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# ACTIVE METADATA TO PRODUCE ADMINISTRATIVE DATA QUALITY DOCUMENTATION



#### Metadata in National Institute of Statistics

Structural, referential and process metadata that traditionally live alongside the data contain a lot of information which, if correctly managed, can also be reused for other purposes.

In this sense, metadata can be made active and "smart".

In this presentation I will tell you the Istat experience about the acquisition and processing of administrative data. Far-sighted management of the process metadata has made it possible to produce a quality reporting system (QRCA - Quality Report Card of Administrative data) without additional costs.



# Agenda

The Istat scenario about Administrative Data Collection

Reusing metadata

Standardizing processes

Reporting quality standards

The Quality Report Card of Administrative data

Some QRCA functions

Conclusions



#### The Istat scenario about Administrative Data Collection

In Istat, following the modernization process, a Data Collection Directorate was established with the task of centrally acquiring data both from surveys and from administrative sources.

- **Survey data** are managed by multiple systems due to the different types of survey methods or also due to the still ongoing transition towards a complete IT harmonization of collection processes.
- In the **Administrative data** sector, since a centralization process was already active, the collection and treatment process is now almost centralized and standardized. The data that are not included in the central process are mostly macrodata for the exclusive use of a single process or data that requires specific acquisition IT technologies.



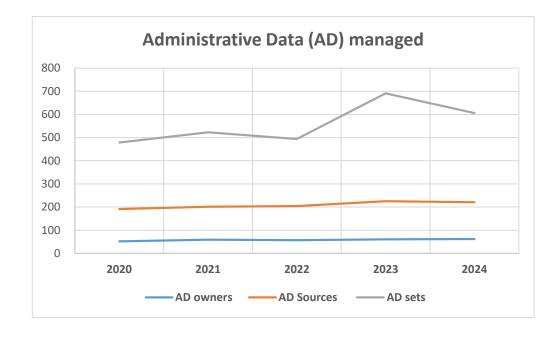
# Some figures about the use of Admin Data for statistical purposes

Nearly 60% of statistical processes use Administrative data (2023).

They are acquired from 60 Administrative source holders and from 225 sources; in 2023, 712 supplies were acquired (some on an annual basis, others on a quarterly, monthly basis, etc.).

To centrally managed Administrative data, two IT tools have been developed:

- → an acquisition IT system ARCAM
- → and a treatment IT system SIM





#### Task

This large amount of data that Istat acquires from outside must be necessarily appropriately **documented** to **guarantee the quality**, support the administrative **data management staff** and the **statisticians** who use them in their production processes or that want to innovate the process and look for available sources.

The information to be reported is extensive and the basic scenario has the following characteristics:

- the quality indicators must be produced for a number ranging for about 700 supplies per year
- the characteristics of administrative datasets have a high variability in terms of format, content, data structure
- administrative datasets are often very large in terms of bytes
- when personal data are present, it is necessary to operate in compliance with the data protection legislation



### Process metadata for Admin data management

Centralization opens the door to the possible reuse of process metadata.

The process metadata are very interesting:

#### **ARCAM System**

- Metadata to manage relationships with holders of Administrative data
- Metadata to manage the acquisition processes

#### SIM System

- Metadata to manage the ETL procedures
- Metadata for the pre-treatment processes in order to comply with the legislation on the protection of personal data while respecting the needs of production (pseudonymization procedures)



# Towards the reuse of metadata for the production of the QRCA

With the aim of reusing and making metadata "active", the two systems - ARCAM and SIM -, were made **interoperable** by creating primary key transcoding tables that identify the administrative sources and reorganizing some entities and relationships.

The transcoding tables connecting the two systems needs small updates when new datasets or new sources are acquired.

In this way it is possible to follow the **life cycle** of the administrative data from the statistics needs specification to the collection and the pre-treatment (GSBPM - Generic statistical business process model representation).

The second operation concerned the **standardization** of metadata which, in the original systems, has the characteristics necessary to carry out the designated functions. For the reuse an overall harmonization was made with respect to the new statistical quality reporting requirements.

