

## 014 Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

11.2 million inhabitants according to the UN's *Urban Agglomerations 2003*.

### 1. Territorial Levels, Population and Area

Name	Population	% of total	Area, km <sup>2</sup>	Density, people/km <sup>2</sup>
Rio de Janeiro	*6.051.399	3,3 %	1.220	4.960
Metropolitan Region of Rio de Janeiro	*11.268.531	6,1 %	5.610	2.008
State of Rio de Janeiro	*15.255.765	7,8 %	43.909	347
Brazil	**169.799.109	100 %	8.511.965	19,9
	*184.101.109	100 %		21,6

\* Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (IBGE), *Diretoria de Pesquisas*, Brazilian Population Census, estimate for July 2004.

\*\*IBGE, *Diretoria de Pesquisas*, Brazilian Population Census 2000.

## 2. Administrative Designation and Number of Municipalities

Name	Designation	Number of Municipalities
<b>Rio de Janeiro</b>	Prefecture of the City of Rio de Janeiro <i>Prefeitura da Cidade do Rio de Janeiro</i>	1 Municipality ( <i>Prefeitura</i> ) 19 Sub-prefectures ( <i>subprefeituras</i> ) 34 Administrative Regions
<b>Metropolitan Region of Rio de Janeiro</b>	<i>Regiao Metropolitana do Rio de Janeiro</i>	20 Municipalities ( <i>Prefeituras</i> ): Río de Janeiro, Belford Roxo, Duque de Caxias, Itaboraí, Itaguaí, Magé, Maricá, Niterói, São Gonçalo, Tanguá, Guapimirim, São João de Mirim, Mesquita, Nilópolis, Nova Iguaçu, Queimados, Seropédica, Japeri, Paracambi and Mangaratiba
<b>State of Rio de Janeiro</b>	<i>Estado do Río de Janeiro</i>	1 State ( <i>Estado</i> ) 92 Municipalities ( <i>Prefeituras</i> )
<b>Brazil</b>	Federal Republic of Brazil <i>República Federativa do Brasil</i>	Federal structure: 26 states 1 Federal District ( <i>Distrito Federal</i> ) 5,563 Municipalities ( <i>prefeituras</i> )

## 3. Institutional framework and political powers

### Prefecture of Rio de Janeiro

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#### **General Aspects**

The Prefecture has powers in urban planning, the provision and maintenance of urban infrastructure, education, public health and healthcare, municipal markets, the environment and municipal waste management. It operates through autonomous organizations in the areas of public transport (buses), urban planning, public housing, funeral services and friendly societies for local public servants. The municipal organs develop different responsibilities but they act as joint teams assigned to four macro functions: Social Policies (education, health care, social care, elder attention, culture, sports and leisure, housing, etc.) Urban development (urbanism, environment, public works and services, housing, transport, street cleaning, etc.), Sustainable Economic Development (employment, environment, economic development, science and technology, special advisory for the Strategic Plan), Management (Prefect's Cabinet, administration, finance, Municipal Attorney, Comptroller, Joao Goulart Foundation, Previ-Rio) and Citizen's Defence (government, social care).

#### **Prefect, *Prefeito***

The Prefect has municipal executive power. Responsible for the political leadership of the Prefecture and answers to the Municipal Chamber. Directly elected by a two-round majority system. By law, the candidates up for re-election renounce their public roles six months prior to the elections.

#### **Rio de Janeiro Municipal Chamber, *Câmara Municipal de Rio de Janeiro***

This is the maximum municipal organ, it exercises legislative functions in local issues, the establishment of taxes, price determination, budgets, urban planning, land use, etc. Has authority for controlling the political and administrative activity of the Prefecture. The 46 counselors (*vereadores*) are elected by an open-list proportional system in single-member districts for four-year terms.

#### **Sub-prefectures, *Subprefeituras***

The 20 Sub-prefectures are responsible for the articulation of the activity of the different municipal departments in their specific territory.

#### **Autonomous Organizations in Rio de Janeiro Prefecture**

##### ***Companhía de Engenharia de Tráfego CET-RIO***

Public company that manages traffic and wheeled transport in the city of Rio de Janeiro.

##### ***Companhía de Energia e Iluminación***

Public company responsible for light and energy distribution in Rio de Janeiro.

##### ***Empresa Municipal de Urbanizaçao – RIOURBE***

Public company responsible for urban planning and development.

