

Metropolitan Region of Rio de Janeiro

Country	Brazil
Population	12,9 millions
World region	Latin America and The Caribbean

● Context

The Metropolitan Region of Rio de Janeiro (RMRJ) is an entity under the authority of the Government of the State of Rio de Janeiro, originally established by Federal Complementary Law No. 20 of 1974 and currently governed under State Complementary Law No. 184/2018. Its governance structure includes a Deliberative Council, an Advisory Council, and an operational body (*Instituto Rio Metrópole*), responsible for planning and implementing metropolitan projects in mobility, urban development, public services, and territorial integration.

● Economic profile

World Bank income group: Upper-Middle

Major economic activities

Rio de Janeiro's economy is anchored in services, which account for the large majority of regional GDP. Leading sectors include oil and gas — with Petrobras headquartered in the city and the state producing around 71% of Brazil's oil output — finance and business services, tourism, public administration, and commerce.

Own source revenues

The RMRJ has no independent tax authority. Metropolitan financing operates through the *Fundo de Desenvolvimento Metropolitano* (FDM), managed by the State Secretariat for Regional Development and Urban Policy (*Sedru*). Core funding is split equally between the State of Rio de Janeiro (50%) and the member municipalities (50%, proportional to their net current revenue), supplemented by Union transfers, credit operations, loan repayments, and donations.

● Governance structure

Year of constitution: 2018

Type of metropolitan government: Vertical Coordination

Legal framework

The RMRJ was established by Federal Complementary Law 20/1974. It was restructured by State Complementary Law 87/1997 and reformed by State Complementary Law 184/2018, which defines current composition, organization, and functions. Decree 46.893/2019 created the Rio Metrópole Institute. Decree 48.860/2023 granted it administrative and financial autonomy.

Administrative structure

The governance of the Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan Region (RMRJ) is structured through three main bodies: the Deliberative Council, which makes decisions and is composed of the State Governor, the mayors of the municipalities, and three representatives of civil society (the latter appointed by the Council itself); the Executive Body, represented by the RioMetropole Institute, responsible for implementing the Council's decisions and whose members (a president and five directors) are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Deliberative Council; and, finally, the Consultative Council, which ensures citizen participation in decision-making, with members elected by the Deliberative Council for a four-year term.

Annual revenue, expenditure and sources

The Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan Region is funded through a development fund (*Fundo de Desenvolvimento Metropolitano*) managed by the Deliberative Council, receiving contributions from Federal and State governments, municipalities, loans, service charges, and program transfers.

Number and type of administrative units

22 municipalities.

KEY STRATEGIC PLAN



Resilience

Sustainable Development and Climate Action Plan



Strategic

Strategic plan 2025-2028



Innovation

Strategic plan 2025-2028