Obviously these operations were performed without impacting the primary functions of the metadata.



# Administrative quality reporting

As regards the new requirements for quality reporting, international statistical standards and specific international references to the definition of the administrative data quality used for statistical purposes were considered. Last but not least, the Istat needs.

#### For example:

The Single Integrated Metadata Structure (SIMS 2.0) <u>SIMS-2-0-Revised-standards-November-2015-ESSC-final.pdf (europa.eu)</u>

The BLUE-ETS international project

→ 107 theoretical measures have been defined



# **QRCA** strategy

Strategy: Reusing metadata to produce a quality reporting system that **automatically updates** whenever a new dataset is requested, acquired or processed, or the contents of the acquired datasets change in terms of units or variables.

In this way the QRCA reports are updated in real time by reading the information from the process metadata of the IT data management tools.

Among the 107 measures defined to report on quality of Administrative data, those for which information was already available were implemented:

currently 60 measures and 19 reports for each Administrative source



#### **QRCA** sources

The information that currently feeds the QRCA comes from:

- the ARCAM acquisition system (metadata about relationships with data holders, acquisition processes)
- the SIM microdata integrated system (data description, metadata and macrodata of the treatment processes)
- SIM Oracle data dictionary (columns of the tables and other resources)
- the official statistics planning system National Statistical Program (association between statistical processes and administrative data used)
- the Istat's output quality reporting system (Sidi-Siqual) (relationships between statistical processes and European legislation



# **QRCA** component

# Quality Report Card of Administrative data

The QRCA is available on the institute's intranet at qrca.istat.it

- Website built by a generalized Java application
- Visual Analytics platform of BI MicroStrategy
- An Oracle DB with:
  - Views of the relevant Tables selected by the DBs of the source systems
  - own transcoding tables
  - other tables of processed data that help Microstrategy for the calculation of the measures

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Colleagues who want to access the data must forward a specific request following which the specific Views are made available by SIM, in compliance with the legislation on the personal data protection.

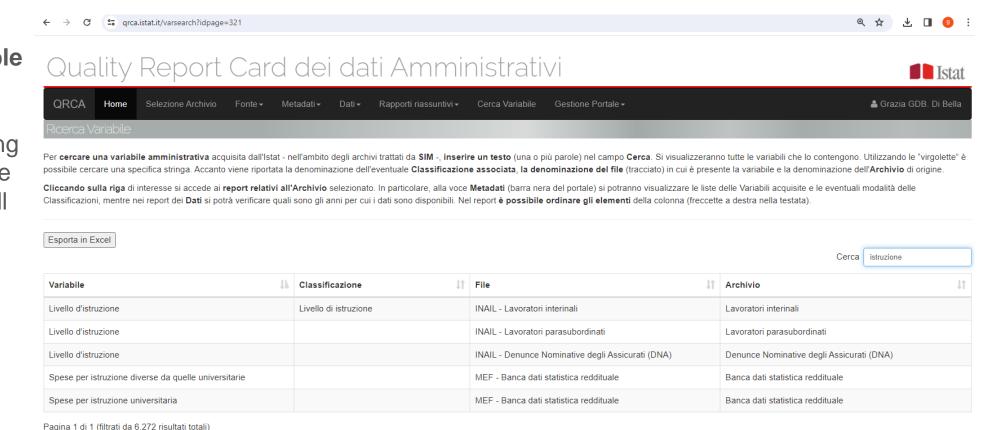


# **Quality framework**

SOURCE	METADATA		DATA					
		Administrative	objects	Status of supplies				
	Clarity and interpretability of data		Data provided	Temporal aspects	Timeliness and Punctuality			
Destruit for something			Views for SIM users		Record number			
Basic information		variables	SIM tables	Technical	Valued fields			
			Data structures in SIM	checks - Compliance	Frequencies			
		Administrative	Classifications provided		Missing decodings			
		classifications	Connections between classifications		Linkability of units			
Relevance and statistical uses	Other available documentation			Integrability/Data integration	Integration Process Monitoring			
			Completeness					
SUMMARY	Monitoring of acquisitions							
REPORTS	Summary tables of the acquisition processes							
	Summary tables of the acquisition processes							

