

Fast Facts – Federative Republic of Brazil
(2009)



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Overview

Location – South America

Population – 198,739,269 (2008)

- Urban – 170,915,771 (86%)
- Rural – 27,823,498 (14%)

Languages – Portuguese (Official); Spanish (border areas and schools), German, Italian, Japanese, English (less widely spoken)

Features

- Time zones: 3 (UTC -2 to UTC -4)
- Total Area: 8,514,877 sq km (5,290,899 sq mi)
- Coastline: 7,491 km (4,654.69 mi.)

Political Divisions

- 26 States
- 1 Federal District
- 5,564 Municipalities

Major Cities (state) (2009 population estimate)

- *Capital* - Brasília (Distrito Federal) – 3,451,549
- São Paulo (São Paulo) – 19,889,559
- Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro) – 11,902,701
- Belo Horizonte (Minas Gerais) – 5,397,438
- Porto Alegre (Rio Grande do Sul) – 4,063,886
- Salvador (Bahia) – 3,866,004

- Recife (Pernambuco) – 3,768,902
- Fortaleza (Ceará) – 3,602,319
- Curitiba (Paraná) – 3,172,357
- Campinas (São Paulo) – 2,633,523
- Belém (Pará) – 2,249,405
- Goiânia (Goiás) – 2,102,097
- Manaus (Amazonas) – 2,042,185

Economic Standing (definitions of economic terms are provided in the Appendix)

NOTE: All amounts are originally in US Dollars (USD) and are converted to Brazilian Reals (BRL) at the 2008 yearly average exchange rate of USD 1 = BRL 1.840.

- GDP (official) – BRL 2,894,320 trillion (USD 1,573 trillion)
- GDP (PPP) – BRL 3,676,300 trillion (USD 1,998 trillion)
- GDP per capita (PPP) – BRL 18,768 (USD 10,200)
- GNP – BRL 2,688 trillion (USD 1,461 trillion)
- Income per capita – BRL 13,524 (USD 7,350)

Primary Resources – iron ore, tin, steel, lumber, soybeans, coffee, chemicals

Economic / commercial / industrial break-down

- Agricultural – 6.7% of economy
- Industry – 28% of economy
- Service – 65.3% of economy

Import / Export Activity

- Imports (2008) – BRL 318.5 billion (USD 173.1 billion)
- Principal sources of imports: US 14.9%, China 11.6%, Argentina 7.9%, Germany 7%
- Exports (2008) – BRL 364.1 billion (USD 471.6 billion)
- Principal export markets: US 14.4%, China 12.4%, Argentina 8.4%, Netherlands 5%, Germany 4.5%

World Bank Group Doing Business Index ranking (2010 report, covering 06/08 – 05/09)

- Overall Rank: # 129 (out of 183 countries)
- Starting a business:
 - Time Required: 16 days
 - Cost (% of income per capita): 6.9
 - Min. Capital (% of income per capita): 0.0
- Winding down a business:
 - Time required: 4.0 years
 - Cost (% of estate): 12
 - Recovery rate (cents on the dollar): 17.1
- Property Rights
 - Procedures to register: 14
 - Time: 42 days
 - Cost (as % of property value): 2.7%
- Foreign Trade
 - Documents to export (number): 8
 - Time to export (days): 12
 - Cost to export (per container): BRL 2,833.60 (USD 1,540)
 - Documents to import (number): 7
 - Time to import (days): 16
 - Cost to import (per container): BRL 2,649.60 (USD 1,440)

Appendix

I. Economic Definitions:

- **GDP (official)** is defined as the value of all final goods and services produced within a nation in a given year. The result is stated in the domestic currency, then divided by the average US exchange rate with that country for that year.
- **GDP – Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)** is defined as the sum value of all goods and services produced in the country valued at prices prevailing in the United States
- **GDP per capita (PPP)** is defined as a country's GDP on a purchasing power parity basis divided by the country's population.
- **Gross national product (GNP)** is defined as the value of all final goods and services produced within a nation in a given year (plus income earned by its citizens abroad, minus income earned by foreigners from domestic production).
- **Income per capita** is defined as the total income generated by a country divided by the country's population.

II. Source Information:

- All maps are taken from Lonely Planet, which can be found at www.lonelyplanet.com
- All information from the beginning of the document (after the map), until the "World Bank Group Doing Business Index ranking," is taken from the 2009 CIA World Factbook which can be found at <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook>, except:
 - Major City information which is taken from the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics and can be found at <http://www.ibge.gov.br/cidadesat/topwindow.htm?1>
 - All GNP information is taken from the World Bank which can be found at www.worldbank.org
 - All exchange rate information used in the economic sections as well as throughout the document for currency conversions is taken from the US Internal Revenue Service website and can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/international/article/0,,id=206089,00.html>
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