

Brazil Reaches 190 Million People, But Will Stop Growing in 30 Years

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The population of Brazil reached 189.6 million and will cease to grow in 30 years time when it's expected to total 220 million inhabitants according to a report from the Brazilian Geography and Statistics Institute, IBGE.

"Thirty years from now the Brazilian population will cease to grow," said Luiz Antonio Pinto de Oliveira, head of the Population and Social indicators department from IBGE.

Oliveira said the current rate of children per woman is 2 but will fall to 1.5 in the next thirty years.

"International experience indicates there's not much chance of further growth from then on" because cultural and economic trends change as population grows.

However the 189.6 million should become 190 million by next October. This is because population expansion in the last seven years has averaged 2.3 million annually equivalent to 1.21%.

The current 189.6 million Brazilians are distributed in 5.565 municipalities. IBGE is mandated by law to annually update population estimates, which helps among other things to determine income distribution and poverty areas and pockets.

The states with the largest population are São Paulo, 41 million; Minas Gerais, 19.8 million; Rio de Janeiro, 15.8 million and Bahia, 14.5 million.

As to the cities, São Paulo leads with 10.9 million followed by Rio do Janeiro, 6.1 million; Salvador, Bahia, 2.9 million and the capital Brasília, 2.5 million.

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