#### Search functions available

Search for an administrative variable among those documented in QRCA (6,272 variables): typing a keyword, for example "education" displays all the administrative variables that contain that word in the description and the related sources. From here it is possible to access the source quality reports

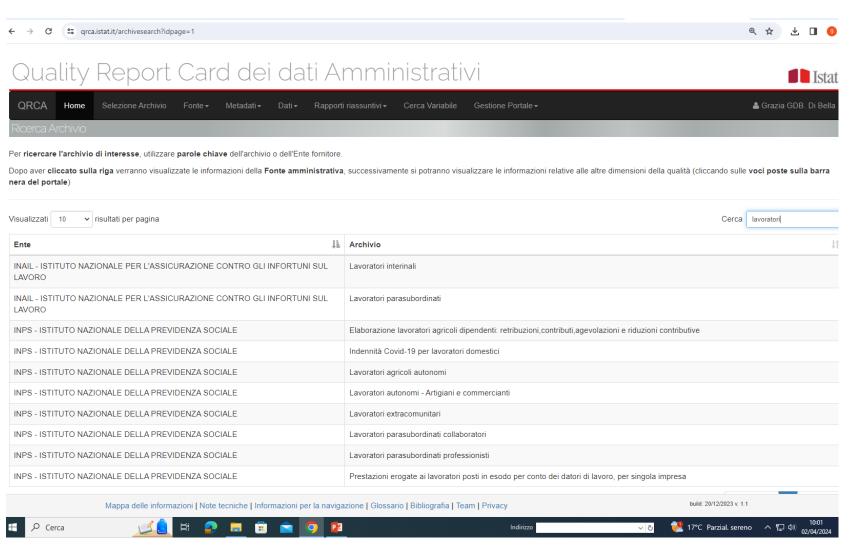




#### Search functions available

Search for an administrative source among the 288 documented in QRCA (using keywords of the name of the source or the name of the holder).

For each source, 19 reports and 60 measures are available





#### Basic information about the source

Selezione Archivio

#### **Vehicle fleet**

**QRCA** 

#### Quality Report Card dei dati Amministrativi

Metadati <del>▼</del>

Owner:

Presence of personal data (special categories)

Pre-Treatment (pseudonymis ation)

Years available (time series)

La <b>disponibilità</b> degli archivi è riferita al comonitoraggio dello stato delle forniture, consu SIM. I <b>trattamenti</b> documentati sono: • nel Statistico di Base dei Luoghi (RSBL): assegnaz	ultare il report Dati -> Stato delle Forniture). L l Sistema Integrato dei Microdati (SIM): gestic cione del CUI, georeferenziazione e geocodifica	revisto per La serie sto ione dei me a degli indiri	da essa derivato. l'Archivio; per Archivi con più forniture in un a rica degli anni disponibili può essere troncata a s etadati, assegnazione dei codici agli Individui e a zzi. Per informazioni più dettagliate sui trattament ato. Un campo Note riporta informazioni a livello c	inistra qualora l'archivio sia stato acquisito p alle Unità economiche (pseudonimizzazione i cfr. le Note tecniche nei footer.	rima dell'anno 2017 e non sia stato trattato i				
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Presenza di dati rientranti in parti	colari categorie (ex sensibili)	NO							
Presenza di dati relativi a condanne penali e reati (ex giudiziari)		NO							
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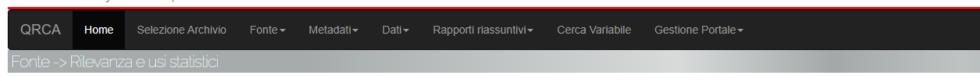


#### Relevance of the source

Employers' monthly contribution declaration

Istat processes using the source

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L'indicatore di Rilevanza fornisce il grado di importanza e pertinenza dell'archivio per la produzione delle statistiche ufficiali. Le misure presentate sono espresse in termini di estensione o Statistico Nazionale) dell'Istat che utilizzano l'archivio e della normativa UE il cui adempimento dipende dall'uso dell'archivio. Le informazioni derivano rispettivamente dal Sistema Informativo de delle Indagini).