## ***Superintendencia Municipal de Transportes Urbanos***

Municipal authority responsible for municipal transportation. Supervises private taxi, bus and microbus operators in the city of Rio de Janeiro.

## **Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan Region**

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No political or administrative institution develops powers for the entire metropolitan region.

## **Rio de Janeiro State**

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### **General Aspects**

Brazil is a federal state. The 1988 Constitution specifies a list of powers exclusive to the federal states. There is also a safeguard clause granting all briefs not attributed to them. The federal state has authority over education, security, justice, employment, youth affairs, agriculture, economic promotion and science and technology. In the metropolitan area it has the authority for water provision and wastewater management, transport, environment and energy.

### **Governor, Governador**

Has executive power in the state administration. Responsible for the administration. Terms of office are four years and the Governor is elected by direct vote in a majority system.

### **Legislative Assembly, Assembléia Legislativa**

Has legislative power and exercises control of the activity of the executive and the administration overall. The 94 senators are elected for four-year terms by open-list proportional representation in a single district for the whole state..

### **Public Companies of the State of Rio de Janeiro**

#### ***Companhía de Transportes Sobre Trilhos do Estado do Ro de Janeiro – RIOTRILHOS***

Company under the protection of the Transport Secretariat for the State of Rio de Janeiro. Its aims include to consolidate and expand the metropolitan system of high-capacity transportation, define and administer the privatization policies of high-capacity transportation and mobilize investment resources. The subway system is operated by an association of private companies.

#### ***Companhía Estadual de Engenharia de Transporte y Logística – CENTRAL***

Company under the protection of the Transport Secretariat for the State of Rio de Janeiro, it manages investment resources designated to the recovery of the privately run railway system, renovating electric trains and fixed installations. It still operates a few lines. It also supports the *Agencia Reguladora de Servicios Publicos Concedidos* (Conceded Public Services Regulation Agency).

## Brazil

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### **President of the Republic, *Presidente da República***

Has wide-ranging executive powers. Combines the powers of head of state with head of the government. Election of the presidential ticket by a two-round absolute majority for a period of four years.

### **Cabinet, *Gabinete***

Supports and executes the decisions of the Presidency of the Republic. Appointed by the President of the Republic.

### **National Congress, *Congresso Nacional***

Has legislative power in its bicameral structure made up of the Federal Senate of territorial representation and the Lower House of popular representation. The lower house is made up of 513 members elected by popular vote in state constituencies based on a proportional open-list system. Terms of office are four years and coincide with the Presidential ones. The Senate comprises 81 senators. Each state chooses three senators by a simple majority system for eight-year periods. One-third is renewed after four years and the remaining two-thirds are renewed after another four years.

## 4. Relevant websites and online documents:

Prefecture of the City of Rio de Janeiro (Municipal Government)

<http://www.rio.rj.gov.br/>

Municipal Chamber of Rio de Janeiro <http://www.camara.rj.gov.br/>

Government of the State of Rio de Janeiro <http://www.governo.rj.gov.br>

Legislative Assembly of the State of Rio de Janeiro <http://www.alerj.rj.gov.br>

*Secretaria de Transportes del Estado do R o de Janeiro* – SECTTRAN

<http://www.sectran.rj.gov.br/>

*RIO Trilhos – Companhia de transporte sobre trilhos do Estado do Rio de Janeiro:*

[www.riotrilhos.rj.gov.br](http://www.riotrilhos.rj.gov.br)

Republic of Brazil Official website <http://www.brasil.gov.br/index.htm>

Instituto Brasileiro de Administra o Municipal <http://www.ibam.org.br/>

*Ministerio de las Ciudades:* [www.ciudades.gov.br](http://www.ciudades.gov.br)

IBGE – *Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estat stica:* [www.ibge.gov.br](http://www.ibge.gov.br)

*Observatorio de Pol ticas Urbanas e Gestao Municipal - Observatorio das Metr poles:* <http://www.ippur.ufrj.br/observatorio/>

### Documents:

The Cities Charter - *Estatuto da Cidade:*

[https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil\\_03/Leis/LEIS\\_2001/L10257.htm](https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/Leis/LEIS_2001/L10257.htm)

*O Rio e sua regio metropolitanana – Um resgate de 60 anos de informa oes*, by Alcides Jos  de Carvalho Carneiro at *Cole ao Estudos da Cidade*, December 2001. (In portugues).