Package ‘regioncode’

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Description

A dataset containing information on almost 20,000 officials who were investigated during Xi Jinping’s anti-corruption campaign.

Usage

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Format

A data frame with 6 variables:

- province 2-digit province number
- prefecture Prefecture name in Chinese
- county County name in Chinese
- province_id 6-digit province number
- prefecture_id 6-digit province number
- county_id 6-digit province number

Source

https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/9QZRAD
regioncode is developed to conquer the difficulties to convert various region names and administration division codes of Chinese regions. In the current version, regioncode enables seamlessly converting Chinese regions’ formal names, common-used names, and geocodes between each other at the prefectural level from 1986 to 2019.

Usage

regioncode(
  data_input,
  year_from = 1999,
  year_to = 2015,
  convert_to = "code",
  incomplete_name = "none",
  zhixiashi = FALSE,
  to_dialect = "none",
  to_pinyin = FALSE,
  province = FALSE
)

Arguments

data_input A character vector for names or a six-digit integer vector for division codes to convert.
year_from A integer to define the year of the input. The default value is 1999.
year_to A integer to define the year to convert. The default value is 2015.
convert_to A character indicating the converting methods. At the prefectural level, valid methods include converting between codes in different years, from codes to region names, from region names to division codes, from region names or division codes to sociopolitical area names, and between names in different years. The current version automatically detect the type of the input. Users only need to choose the output to be codes (code), names (name) or area (area). The default option is code. When province is TRUE, one can also choose abbre, abbreToCode, abbreToName, and abbreToArea to convert between names/codes and abbreviations of provinces.
incomplete_name A character to specify if a short name of region is used. See the Details for more information. The default is "none". Other options are "from", "to", and "both".
zhixiashi A logic string to indicate whether treating division codes and names of municipality directly under the central government (Only makes a difference for prefectural-level conversion). The default value is FALSE.
to_dialect A character indicating the language transformation. At the prefectural level, valid transformation include dia_group, dia_sub_group. At the province level, valid transformation is dia_super. The default value is "none". When province is TRUE, one can also choose dia_super to get the language zone of provinces.

to_pinyin A logic string to indicate whether the output is in pinyin spelling instead of Chinese characters. The default is FALSE.

province A logic string to indicate the level of converting. The default is FALSE.

Details

In many national and regional data in China studies, the source applies incomplete names instead of the official, full name of a given region. A typical case is that "Xinjiang" is used much more often than "Xinjiang Weiwuer Zizhiqiu" (the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region) for the name of the province. In other cases the "Shi" (City) is often omitted to refer to a prefectural city. regioncode accounts this issue by offering the argument incomplete_name. The argument has four options: "none", "from", "to", and "both".

• "none": no short name will be used for either input or output;
• "from": input data is short names instead of the full, official ones;
• "to": output results will be short names;
• "both": both input and output are using short names.

The argument makes a difference only when code or name are chose in convert_to. Users can use this argument together with name to convert between names and incomplete names.

Value

The function returns a character or numeric vector depending on what method is specified.

Examples

# library(regioncode)

# regioncode(data_input = corruption$prefecture_id,
# year_from = 2016,
# year_to = 2017)
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