Per completare le informazioni sull'uso statistico dell'archivio per i vari lavori PSN, consultare Il Sistema Informativo sulla Qualità (SIQual) http://siqual-intra.istat.it selezionando il processo produt

Archivio	UNIEMENS - Parte contributiva							
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#### Numero di lavori Istat del PSN per i quali si dichiara di utilizzare l'archivio per annualità (Fonte: PSN)

Triennio	Annualità	Stato	Data di pubblicazione in Gazzetta Ufficiale	Numero di lavori	Numero di normative UE
2023-2025	2023	In corso di formalizzazione		26	30
2020-2022	2022	In vigore	29/08/2023	26	30
2020-2022	2021	Non più in vigore	21/02/2023	23	28
2020-2022	2020	Non più in vigore	26/05/2022	22	28
2017-2019	2019	Non più in vigore	21/02/2021	18	24
2017-2019	2018	Non più in vigore	16/07/2019	13	20
2017-2019	2017	Non più in vigore	20/03/2018	6	14

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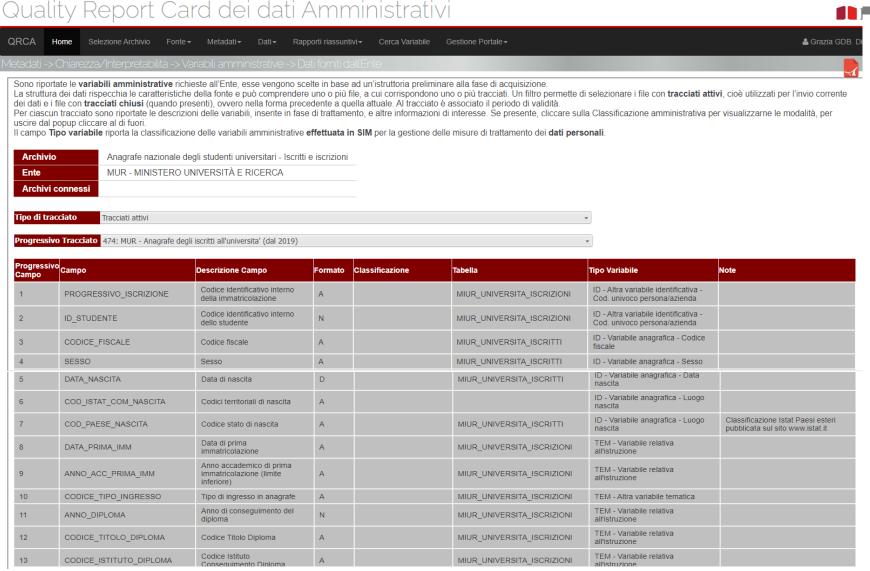




#### Variables of the source

# National registry of university students

Metadata -< Administrative variables -> Data provided





### Monitoring of data provided

# Pensioners' register

Data->
Monitoring the acquisition of data supplies

Data-> Technical Checks -> Variable completeness

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Archivio Casellario dei pensionati e dei trattamenti pensionistici

Ente INPS - ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DELLA PREVIDENZA SOCIALE

