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available_years	<i>Check available years for a dataset</i>
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Description

Returns the years available for a given INEP dataset.

Usage

```
available_years(dataset)
```

Arguments

dataset The dataset name.

Value

An integer vector of available years.

Examples

```
available_years("censo_escolar")
available_years("enem")
```

clear_cache	<i>Clear the educabR cache</i>
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Description

Removes all cached files from the educabR cache directory.

Usage

```
clear_cache(dataset = NULL)
```

Arguments

dataset Optional. A character string specifying which dataset cache to clear. If NULL, clears all caches.

Value

Invisibly returns TRUE if successful.

Examples

```
# clear all cached data  
clear_cache()  
  
# clear only ENEM cache  
clear_cache("enem")
```

enem_summary	<i>Summary statistics for ENEM scores</i>
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Description

Calculates summary statistics for ENEM scores, optionally grouped by demographic variables.

Usage

```
enem_summary(data, by = NULL)
```

Arguments

data A tibble with ENEM data (from [get_enem\(\)](#)).
by Optional grouping variable(s) as character vector.

Value

A tibble with summary statistics for each score area.

Examples

```
enem <- get_enem(2023, n_max = 10000)

# overall summary
enem_summary(enem)

# summary by sex
enem_summary(enem, by = "tp_sexo")
```

<code>get_cache_dir</code>	<i>Get the current cache directory</i>
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Description

Returns the current cache directory used by educabR.

Usage

```
get_cache_dir()
```

Value

A character string with the path to the cache directory.

Examples

```
get_cache_dir()
```

<code>get_censo_escolar</code>	<i>Get School Census (Censo Escolar) data</i>
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Description

Downloads and processes microdata from the Brazilian School Census (Censo Escolar), conducted annually by INEP. Returns school-level data with information about infrastructure, location, and administrative details.

Usage

```
get_censo_escolar(year, uf = NULL, n_max = Inf, keep_zip = TRUE, quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

year	The year of the census (2007-2024).
uf	Optional. Filter by state (UF code or abbreviation).
n_max	Maximum number of rows to read. Default is Inf (all rows).
keep_zip	Logical. If TRUE, keeps the downloaded ZIP file in cache.
quiet	Logical. If TRUE, suppresses progress messages.

Details

The School Census is the main statistical survey on basic education in Brazil. It collects data from all public and private schools offering basic education (early childhood, elementary, and high school).

Important notes:

- The microdata contains one row per school (~217,000 schools in 2023).
- Column names are standardized to lowercase with underscores.
- Use the `uf` parameter to filter by state for faster processing.

Value

A tibble with school data in tidy format.

Data dictionary

For detailed information about variables, see INEP's documentation: <https://www.gov.br/inep/pt-br/acesso-a-informacao/dados-abertos/microdados/censo-escolar>

Examples

```
# get schools data for 2023
escolas <- get_censo_escolar(2023)

# get schools from Sao Paulo state only
escolas_sp <- get_censo_escolar(2023, uf = "SP")

# read only first 1000 rows for exploration
escolas_sample <- get_censo_escolar(2023, n_max = 1000)
```

get_enem*Get ENEM (Exame Nacional do Ensino Médio) data*

Description

Downloads and processes microdata from ENEM, the Brazilian National High School Exam. ENEM is used for university admissions and as a high school equivalency exam.

Usage

```
get_enem(year, n_max = Inf, keep_zip = TRUE, quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

year	The year of the exam (2009-2023).
n_max	Maximum number of rows to read. Default is Inf (all rows). Consider using a smaller value for exploration, as ENEM files contain millions of rows.
keep_zip	Logical. If TRUE, keeps the downloaded ZIP file in cache.
quiet	Logical. If TRUE, suppresses progress messages.

Details

ENEM is conducted annually by INEP and is the largest exam in Brazil, with millions of participants. The microdata includes:

- Participant demographics (age, sex, race, etc.)
- Socioeconomic questionnaire responses
- Scores for each test area
- Essay scores
- School information (when applicable)

Important notes:

- ENEM files are very large (several GB when extracted).
- Use n_max to read a sample first for exploration.
- Column names are standardized to lowercase with underscores.
- Score variables start with nu_nota_ prefix.

Value

A tibble with the ENEM microdata in tidy format.

Data dictionary

For detailed information about variables, see INEP's documentation: <https://www.gov.br/inep/pt-br/acesso-a-informacao/dados-abertos/microdados/enem>

Examples

```
# get a sample of 10000 rows for exploration
enem_sample <- get_enem(2023, n_max = 10000)

# get full data (warning: large file)
enem_2023 <- get_enem(2023)
```

get_enem_itens

Get ENEM item response data

Description

Downloads and processes ENEM item response (gabarito) data, which contains detailed information about each question.

