only at the national level. The other data are representative at the following geographical level: Brazil, major regions, federative units, 20 metropolitan areas that contain the capital municipalities. The PNAD Continuous quarterly data is available from at IBGE website and it is publicly available through this [link](https://www.ibge.gov.br/estatisticas/sociais/habitacao/17270-pnad-continua.html?=&t=o-que-e).  
  
  
The Continuous PNAD adopts a rotating panel scheme of interviews. This means that households are subsequently interviewed for up to five quarters. In each quarter, about 211,000 households are interviewed, covering approximately 16,000 census sectors of 3,500 municipalities. As the selected households are interviewed for five consecutive quarters, that is, every three months, panel data is generated for the households. Households are correctly identified throughout all five interviews. However, Continuous PNAD does not assign the same identification number to each individual in the household across interviews.  
  
  
Data Zoom package offers two identification algorithms to build a panel of individuals. In Basic identification, some fixed individual characteristics reported in the survey are used to identify the same individual in two or more interviews. In Advanced identification, small inaccuracies reported in the individual characteristics are permitted to reduce the attrition. The identification algorithms are similar to those suggested by [Ribas e Soares (2008)](http://www.ipea.gov.br/portal/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4605).  
  
  
Data Zoom allows the reading of microdata through the STATA program for all quarters of the Continuous PNAD from 2012, generating databases in the program format (“dta” format). All original variables have the names suggested by IBGE in their dictionary. In order to run the package, the user must obtain the microdata referring to the quarters of the years of interest, which are not provided by Data Zoom.  
  
  
To install Continuous PNAD package, type "net from http://www.econ.puc-rio.br/datazoom/english" in Stata command window and click on "datazoom\_pnadcontinua". It is strongly recommended to use the package via the dialog box. To access it, type "db datazoom\_pnadcontinua” in the command window. Data zoom also offers a help file for user assistance. You can access it through the dialog box or typing “help datazoom\_pnadcontinua” in the command window.