Nome Fornitura composto	Progressivo nell'anno	Periodicità	Dati al (gg/mm)	Anno di Riferimento	Trattamento previsto	Stato Monitoraggio	Data Stato Monitoraggio	Data Min Ricezione Fornitura	Data Max Ricezione Fornitura	Modalità di Acquisizione	Note
Casellario dei pensionati e dei trattamenti pensionistici	Annuale	Annuale	e	2023	Trattamento in SIM con assegnazione del Codice SIM a livello di individuo	In fase di richiesta all'ente		01/09/2024	30/09/2024	CANALE SFTP	
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				2021	Trattamento in SIM con assegnazione del Codice SIM a livello di individuo	Disponibile con codici SIM	13/10/2022	01/09/2022	30/09/2022	CANALE SFTP	
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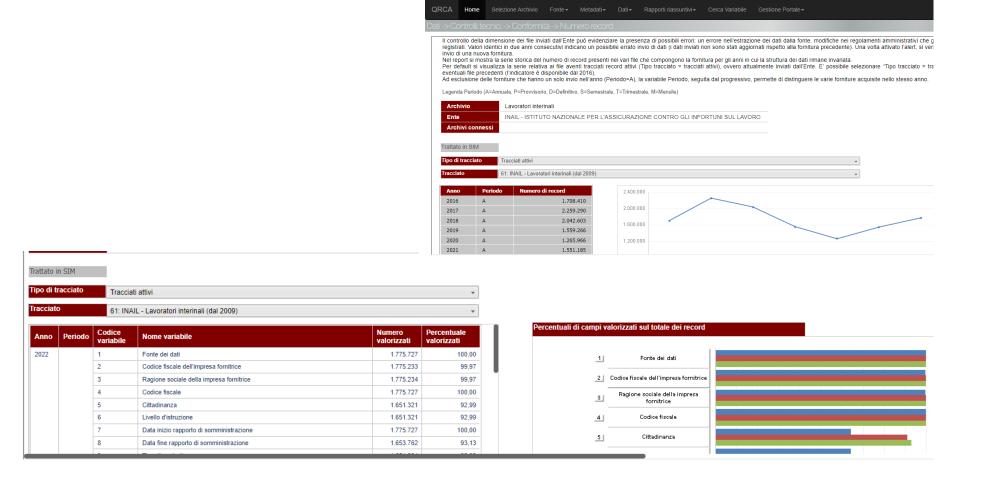


#### Technical checks of the source

# Temporary workers

Data-> Technical Checks -> Number of records

Data-> Technical Checks -> Variable completeness



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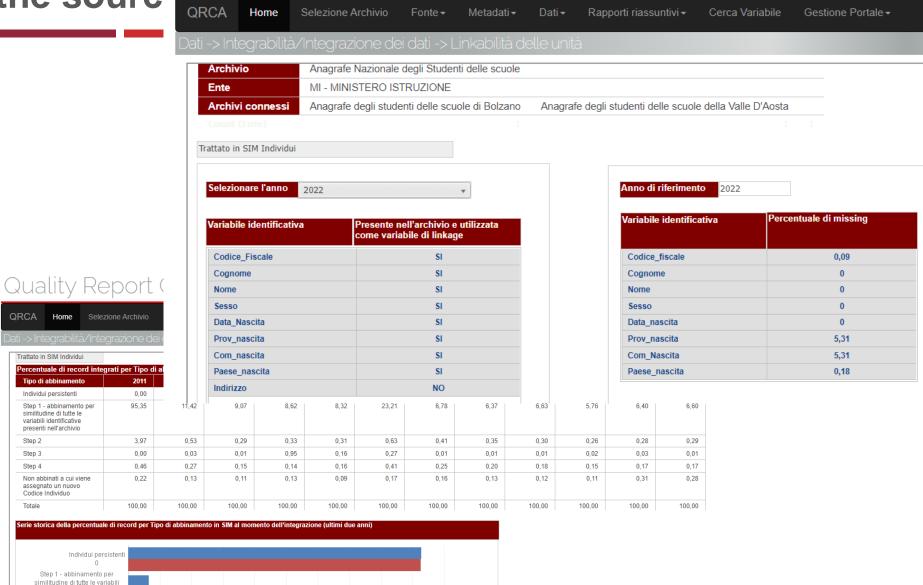
# Integrability of the sourc

National registry of school students

Data->Integrability

Linkage variable available and quality

Monitoring the integration process (pseudonymisation)



2021

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identificative presenti nell'archivio

Step 2

#### **Conclusions**

Istat has experienced the advantages of reusing process metadata for the production of quality reports.

The idea is to extend the use of this strategy as much as possible.

In general, in a centralize it is important to expand the connections between metadata to improve interoperability between datasets even coming from different types of sources.

From this perspective, a multi-source input quality documentation system is being designed.



# thanks

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