Usage

```
get_enem_itens(year, n_max = Inf, quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

year	The year of the exam (2009-2023).
n_max	Maximum number of rows to read.
quiet	Logical. If TRUE, suppresses progress messages.

Value

A tibble with item response data.

Examples

```
# get item data for 2023
itens <- get_enem_itens(2023)
```

`get_ideb`*Get IDEB (Índice de Desenvolvimento da Educação Básica) data*

Description

Downloads and processes IDEB data from INEP. IDEB is the main indicator of education quality in Brazil, combining student performance (from SAEB) with grade promotion rates.

Usage

```
get_ideb(
  year,
  level = c("escola", "municipio"),
  stage = c("anos_iniciais", "anos_finais", "ensino_medio"),
  uf = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

<code>year</code>	The year of the IDEB (available: 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023).
<code>level</code>	The aggregation level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "escola": School level • "municipio": Municipality level
<code>stage</code>	The education stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "anos_iniciais": Early elementary (1st-5th grade) • "anos_finais": Late elementary (6th-9th grade) • "ensino_medio": High school
<code>uf</code>	Optional. Filter by state (UF code or abbreviation).
<code>quiet</code>	Logical. If TRUE, suppresses progress messages.

Details

IDEB is calculated every two years since 2005 based on:

- **Learning:** Average scores in Portuguese and Mathematics from SAEB
- **Flow:** Grade promotion rate (inverse of repetition/dropout)

The index ranges from 0 to 10. Brazil's national goal is to reach 6.0 by 2022 (the level of developed countries in PISA).

Note: IDEB data is relatively small compared to other INEP datasets, so no `n_max` parameter is provided.

Value

A tibble with IDEB data in tidy format.

Data source

Official IDEB portal: <https://www.gov.br/inep/pt-br/areas-de-atuacao/pesquisas-estatisticas-e-indicadores/ideb>

Examples

```
# get school-level IDEB for early elementary in 2021
ideb_escolas <- get_ideb(2021, level = "escola", stage = "anos_iniciais")

# get municipality-level IDEB for São Paulo state
ideb_sp <- get_ideb(2021, level = "municipio", stage = "anos_iniciais", uf = "SP")

# get high school IDEB for all municipalities
ideb_em <- get_ideb(2023, level = "municipio", stage = "ensino_medio")
```

get_ideb_series *Get IDEB historical series*

Description

Downloads and combines IDEB data across multiple years to create a historical series.

Usage

```
get_ideb_series(
  years = NULL,
  level = c("escola", "municipio"),
  stage = c("anos_iniciais", "anos_finais", "ensino_medio"),
  uf = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

years	Vector of years to include (default: all available).
level	The aggregation level.
stage	The education stage.
uf	Optional. Filter by state.
quiet	Logical. If TRUE, suppresses progress messages.

Value

A tibble with IDEB data for all requested years.

Examples

```
# get IDEB history for municipalities
ideb_hist <- get_ideb_series(
  years = c(2017, 2019, 2021),
  level = "municipio",
  stage = "anos_iniciais"
)
```

list_cache

List cached files

Description

Lists all files currently in the educabR cache.

Usage

```
list_cache(dataset = NULL)
```

Arguments

dataset Optional. Filter by dataset name.

Value

A tibble with information about cached files.

Examples

```
list_cache()
```

list_censo_files

List available Censo Escolar files

Description

Lists the data files available in a downloaded School Census.

Usage

```
list_censo_files(year)
```

Arguments

year The year of the census.

Value

A character vector of file names found.

Examples

```
list_censo_files(2023)
```

list_ideb_available *List available IDEB data*

Description

Lists the IDEB data files available in the INEP portal.

Usage

```
list_ideb_available()
```

Value

A tibble with available IDEB datasets.

Examples

```
list_ideb_available()
```

set_cache_dir *Set the cache directory for educabR*

Description

Sets the directory where downloaded files will be cached. This avoids repeated downloads of the same data.

Usage

```
set_cache_dir(path = NULL, persistent = FALSE)
```

Arguments

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| path | A character string with the path to the cache directory. If NULL, uses a temporary directory (default). |
| persistent | Logical. If TRUE, the cache directory setting is saved to the user's R profile for future sessions. |

Value

Invisibly returns the cache directory path.

Examples

```
# set a persistent cache directory
set_cache_dir("~/educabR_cache")
```

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